# Y2024 Summary of Bulletins

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Мо	Day	Special	Message	Speaker
Sep	14-15		You Mean There's More?	Vignette, Pastors
Sep	21-22		Leader and Servant	Pastor Eric Silberschmidt
Sep	28-29	Josie Clementine Coleman	You're in Good Hands	Pastor Sherrie Lorbeck
Oct	5-6		Mountain Top Experiences	Pastor Eric Silberschmidt
Oct	12-13		What Must I Do	Pastor Jim Ahlquist
Oct	19-20		What You Value Most	Pastor Sherrie Lorbeck
Oct	26-27		Written on Our Hearts	Pastor Eric Silberschmidt
Nov	2-3		The Dance of Heart and Head	Pastor Sherrie Lorbeck
Nov	9-10	Oakly Bennett Smith	Blessed to Be a Blessing	Pastor Eric Silberschmidt
Nov	16-17		What Time Is It?	Pastor Eric Silberschmidt
Nov	23-24		What's the Tru	Caryn & Jim Ahlquist
Nov	27		Giving Voice to the Blessings	Pastor Sherrie Lorbeck
Nov	30		Get Ready	Pastor Sherrie Lorbeck
Dec	1		Get Ready	Pastor Sherrie Lorbeck
Dec	7-8		Christmas Checklist	Pastor Eric Silberschmidt
Dec	8		Poinsonous Snakes and Christmas To-Do Lists	Pastor Sherrie Lorbeck
Dec	14-15	Christmas Program at COL		Pastor Sherrie Lorbeck
Dec	15		Blue Christmas Service	Pastor Eric Silberschmidt
Dec	21-22		Poinsonous Snakes and Christmas To-Do Lists	Pastor Sherrie Lorbeck



The Epiphany of Jesus Baptism of Jesus

January 6-7, 2024

Saturday, January 6, 2024 5:00 pm COL

Sunday, January 7, 2024 8:30 am COL 9:30 am CTK 10:30 am COL

# Online Worship anytime after 5:00 pm each Saturday

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# WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH!

#### We're glad you're here today! UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.

- Children. Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- **Nursery.** Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- Sunday School. All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)

# • At UNITY, the Communion Table is:

- Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
- Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
- Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
- We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
- Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
- If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: <u>unitybrookfield.org</u> for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

**GIVING.** If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the COL narthex and by the bulletin board in the CTK narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay is also accepted. Thank you!

# The Epiphany of Our Lord Baptism of Our Lord January 6-7, 2024

# Prelude

"We Three Kings"	arr. Lorie Line	(Online, 5:00, 8:30, 10:30)
"The Three Kings"	Gordon Young	(9:30)

### Words of Welcome

### **Sharing the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always. Many: And also with you.

## **Call to Worship**

One: After the holidays, not much is happening these days.

Many: What are you talking about? Stuff. Big stuff is happening every day!

One: Like what? I mean Friday was January 5th.

# Many: The 12th Day of Christmas!

One: Saturday was January 6th.

Many: (loud) The Epiphany of our Lord! (quiet) Think visit of the Magi to the baby Jesus!

One: Sunday was January 7.

#### Many: The Baptism of our Lord!

One: Wow. You're right. That's actually a lot happening.

Many: It's a lot to look back on, celebrate, and understand for ourselves.

One: We can do that. Twelve days of Christmas mean...

Many: A dozen chances to celebrate new life, Emmanuel, Incarnation. Love!

One: Epiphany means...

Many: Literally, a revelation. The realization that Jesus changes everything!

One: The Baptism of our Lord.

- Many: Water washes and restores. Even Jesus needed to be welcomed. A shared experience. A forward-sending!
- One: What a weekend, hey? And I thought nothing was happening!

Many: With Jesus, something big is always happening! That's why we celebrate and sing!

#### **Opening Hymn**

"This Little Light of Mine"	ELW 677	(Online)
"Brightest and Best of the Stars"	ELW 303 vs. 1-4	(5:00, 8:30, 9:30, 10;30)

## **Children's Message**

### Greeting and Prayer of the Day

- Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- Many: And also with you.

One: Let us pray. God of unexpected discoveries and resolve,

Many: On this special weekend, enliven us to check our spiritual lethargy and melancholy at the door. Life can be hard and we all get stuck at times. You get this and never judge it. Help us do the same for ourselves and for each other.

> Restore in us the hope and persistence that befits your people. If we need encouragement, embolden us to ask for it. If we seek a goal, remind us to ask for directions. If we feel lost, teach us that in you so much can be found. O God, our God, give us spirits of new life and the fire to live it. In your Spirit, we pray. Amen.

# First Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-6

The writer of today's gospel, Matthew, undoubtedly knew this poetry from Isaiah and builds his Epiphany story around it. In Jewish tradition, literal fulfillment of prophesy was presumed possible, but figurative applications also could be equally or more valid. For us as readers, the literal appearance of words like gold and frankincense foreshadow the Magi but are less important than the explosive good news of the first line, "Arise, shine, for your light has come!"

<sup>1</sup>Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
<sup>2</sup>For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.
<sup>3</sup>Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
<sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
<sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant;

your heart shall thrill and rejoice,

because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,

the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

<sup>6</sup>A multitude of camels shall cover you,

the young camels of Midian and Ephah;

all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Here ends the reading.

#### Video Anthem

"Watchman, Tell Us of the Night" Molly Pufall-Brown & Janet Day (All Services)

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

"Thy Word"

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (Repeat)

#### Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Herod's hateful jealousy and eventual callousness toward life itself overshadow this story, Yet, there are life-giving clues everywhere within it. The Magi seek a king not their own, they persist against all odds in finding him, and in witness to the essence of the Nativity, they experience overwhelming joy when they find him. In a world of so much hurt, the Magi still travel alongside all of us, bringing the best of treasures: healing and hope.

One: The Gospel according to Matthew, the second chapter Many: Glory to you O, Lord.

<sup>1</sup>In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." <sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup>'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,

are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;

for from you shall come a ruler

who is to shepherd my people Israel.""

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." <sup>9</sup>When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup>On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

One: The Gospel of the Lord

Many: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message "One Went Alone..." John Horner-Ibler

# Hymn of the Day

"Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized"	ELW 304	(Online)
"As with Gladness Men of Old"	ELW 302 vs. 1-3	(5:00, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30)

### The Prayers of the People

- One: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. *(Congregation response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer.")*
- Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- Many: Amen.

## **Announcements and Offering**

### **Offertory Response** (as gifts are brought forward)

"Bright and Glorious Is the Sky" ELW 301 vs. 3 Sages from the east afar, when they saw this wondrous star, went to find the king of nations and to offer their oblations to the child, the newborn king, to the child, the newborn king.

#### **Prayer of Thanks**

One: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

Many: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us... ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

- Pastor: The Lord be with you.
- Many: And also with you.
- Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
- Many: We lift them to the Lord.
- Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## **Words of Institution**

#### The Lord's Prayer (Ecumenical)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

### **Communion Meditation**

"As With Gladness"

arr. Lorie Line

### (All Services)

# Post Communion Blessing

Spoken Response: Amen.

# **Prayer after Communion**

One: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Many: Amen.

# Benediction

## **Sending Hymn**

"Arise, Your Light Has Come!"	ELW 314	(All Services)
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# Dismissal

One: Go in peace, serve the Lord! Many: Thanks be to God!

# Postlude

"March of the Kings"	arr. Lorie Line	(Online, 5:00, 8:30, 10:30)
"For Unto Us with Joy to the World"	arr. Keith Christoph	ner (9:30)

**POINSETTIAS!** Many thanks to all who ordered poinsettias to adorn both sanctuaries and buildings. Please feel free to take your poinsettias after any service.

January 7, 9:30 @ COL - Bible Study this week with Pastor Muriel, Fellowship Hall. Starting with next week's Gospel lessons in church, we will be plunging headfirst into the Gospel of Mark, our assigned Gospel for the year. We will hear it read most weeks starting next week and through next November! Come learn about this action-only tale where everything points to the cross, and what sets this Gospel apart from the rest.

# Time to pack away Christmas decorations!

If you are able to help take down Christmas decorations at the COL Campus, come after the 10:30 service on Sunday, January 7.

If you are able to help take down Christmas decorations at the CTK Campus, come on **Monday morning, January 8 at 9am.** 

**Call Team assembled and ready for action. Please keep them in your prayers!** UNITY's council gives great thanks to the 17 faithful and generous members who offered to serve on the call team for the search for next pastors. From that pool they picked a group of 8 "at large" members to be joined by reps from youth, the HR team, council, and the pastors. Those serving include: **David Engle, Davida Kroepfl, Jessica Schrieber, Jim Johnsen, Linda Johnson, Logan Kemper, Mark Krause, Mary Huss, Matt Jolliff, Melanie Varin, and Nelson Brownell**. If you know any of them you know they are committed and big-hearted people from a huge variety of backgrounds who all trust God and care deeply about our community. We are blessed to have them! The same can be said of the 9 who were ultimately not chosen, all of whom have offered to help and support in any way they can. Please keep the team in your prayers as they begin meeting on our behalf, and we give thanks to God for all the good people in our midst!

**Jigsaw Puzzle Library now available at the COL campus!** Check out the vestibule upstairs by the fireplace for our new Puzzle Library. Full instructions on how to use it are posted. It's a great family activity to share over the holidays, or anytime!

**Sponsors Needed each week for Altar Flowers at both campuses!** All the details you need are on the SignUp Genius and the 2024 calendar is now available on our webpage. This is a convenient way to choose a weekend and campus, and the cost is only \$25 (payable by check or online). You can take flowers home at the end of the weekend's last service, but please return the vase as soon as you can. If you have questions or need assistance signing up, contact Nancy or Lynn by calling the UNITY office.

**Upcoming (and one immediate) Need/s.** We could use some extra help in the following areas. Please talk to a pastor or Lynn or Nancy in the office if you can help.

- Lent suppers are coming. The CTK system is pretty well set but at COL we could use someone who would be the Lent supper guru! Small groups and individuals will serve and

cook but we need someone who can make sure there are shoppers and can be here on most or all Wednesdays during Lent from 4:30-6:30 to make sure things are going smoothly. It's a five week job and super (or is that supper) rewarding! (If two people want to split the role, that's fine too) Weeks are Wednesdays, February 21-March 20.

- A similar request for 1 or 2 people who could be on hand to oversee food serving and general flow on Tuesday for our Lent For Littles Program. This is a meal and craft for households with children in elementary school and younger, some of whom will also spend time with the children's choirs that rehearse that night. Time range is **4:30-6:30 and dates are Tuesdays, February 20-March 19.** 

- Fill the rink! IMMEDIATE NEED. We could use someone who could add water to the CTK ice rink. We have been waiting for adequate cold to to this but would also like to beat the first snowfall. **Does anyone have time in the next 48-72 hours to do this?** Biggest part is connecting 2-3 hoses to reach the rink, turning on the water and then checking back every 2 hours to make sure it's filling smoothly. Total time to get about 2 inches of water is 6-8 hours so it's basically a job that can be done in one day.

#### Education

Contact Michelle Aprahamian, c: 414-732-8615, email: michelle@unitybrookfield.org

January 1-14: Sunday School Birthday Cake Drive for Waukesha Food Pantry. Sunday school kids will collect birthday cake mix, frosting, candles and birthday ware to create birthday gift bags for families shopping at the Waukesha Food Pantry.

**Monday, Jan. 15, 9:00 AM -12:00 PM - Servanthood Blitz -** Do you have off from school on Martin Luther King Day? Grades kindergarten and older Sunday school students can join us at the COL campus for a national day of service and help us serve our Unity partners! We will make Birthday bags for the Waukesha Food Pantry, decorate cookies, make snacks, prepare craft packages for travel to the kids in El Salvador and clean nursery toys. Wear your favorite sports jersey or colors. Pizza lunch will be provided! Adults, we could use your help too! Parents, watch for the email Sign-up Genius so we can plan for pizzas! Thank you! What a blessing to be a blessing!

## Mark your Calendars:

First Communion Classes - Thursdays, May 9 and May 16, 6:30-7:45 p.m. First Communion weekend (3rd grade and older) - May 18 & 19, 2024 Confirmation Bible Camp (for Year 1 Confirmation students) - June 23 - 28, 2024 VBS - June 17- 20, 2024 12:30 - 4:00 p.m. (with aftercare available until 5:00 p.m.) ECRT (for Year 2 Confirmation students) - July 9 - 12, 2024 Confirmation Weekend - September 14-15, 2024

## **Property Needs**

Contact David Koenen, c: 414-559-6974, email: davidkoenen@wi.rr.com

**Snow Shoveling: Help!** We all know it's going to snow more and at both campuses we could use help keeping the walks clear. This involves shoveling and or snow blowing... somewhat dependent on the depth of the snow. We do all the sidewalks at CTK and dumpster area. At COL we do the sidewalks and if possible, also the dumpster enclosure and rear-side exit doors. Take a week or two at either place by going to the Sign-ups page at our website, or just call the office and we'll put you on the schedule. You can do this on your own time...with hopes that shoveling takes place within 12 hours or so of the snowfall. (For your many snow blowing, building access and salting questions, we'll put you in touch with property chair, David Koenen, property manager, Denny Thompson, administrator, Lynn Key, or one of the pastors).

# Worship & Music Opportunities

Contact Lynn Key, c: 414-507-5888, e: lynn@unitybrookfield.org

All-Music Tuesdays will resume rehearsals on Tuesday January 9, 2024. It will run Tuesday nights through mid-May at the COL campus. Nursery and child care will be available. Questions? Talk to any of our music staff.

- JOYFUL NOISE MUSIC MAKERS Ages PreK–Grade 1 6:00pm to 6:30pm
- **CELEBRATION CHOIR** Ages Grade 2–Grade 6 6:30pm to 7:15pm
- HOSANNA BELLS Beginning to early intermediate ringers 7:15pm to 8:15pm
- FELLOWSHIP CHOIR Ages 7th Grade–Adult 7:15pm to 8:15pm
- GLORIA DEI BELLS Late intermediate to advanced ringers 6:15pm to 7:15pm

# Sr. High

Contact Sherrie Lorbeck or John Horner-Ibler; e: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org or john@unitybrookfield.org Eric Borkenhagen, c:(262) 442-6283:, e: ericnborkenhagen@gmail.com

**THIS SUNDAY, January 7:** Tubing at Sunburst, weather permitting. Leave from COL at 3 pm, tube, stop at the Horner-Ibler house for hot chocolate and cookies, back to COL by 7 pm. Cost is \$25. Adults, if you can drive, talk to John H-I.

Kickin' It With Jesus. We finished Session 1 with a 5-2 record!

Summer Trip 2024 - Save the Date! Mark your calendars for July 14-21, 2024. Those are our planned dates for our Summer Trip to the National Youth Gathering.

**High School Events...** continue every week and is the strongest when our teens and parents are actively involved in the program. Thank you to all who have and there's always room for more!

#### Adult Programs Contact Matt Griepentrog, e: <u>matt@unitybrookfield.org</u> c: 262-787-8820

Lunch Bunch - Join us the second Wednesday of each month at 11:30 am at Maxim's. (18025 W. Capitol Drive in Brookfield.) The next meeting is Jan. 10. Everyone is welcome, no matter your age or stage: younger, older, singles, couples, regular or occasional. Just show up because the nice thing about Maxim's is that seating is endlessly expandable. And, if you have any questions before you come, Esther McKee is your point person: (262) 246-6443.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming Sunday Morning Adult Ed events at COL!

- January 7, 9:30 @ COL Bible Study with Pastor Muriel, Fellowship Hall. Next week we will be plunging headfirst into the Gospel of Mark, our assigned Gospel for the year. We will hear it read most weeks starting next week and through November! Come learn about this action-only tale where everything points to the cross, and what sets this Gospel apart from the rest.
- January 14th, 9:30 @ COL Photo Editing Tips with Brad Wilkins. Brad returns to teach us more about photography! This time around, he'll be showing us how to organize our photo libraries, edit amazing pictures, and backup our precious creations!
- January 21 & 28, 9:30 at COL Mini Book Club: "Atomic Habits." Start off the New Year right! We'll discuss the book "Atomic Habits: An Easy & Proven Way to Build Good Habits & Break Bad Ones." Patricia Pelzel will walk us through the book, so join us two Sundays January 21 & 28 at 9:30 am at the COL Campus. Reading the book in advance is recommended but definitely not required!

Apply Now for Adult Faith Trip to Orcas Island, April 22-27, 2024. Deadline Jan 16. Several people have asked Pastor Muriel to lead a trip to her hometown. After initial info, there is definitely enough interest! She will bring a group in April for a week to focus on faith while exploring the island. We will walk through a mini version of UNITY's Confirmation program through class time and hands-on activities in the woods, beaches, ferry boats, and waterfalls of the Pacific Northwest, before ending the week with a reaffirmation of baptism. We'll stay in two Airbnb's overlooking Puget Sound and prep meals together. Cost will be your plane ticket plus \$600 for lodging, food, and transportation. You'll probably meet some of Muriel's people too. Oh, and the Tulip Festival will be in full bloom! The trip will be capped at 16 people for space. For more info, talk to Muriel. If you are ready to sign up, application is on the church website signups page. Paperwork and deposits due January 16, with a pre-trip meeting in March.

**Sew Comfy** is not meeting in January, but will resume their normal schedule on the second Thursday of the month at 9:00 AM in the COL Art Room in February. Sew Comfy continues to make pillows for people recovering from breast cancer surgery. Froedtert Hospital receives most of the pillows; and, in the past few months, the UW Cancer Center in Pewaukee has provided pillows to some of their patients. In 2023, Sew Comfy made 472 pillows! If you'd like to share a pillow with someone who will have surgery, there are baskets at both campuses. Thanks to everyone who supports Sew Comfy!

#### **Servant Ministries**

Contact Muriel Otto, e: muriel@unitybrookfield.org Jackie Herington, c: 262-501-6138, e: jackieswan10@icloud.com

**Book Drive Update:** On behalf of Barb and the Consigny family, we would like to thank the Unity Congregation for their generous book/donations for the Ned Consigny Book Drive. On December 20, Mary Chetney was able to deliver over 1000 books to Children's Hospital! Children's is always looking for books and Mary is happy to deliver more books if you have them. She volunteers in the NICU and delivers donations weekly. (262) 227-9634.

**Mitten Tree at CTK, Mitten Bin at COL** - The Mitten Tree is alive in CTK's narthex and the Mitten Bin is now located in the narthex vestibule at COL. Two locations, same great way to help the kids at our partner church Hephatha and their neighborhood kids stay warm this winter! Items will be picked and sent out several times during the season. These are much-needed replacements for items that fall by the wayside. Questions? Contact Jane Boorse at janeboorse43@gmail.com or 262-781-1373. Thank you for warming heads, hands and hearts this winter!

# **Donations Needed for El Salvador Trip by February 2**

Our next Mission of Healing Trip to El Salvador will be February 11-18, and Salvadoran kids and adults *love* working with arts and crafts between stops at the clinic. **Can you provide craft supplies? Please bring to either campus.** At COL you can drop off items in the box outside Pastor Muriels office. At CTK you an drop off items in the box across from the office.

Beads • Cording • Stickers Coloring Books for Kids & Adults Colored Pencils • Colored Markers Pencil Sharpeners • School Scissors Glue Sticks (non-liquid) Chenille Stems • Foam Shapes Construction & Patterned Paper

**Ongoing Service Opportunities:** UNITY has standing volunteer "shifts" at various partners that we commit to covering as a church. Each one is coordinated by a different Unity member... each one has its own sign up page on the church website... and each one is an opportunity for you!

**Waukesha Food Pantry Food Distribution:** Each month, 4th Saturday, 9am-12pm; 5th Monday 5:45 - 8 pm.

**Serenity Inns Recovery Program Fellowship Dinners:** cook, deliver, or serve meal for 12 residents. Each month,1st Sunday and 2nd Friday, 6 - 7pm. Kids welcome.

**Monthly Meal Prep for Partners:** Join an all-ages team of UNITY volunteers to mass meal prep for Hebron Housing shelter and Serenity Inns recovery program. Wednesday evenings preceding the second Friday most months of the program year.

Partner we are praying for this month: Food Pantry of Waukesha County

This weekend's communion breads were baked by Kelsey Morrison

# **Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members**

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

#### **Cross of Life Campus**

Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Scott Czarnik, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Natalie Kamenick, Barb Nuland, Tom Hochuli, Ardyce Myhre, Paula Dryer, Marlene Jernberg, John Vaughan, Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Alyce Vollan, Barb Purnell, Jenny Cape, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

#### **Christ the King Campus**

Sharon Giessen, Gary Blaschke, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Kevin Nordmeyer, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Ken Schneider, Dave Rau

> We pray our prayers of sympathy for family and loved ones as they mourn the death of a loved one:

## Christ the King Campus

Ronald "Waz" Wesoloski, father of Lisa Korban

We give a prayer of thanksgiving for the birth of:

Florence Bredemus, born December 28th to parents Jane and Al, sisters Ruthie and Betty

# **UNITY Prayer Place**

Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.

### January 6-7

Tony Susa (spinal cord injury) brother-in-law of Vivian Clark Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

#### December 30-31

Katherine Schultz (multiple health concerns), friend of Barb Borkenhagen Ralph Phillips (lung cancer), uncle of Jolene Epding Holly Timm (recent surgery), mother of Matt Kamenick

## December 16-17

Richard Eggert (triple bypass), grandfather of Nathan Eggert Jeanie & Frank Gillitzer (health issues), parents of Jodi Gillitzer Cheryl Pieczonka (multiple health issues), cousin of Michelle Wilkins Baynard Anderson (pneumonia), father of Laurie Furness Marlowe (praise & thanksgiving for restored health after hospitalization for RSV on their way home from vacation), granddaughter of Sally & Eric Thomas Dawn (back in US & recovering from a serious infection), friend of Diana & David Koenen

#### December 9-10

Charlotte Bergman (health concerns), daughter of Ann-Marie Bergman Leslie Meganck (cancer recovery), sister of Heidi Blatnik Donna Funk (health concerns), daughter of Pearl Haack Tony Susa (spinal cord injury) brother-in-law of Vivian Clark Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, etc.) overseas and our military personnel: Ryan Cengeri, son of Julie Hochuli Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank Riederer

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Musicians:	Diana Koenen Pete Meiklejohn Janet Day, Molly Pufall-Brown, Lynn Key Caitlin Dominski
COL 5:00 p.m.	Ministers for Saturday, January 6, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders:	Kay Koepsel-Benning, Lori Collins Nicki & Mark Shady Marilyn Ranney Melissa Grabowski Melissa & Kevin Grabowski Kay Koepsel-Benning Lynn Key Jeff Key Kayla Grabowski Marv Wunder

COL 8:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, January 7, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders: Nursery:	Jeanne Bonk, Patrick Conway Addison Kahle, Lucas Conway, Blake Duerr Tim Herman, Art Keup Mark Miller Kiley Keup Jeanne & Greg Bonk, Darcy & Jan Constable Jann Meissner
CTK 9:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, January 7, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders: Nursery:	Linda Johnson Patty Zais, Jim Leifer Patty Zais Janet Day Mary Huss
COL 10:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, January 7, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders:	Adrik Nellis, Caroline Roland Aubrey McDonald, Anden Nellis Tiffany & Scott Reay Steve Brewer Tiffany Reay Debbie Horne, Caroline Roland Jeff Pelzel Lynn Key Trent Reay



# Second Weekend after Epiphany

January 13-14, 2024

Saturday, January 13, 2024 5:00 pm COL

Sunday, January 14, 2024 8:30 am COL 9:30 am CTK 10:30 am COL

# Online Worship anytime after 5:00 pm each Saturday

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# WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH!

#### We're glad you're here today! UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.

- Children. Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- **Nursery.** Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- Sunday School. All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)

# • At UNITY, the Communion Table is:

- Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
- Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
- Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
- We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
- Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
- If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: <u>unitybrookfield.org</u> for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

**GIVING.** If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the COL narthex and by the bulletin board in the CTK narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay is also accepted. Thank you!

## Prelude

"The Three Kings"	Gordon Young	(5:00, 8:30, 10:30)
"We Three Kings"	arr. Lorie Line	(9:30)
"Prelude on a Luther Hymn"	Gordon Young	(Online)

### Words of Welcome

#### **Sharing the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always. Many: And also with you.

### Call to Worship (based on today's reading from 1 Samuel 3)

One<sup>.</sup> Marco Many: Polo! One<sup>.</sup> Hide and Many: Seek! Peek-a One<sup>.</sup> Many: Boo! One: All games we play with each other; following each other's voices to find what is lost. Many: One<sup>.</sup> God is playful too. God delights in our company and laughs with us when life is just so ridiculous. But God doesn't play games with our souls. Many: God doesn't toy with our emotions or take any joy in our misfortunes. When One<sup>.</sup> we seek. Many: God never hides. And when we call, One<sup>.</sup> God always answers. So when God calls *us*, may we always be ready to hear that holy voice and respond,

Many: Here I am!

## **Opening Hymn**

"Dearest Jesus, At Your Word"	ELW 520	(Online)
"Listen, God is Calling"	ELW 513	(5:00, 8:30, 9:30, 10;30)

## Children's Message

## Greeting and Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

One: Let us pray. O Lord,

Many: you have searched us and you know us. You know when we sit down and when we rise. You search out our paths and you know our ways. Even before a word is on our tongues you know it completely. Examine us and know our hearts, O God. Test us and see what is twisted, warped, shut tight, broken, or dark, and expose it to your light.

# (silence for reflection)

One: Friends, receive the good news of the Gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Many: O God, we come to the end, and you are still with us. Afraid to speak of our sinfulness, you hear our stumbling words. Before we even shape them in our mind, you embrace us with open arms. Sinful, we are forgiven. Broken, we are healed. Trapped, we are freed. Lost, we are found. Dead, we are reborn to abundant and eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and our Lord. Amen.

### First Lesson Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Most of the Bible shows us how God speaks to us. The Psalms, though, show us how to speak to God. Brutally honest and totally real, their words remind us that we can bring our whole selves to this. We can bare our souls in safety to a God who knows us completely and loves us anyway.

<sup>1</sup>O Lord, you have searched me and known me. <sup>2</sup>You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. <sup>3</sup>You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. <sup>4</sup>Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely. <sup>5</sup>You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. <sup>6</sup>Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

<sup>13</sup>For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. <sup>14</sup>I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. <sup>15</sup>My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. <sup>16</sup>Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. <sup>17</sup>How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! <sup>18</sup>I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

#### **Scripture Announcement**

"Thy Word"

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (Repeat)

# Scripture Reading 1 Samuel 3:1-10

The book of 1st Samuel tells the history of Israel and its rulers. It starts with the story of Samuel, the prophet who leads Israel before anointing Saul and then David as the first kings of the small nation. In today's reading, Samuel is still a boy under the mentorship of a priest named Eli who teaches Samuel how to hear and answer God's call.

<sup>1</sup>Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. <sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup>the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. 4Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" 5 and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. 6The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." 7Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. 8The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. <sup>10</sup>Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

One: The Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God!

Message "God Knows Where You Live" Jim Ahlquist

# Hymn of the Day

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

ELW 798 vs. 1, 2, 4, 5 (All Services)

# The Prayers of the People

- One: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. *(Congregation response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer.")*
- Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- Many: Amen.

## Announcements and Offering

## **Offertory Response** (as gifts are brought forward)

"Bright and Glorious Is the Sky" ELW 301 vs. 3 Sages from the east afar, when they saw this wondrous star, went to find the king of nations and to offer their oblations to the child, the newborn king, to the child, the newborn king.

# **Prayer of Thanks**

One: Let us pray. Blessed are you,

Many: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### Words of Institution

#### The Lord's Prayer (traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

### **Communion Meditation**

"One Bread, One Body"	arr. Carter	(5:00, 8:30, 10:30)
"Take My Life And Let It Be"	arr. Lorie Line	(9:30)

#### **Post Communion Blessing**

#### Spoken Response: Amen.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

One: Let us pray. O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Many: Amen.

#### Benediction

#### Sending Hymn

"Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak"	ELW 676	(5:00, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30)
"Take My Life, That I May Be"	ELW 583	(Online)

#### Dismissal

One: Go in peace, serve the Lord! Many: Thanks be to God!

#### Postlude

"March of the Kings"	arr. Lorie Line (5:0	0, 8:30, 10:30)
"For Unto Us with Joy to the World"	arr. Keith Christopher	(9:30)
"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"	arr. Jack W. Jones	(Online)

# **UNITY Highlights**

**Call Team assembled and ready for action. Please keep them in your prayers!** UNITY's council gives great thanks to the 17 faithful and generous members who offered to serve on the call team for the search for next pastors. From that pool they picked a group of 8 "at large" members to be joined by reps from youth, the HR team, council, and the pastors. Those serving include: **David Engle, Davida Kroepfl, Jessica Schrieber, Jim Johnsen, Linda Johnson, Logan Kemper, Mark Krause, Mary Huss, Matt Jolliff, Melanie Varin, and Nelson Brownell**. If you know any of them you know they are committed and big-hearted people from a huge variety of backgrounds who all trust God and care deeply about our community. We are blessed to have them! The same can be said of the 9 who were ultimately not chosen, all of whom have offered to help and support in any way they can. Please keep the team in your prayers as they begin meeting on our behalf, and we give thanks to God for all the good people in our midst!

**Jigsaw Puzzle Library now available at the COL campus!** Check out the vestibule upstairs by the fireplace for our new Puzzle Library. Full instructions on how to use it are posted. It's a great family activity to share anytime!

**Sponsors Needed each week for Altar Flowers at both campuses!** All the details you need are on the SignUp Genius and the 2024 calendar is now available on our webpage. This is a convenient way to choose a weekend and campus, and the cost is only \$25 (payable by check or online). You can take flowers home at the end of the weekend's last service, but please return the vase as soon as you can. If you have questions or need assistance signing up, contact Nancy or Lynn by calling the UNITY office.

**Upcoming Need/s.** We could use some extra help in the following areas. Please talk to a pastor or Lynn or Nancy in the office if you can help.

- Lent suppers are coming. The CTK system is pretty well set but at COL we could use someone who would be the Lent supper guru! Small groups and individuals will serve and cook but we need someone who can make sure there are shoppers and can be here on most or all Wednesdays during Lent from 4:30-6:30 to make sure things are going smoothly. It's a five week job and super (or is that supper) rewarding! (If two people want to split the role, that's fine too) Weeks are Wednesdays, February 21-March 20.

- A similar request for 1 or 2 people who could be on hand to oversee food serving and general flow on Tuesday for our Lent For Littles Program. This is a meal and craft for households with children in elementary school and younger, some of whom will also spend time with the children's choirs that rehearse that night. Time range is **4:30-6:30 and dates are Tuesdays, February 20-March 19.** 

**Scholarships:** UNITY Church has four (4) \$1,000 education scholarships available for our high school, new, or current college students, who are attending a University, College, or Institution of higher education this year. If you are interested, contact Matt Griepentrog, Don Bock (<u>dandcbock@sbcglobal.net</u>), or any pastor for more information and details.

#### Education

Contact Michelle Aprahamian, c: 414-732-8615, email: michelle@unitybrookfield.org

# January 1-14: Sunday School Birthday Cake Drive for Waukesha Food Pantry.

Sunday school kids will collect birthday cake mix, frosting, candles and birthday ware to create birthday gift bags for families shopping at the Waukesha Food Pantry.

**Monday, Jan. 15, 9:00 AM -12:00 PM - Servanthood Blitz -** Do you have off from school on Martin Luther King Day? Grades kindergarten and older Sunday school students can join us at the COL campus for a national day of service and help us serve our Unity partners! We will make Birthday bags for the Waukesha Food Pantry, decorate cookies, make snacks, prepare craft packages for travel to the kids in El Salvador and clean nursery toys. Wear your favorite sports jersey or colors. Pizza lunch will be provided! Adults, we could use your help too! Parents, watch for the email Sign-up Genius so we can plan for pizzas! Thank you! What a blessing to be a blessing!

# Mark your Calendars:

Confirmation Lock-In - Friday, March 1, 2024, 6:30 p.m. to midnight Grades 2-3 Lock-In - Friday, March 8, 2024, 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Saturday, March 9 Grades 4-6 Lock-In - Friday, March 15, 2024, 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Saturday, March 16 First Communion Classes - Thursdays, May 9 and May 16, 6:30-7:45 p.m. First Communion weekend (3rd grade and older) - May 18 & 19, 2024 Confirmation Bible Camp (for Year 1 Confirmation students) - June 23 - 28, 2024 VBS - June 17- 20, 2024 12:30 - 4:00 p.m. (with aftercare available until 5:00 p.m.) ECRT (for Year 2 Confirmation students) - July 9 - 12, 2024 Confirmation Weekend - September 14-15, 2024

# **Property Needs**

Contact David Koenen, c: 414-559-6974, email: davidkoenen@wi.rr.com

**Snow Shoveling: Help!** We all know it's going to snow more and at both campuses we could use help keeping the walks clear. This involves shoveling and or snow blowing... somewhat dependent on the depth of the snow. We do all the sidewalks at CTK and dumpster area. At COL we do the sidewalks and if possible, also the dumpster enclosure and rear-side exit doors. Take a week or two at either place by going to the Sign-ups page at our website, or just call the office and we'll put you on the schedule. You can do this on your own time...with hopes that shoveling takes place within 12 hours or so of the snowfall. (For your many snow blowing, building access and salting questions, we'll put you in touch with property chair, David Koenen, property manager, Denny Thompson, administrator, Lynn Key, or one of the pastors).

# Worship & Music Opportunities

Contact Lynn Key, c: 414-507-5888, e: lynn@unitybrookfield.org

**All-Music Tuesdays will resume rehearsals on Tuesday January 16** It will run Tuesday nights through mid-May at the COL campus. Nursery and child care will be available. Questions? Talk to any of our music staff.

- JOYFUL NOISE MUSIC MAKERS Ages PreK–Grade 1 6:00pm to 6:30pm
- **CELEBRATION CHOIR** Ages Grade 2–Grade 6 6:30pm to 7:15pm
- HOSANNA BELLS Beginning to early intermediate ringers 7:15pm to 8:15pm
- FELLOWSHIP CHOIR Ages 7th Grade-Adult 7:15pm to 8:15pm
- GLORIA DEI BELLS Late intermediate to advanced ringers 6:15pm to 7:15pm

# Sr. High

Contact Sherrie Lorbeck or John Horner-Ibler; e: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org or john@unitybrookfield.org Eric Borkenhagen, c:(262) 442-6283:, e: ericnborkenhagen@gmail.com

**THIS SUNDAY, January 14 - Pre-finals relaxation night with Melanie Rooney and Ryan Johnson.** Melanie will lead us in about a half hour of yoga-based relaxation movement and exercise. Ryan will lead some activities to get ours minds off finals and then lead the closing devotion.

# Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

- Sunday, January 21 6:00 p.m. at COL Was originally a servant project but that is on hold. So let's play *Crazy Uncle!* Who doesn't love a game of Crazy Uncle? Not sure what it is? Come and find out!
- **Sunday, January 28 Escape Room.** Start at 6:00 and back by 8:00. Will include a post-escape ice cream stop. Cost to be determined by is typically about \$15/person.

**Ski Trip 2024 - Feb 2-4. Signup is live!** Join us for this annual winter adventure! We will be traveling to Devil's Head Resort in Merrimac, WI. Our package includes 2 nights in the lodge, 2 days of lift tickets, pizza on Friday night, lunch and dinner on Saturday, and lunch on Sunday. Ski or snowboard rentals are also available and include boots, poles, and helmet. **Registration and payment is due by January 28**. Visit the signup page on the website for full details and to register and pay. Questions? Get in touch with Eric Borkenhagen!

Summer Trip 2024 - Save the Date! Mark your calendars for July 14-21, 2024. Those are our planned dates for our Summer Trip to the National Youth Gathering.

**High School Events...** continue every week and is the strongest when our teens and parents are actively involved in the program. Thank you to all who have and there's always room for more!

#### Adult Programs Contact Matt Griepentrog, e: <u>matt@unitybrookfield.org</u> c: 262-787-8820

This Sunday, January 14th, 9:30 @ COL in the Fellowship Hall - Photo Editing Tips with Brad Wilkins. Brad returns to teach us more about photography! This time around, he'll be showing us how to organize our photo libraries, edit amazing pictures, and backup our precious creations!

This Sunday, January 14th, 10:30 at CTK - Bible Study with Pastor Muriel, Library. Next week we will be plunging headfirst into the Gospel of Mark, our assigned Gospel for the year. We will hear it read most weeks starting next week and through November! Come learn about this action-only tale where everything points to the cross, and what sets this Gospel apart from the rest.

**UNITY Moms Group, Tuesday, January 16, 5:30-7pm at Cross of Life campus.** A time for moms of all ages and stages to share stories, pray together, and deepen their faith. We start by serving dinner, kids eat together with childcare and then join choir practice or play in the nursery while adults gather upstairs in the art room for dinner and a devotion. Most kids are 3rd grade and under but anyone is welcome! Leaders are Kelsey Morrison, Kelsey Kromm, Natalie Kamenick, and Pastor Muriel.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming Sunday Morning Adult Ed events at COL! January 21 & 28, 9:30 at COL - Mini Book Club: "Atomic Habits." Start off the New Year right! We'll discuss the book "Atomic Habits: An Easy & Proven Way to Build Good Habits & Break Bad Ones." Patricia Pelzel will walk us through the book, so join us two Sundays – January 21 & 28 – at 9:30 am at the COL Campus. Reading the book in advance is recommended but definitely not required!

**Apply Now for Adult Faith Trip to Orcas Island, April 22-27, 2024. Deadline Jan 16.** Several people have asked Pastor Muriel to lead a trip to her hometown. After initial info, there is definitely enough interest! She will bring a group in April for a week to focus on faith while exploring the island. We will walk through a mini version of UNITY's Confirmation program through class time and hands-on activities in the woods, beaches, ferry boats, and waterfalls of the Pacific Northwest, before ending the week with a reaffirmation of baptism. We'll stay in two Airbnb's overlooking Puget Sound and prep meals together. Cost will be your plane ticket plus \$600 for lodging, food, and transportation. You'll probably meet some of Muriel's people too. Oh, and the Tulip Festival will be in full bloom! The trip will be capped at 16 people for space. For more info, talk to Muriel. If you are ready to sign up, application is on the church website signups page. Paperwork and deposits due January 16, with a pre-trip meeting in March.

**Sew Comfy** is not meeting in January, but will resume their normal schedule on the second Thursday of the month at 9:00 AM in the COL Art Room in February. Sew Comfy continues to make pillows for people recovering from breast cancer surgery. Froedtert Hospital receives most of the pillows; and, in the past few months, the UW Cancer Center in Pewaukee has provided pillows to some of their patients. In 2023, Sew Comfy made 472 pillows! If you'd like to share a pillow with someone who will have surgery, there are baskets at both campuses. Thanks to everyone who supports Sew Comfy!

# Servant Ministries

Contact Muriel Otto, e: muriel@unitybrookfield.org Jackie Herington, c: 262-501-6138, e: jackieswan10@icloud.com

# **Donations Needed for El Salvador Trip by February 2**

Our next Mission of Healing Trip to El Salvador will be February 11-18, and Salvadoran kids and adults *love* working with arts and crafts between stops at the clinic. **Can you provide craft supplies? Please bring to either campus.** At COL you can drop off items in the box outside Pastor Muriels office. At CTK you an drop off items in the box across from the office.

Beads • Elastic Cording • Stickers Coloring Books for Kids & Adults Colored Pencils • Colored Markers Pencil Sharpeners • School Scissors Glue Sticks (non-liquid) Chenille Stems • Foam Shapes Construction & Patterned Paper

**Show Some LOVE at Our Blood Drive on February 15 -** This Valentine's Day, show your LOVE at UNITY's Blood Drive on Thursday, February 15, from 1:00-6:00 pm at our COL campus. To select your time, go to the Red Cross Sign Up page for UNITY, found on our Sign Up web page. (We are no longer using SignUp Genius for this, but it's still on our Sign Up web page.) OR, call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) and provide the Sponsor Code: UNITYBROOKFIELD. Need help? Contact Marilyn Ranney at 414-975-5606 or ranneymarilyn@gmail.com.

Mitten Tree at CTK, Mitten Bin at COL - The Mitten Tree is alive in CTK's narthex and the Mitten Bin is now located in the narthex vestibule at COL. Two locations, same great way to help the kids at our partner church Hephatha and their neighborhood kids stay warm this winter! Items will be collected throughout January, and sent to Hephatha in February. These are much-needed replacements for items that fall by the wayside. Questions? Contact Jane Boorse at janeboorse43@gmail.com or 262-781-1373. Thank you for warming heads, hands and hearts this winter!

**Ongoing Service Opportunities:** UNITY has standing volunteer "shifts" at various partners that we commit to covering as a church. Each one is coordinated by a different Unity member... each one has its own sign up page on the church website... and each one is an opportunity for you!

**Waukesha Food Pantry Food Distribution:** Each month, 4th Saturday, 9am-12pm; 5th Monday 5:45 - 8 pm.

**Serenity Inns Recovery Program Fellowship Dinners:** cook, deliver, or serve meal for 12 residents. Each month,1st Sunday and 2nd Friday, 6 - 7pm. Kids welcome.

**Monthly Meal Prep for Partners:** Join an all-ages team of UNITY volunteers to mass meal prep for Hebron Housing shelter and Serenity Inns recovery program. Wednesday evenings preceding the second Friday most months of the program year.

Partner we are praying for this month: Food Pantry of Waukesha County

The altar flowers at COL and CTK are given to the Glory of God

This weekend's communion breads were baked by Barb Borkenhagen

# **Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members**

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

## **Cross of Life Campus**

Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Scott Czarnik, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Natalie Kamenick, Tom Hochuli, Ardyce Myhre, Paula Dryer, Marlene Jernberg, John Vaughan, Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Alyce Vollan, Barb Purnell, Jenny Cape, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

# Christ the King Campus

Sharon Giessen, Gary Blaschke, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Kevin Nordmeyer, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Ken Schneider, Dave Rau

> We pray our prayers of sympathy for family and loved ones as they mourn the death of a loved one:

# **Cross of Life Campus**

Barb Nuland

LaVerne Schaffner, grandmother of Mark Valdovinos

We give a prayer of thanksgiving for the birth of:

Abigail Elizabeth Halbach, born January 8th to parents Carrie and Patrick, brother Ben, grandparents Sheila and Roger Schrieber

# **UNITY Prayer Place**

Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.

### January 13-14

Chris (cancer diagnosis), friend of Jeff Key Alice Reed (health concerns), aunt/Godmother of Barb Borkenhagen Carol & Richard Klein (Carol-breast cancer/Richard - bile duct/liver cancer), friends of Julie Smith Dawn (recovering from a serious infection), friend of Diana and David Koenen Baynard Anderson (hospice care), father of Laurie Furness

### January 6-7

Tony Susa (spinal cord injury) brother-in-law of Vivian Clark Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

#### December 30-31

Katherine Schultz (multiple health concerns), friend of Barb Borkenhagen Ralph Phillips (lung cancer), uncle of Jolene Epding Holly Timm (recent surgery), mother of Matt Kamenick

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, etc.) overseas and our military personnel: Ryan Cengeri, son of Julie Hochuli Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank Riederer

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Musicians:	Diana Koenen Greg Buck Janet Day, Molly Pufall-Brown, Lynn Key Caitlin Dominski
COL 5:00 p.m.	Ministers for Saturday, January 13, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders:	Kay Koepsel-Benning, Karen Beres Sebastian Dandridge Jessica Schrieber, Don Bock Melanie Rooney Kim Klug Kay Koepsel-Benning, Kim Klug Kim Klug Janet Day Jax Lettenberger Brady Lettenberger Marv Wunder

COL 8:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, January 14, 2024
Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader:	Jenny Hauser, Kevin Kromm Lily Bell Matt Kamenick, Nelson Brownell Leslie O'Connell David Kapitan Jenny Hauser, Debbie Riederer, Jann & Dave Meissner Matt Kamenick Janet Day Eric Gravenkamp Mike Aprahamian Bill Hubert Kelsey Kromm, Julie Miesfeld, Becky Conway
CTK 9:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, January 14, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders: Nursery:	Mike Collins Jenny Collins, Diana VanSlyke Diana VanSlyke Lynn Key Mary Huss Corynn Nordstrom
COL 10:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, January 14, 2024
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# Third Weekend after the Epiphany

# January 20-21, 2024

Saturday, January 20, 2024 5:00 pm COL

Sunday, January 21, 2024 8:30 am COL 9:30 am CTK 10:30 am COL

# Online Worship anytime after 5:00 pm each Saturday

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# WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH!

#### We're glad you're here today! UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.

- Children. Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- **Nursery.** Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- Sunday School. All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)

# • At UNITY, the Communion Table is:

- Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
- Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
- Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
- We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
- Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
- If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: <u>unitybrookfield.org</u> for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

**GIVING.** If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the COL narthex and by the bulletin board in the CTK narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay is also accepted. Thank you!

# Prelude

"Arise"	Praise Band	(Online, 9:30)
"On Eagles' Wings"	Gordon Young	(5:00, 8:30, 10:30)

#### Words of Welcome

#### **Sharing the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Many: And also with you.

# **Call to Worship**

One: What is it you expect of me, O God	One:	What is it you	expect of me,	O God
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- Many: My child, perhaps you'd be more honest if you described what you expect of *Me*.
- One: Well, down deep, I want to be loved, and I want to have things be pretty easy, I want to be comfortable, and I don't want to die.
- Many: Thanks for being honest. That's where most of my disciples start. One: Start?
- Many: We all need a starting place. Yours isn't bad. It's just not where you are capable of ending up.
- One: What is it I am capable of Lord?
- Many: Ah, you are capable of smaller things than you think!
- One: Smaller? Don't you want me to do BIG things?
- Many: "Big" things end up being about you. Small things end up being about others... listening, encouraging, comforting, serving... it is these small, humble things of which you are capable!
- One: For, in doing the smallest of things, my world expands past me to You?

Many: Yes, and what you *expect* from life dims compared to all you are capable of *offering* to others. Now there's a reason to sing!

# **Opening Hymn**

"Here I Am to Worship"	Praise Band	(Online, 9:30)
"Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized"	ELW 304	(5:00, 8:30, 10;30)

# **Children's Message**

# **Greeting and Prayer of the Day**

- Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- Many: And also with you.

One: Let us pray. Thank you for the gift, O God...

Many: ... of worshipping together. All our voices and lives, joined by your Spirit. Maybe it can feed us in ways we didn't see coming. Maybe it can make us aware of someone else's heart. Maybe it can mean even more to us tomorrow than it does today. Maybe.

> Thank you, God... not that we find certainty in faith, but that we find it in You, the one who transforms our Maybes into your Way. We pray in the name of the one who calls us to the Way, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# The Washing of Holy Baptism Presentation of the Child

This weekend at the 5:00 service, we welcome Leland Fisher Eggert. Leland is presented by his parents Nathan and Jennifer, and his sponsors, Alaina Hackbarth and Benjamin Torsrud. At the 8:30 service we welcome Nelson Alan Wirth. Nelson is presented by his parents, Cory and Molly, and his sponsors, Madeline & Tyler Hovey.

Pastor: Who presents Leland Fisher / Nelson Alan to receive the blessings of Holy Baptism?

Parents & Sponsors: We do.

# **Role of the Parents and Sponsors**

One: In Christian love you have presented Leland Fisher / Nelson Alan for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully care for him and help him in every way God gives you opportunity, that Leland Fisher / Nelson Alan may bear witness to the faith we hold, and that, living in the covenant of his Baptism and in Communion with the people of God, he may lead a life of goodness and service until the day of Jesus Christ. Parents and sponsors, do you promise to fulfill these obligations? If so, please answer, "I do."

#### Prayer

Pastor: Holy God, we give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

By the baptism of his own death and resurrection, your beloved Son, Jesus the Christ, has set us free from the final power of sin and death, and has opened the way to everlasting life. He made water a sign of cleansing and of birth into the family of God. As Jesus' followers, we do as he taught us, making disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit so that Leland Fisher / Nelson Alan may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as your own sons and daughters, inheritors of your glorious kingdom.

All: Amen.

# \*Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### The Baptism

#### **Baptismal Prayer**

Pastor: Lord God, we give you thanks for freeing your children from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy washing. Pour your Holy Spirit upon Leland Fisher / Nelson Alan: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and respect for the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

#### All: Amen.

# The Mark of Christ

Leland Fisher / Nelson Alan, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

#### Presentation of the Baptismal Candle

One: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

# Greeting of the Child by the Congregation

- Pastor: Through Baptism, God has made this brother of ours a member of the ministry of reconciliation we all share in Christ Jesus. May we proclaim the greatness and love of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.
- People: Leland Fisher / Nelson Alan, we welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly father, and a worker with us in the Kingdom of God. Amen.

Pastor: Peace be with you.

Parents & Sponsors: Peace be with you.

#### Anthem

"I Am the Light"	Ralph Johnson	(5:00, 8:30, 10:30)
Fellowship Choir; Molly Pufall-Brown, Direct	or; Lynn Key, Accor	mpanist
"Give Me Jesus"	arr. Bill Ingram	(9:30)
Hosanna Bells; Stacey Nordmeyer, Director	-	
"I Will Arise and Go to Jesus"	arr. Cathy Moklet	oust (Online)
Gloria Dei Bell Choir, Director: Stacey Nordm	leyer	

# Gospel Acclamation

"Thy Word"

# Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

This year our readings will focus on the Gospel of Mark. This week's reading is the first in a three-week series that walks us through the first chapter of Mark's Gospel, an introduction to Jesus and his ministry. Today Jesus picks up where John the Baptist left off, and starts calling specific people to join him in the work.

One: The Gospel according to Mark, the first chapter

# Many: Glory to you O, Lord.

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

<sup>16</sup>As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired hands, and followed him.

One: The Gospel of the Lord

Many: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message "Fishing Might Not Mean What You Think" Muriel Otto

# Hymn of the Day/Baptismal Hymns

"Your Name"	Praise Band	(Online, 9:30)
"Gather Us In"	ELW 532	(5:00, 10:30)
"Borning Cry"	ELW 732	(8:30)

# The Prayers of the People

One:	Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people
	according to their needs.
	(Congregation response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer.")
Pastor:	Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your
	mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Many:	Amen.

# **Announcements and Offering**

<b>Offertory Response</b> (as gifts are brought forward)	
"Bright and Glorious Is the Sky"	ELW 301 vs. 3

# **Prayer of Thanks**

- One: Let us pray. Merciful God,
- Many: in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you embrace our lives with your great love for humanity. With joy and gladness we ask that these gifts may be for many a sign of that love, and that we may continue to share in your divine life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### Words of Institution

#### The Lord's Prayer (traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### **Communion Meditation**

Roger Copeland (5:00, 8:30, 10:30)

# **Post Communion Blessing**

#### Spoken Response: Amen.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

- One: Let us pray. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- Many: Amen.

# Benediction

# Sending Hymn

"For All That You Have Done"	Praise Band	(Online, 9;30)
"O Lord, Now Let Your Servant"	ELW 313	(5:00, 8:30, 10:30)

#### Dismissal

One: Go in peace, serve the Lord! Many: Thanks be to God!

# Postlude

"For All That You Have Done (reprise)"	Praise Band	(Online, 9:30)
"Blessed Assurance"	arr. Lorie Line	(5:00, 8:30, 10:30)

**2023 Finances in Review.** UNITY finished 2023 on a strong giving note and will end the year with a surplus of around \$30,000 when all the final accounting is complete. Giving to our operating budget was up 2.2% compared to 2022. Because we also finished with a surplus in 2022, it means we broke an established trend of a surplus one year followed by a deficit the next. It also means member giving has returned to giving levels not seen since UNITY'S first year in 2017. Recognizing the intervening impact of COVID and the passing of many long-time members, the past two years reflect strong support by both existing and newer members of the congregation. These are all healthy trends in the life of UNITY and gives us a strong starting point for the year to come. Thank you many times over to everyone who prays, volunteers, and financially supports the ministries of our congregation. All of it is both a gift and a recognition of the discipleship we share.

**Scholarships:** UNITY Church has four (4) \$1,000 education scholarships available for our high school students applying to college or current college students, who are attending a University, College, or Institution of higher education this year. Priority is given to anyone attending a Lutheran college or university, or majoring in nursing or engineering. If you are interested, contact Matt Griepentrog, Don Bock (<u>dandcbock@sbcglobal.net</u>), or any pastor for more information and details.

Lent As Shared Faith Exploration. Our overall theme for Lent this year is: Bloom! Growing Healthier Yourself and Making It Healthier for Others Too. Our Worship & Music team is excited about this theme because "health" has both personal and social determinants which makes it a lot like faith. Our Adult Programs team is excited because the idea of blooming where we're planted is a great place to focus our spiritual attention during Lent. Could you play a small role in that focus for Lent? We plan to create daily faith explorations, or devotions, for Lent that will be emailed to anyone who signs up for them....a plan similar to what we've done in the past. What we need is YOU to read them and hopefully write one too. Why would you write one of these? Did you know yours is a perspective which maybe no one else will bring? It's true. They're short (about 250 words). They can be personally reflective or quote statistics. They can be a small story from your own life or a dive into a bible passage. We will post the weekly themes within the overall theme. You could choose to write on one day of a particular week based on what interests you. This is a deeper-than-superficial way for us to speak and listen to each other. Watch for more to come and please be one of the 49 authors (40 days of Lent, six Sundays of Lent, and the 3 days we know as ... Good Friday, Saturday, and Easter Sunday) of these important ways to grow together in faith...that is, Bloom! Upcoming Need/s for Lent. Help! We could use some extra help in the following areas.

Please talk to a pastor or Lynn or Nancy in the office if you can help.

- Lent suppers are coming. The CTK system is pretty well set but at COL we could use someone who would be the Lent supper guru! Small groups and individuals will serve and cook but we need someone who can make sure there are shoppers and can be here on most or all Wednesdays during Lent from 4:30-6:30 to make sure things are going smoothly. It's a five week job and super (or is that supper) rewarding! (If two people want to split the role, that's fine too) Weeks are Wednesdays, February 21-March 20.

- A similar request for 1 or 2 people who could be on hand to oversee food serving and general flow on Tuesday for our Lent For Littles Program. This is a meal and craft for households with children in elementary school and younger, some of whom will also spend time with the children's choirs that rehearse that night. Time range is **4:30-6:30 and dates are Tuesdays, February 20-March 19.** 

**Call Team will be "commissioned" January 27/28. Please keep them in your prayers!** The call team has begun their work, learning about how the process works to search and call next pastors, and preparing to compile UNITY's Ministry Site Profile (MSP), a detailed document that conveys who we are as a church to potential candidates, with everything from church financial history, area demographics, staffing structure, priorities and mission. The group is made up of 8 "at large" members plus reps from youth, the HR team, council, and the pastors. They are committed and big-hearted people from a wide variety of backgrounds who all trust God and care deeply about our community. We will do a little "commissioning" service for them at all worship services January 27 and 28, with a laying on of hands, a charge to the work, and a reminder of the support of this church and presence of our God with them as they do it. They appreciate all the prayers already being lifted on their behalf. We give thanks for all the good people in this place, and those yet to come! Those serving include: **David Engle, Davida Kroepfl (Council rep), Jessica Schrieber, Jim Johnsen, Linda Johnson, Logan Kemper (Youth rep), Mark Krause (HR rep), Mary Huss, Matt Jolliff, Melanie Varin, and Nelson Brownell.** 

**Jigsaw Puzzle Library now available at the COL campus!** Check out the vestibule upstairs by the fireplace for our new Puzzle Library. Full instructions on how to use it are posted. It's a great family activity to share anytime!

**Sponsors Needed each week for Altar Flowers at both campuses!** All the details you need are on the SignUp Genius and the 2024 calendar is now available on our webpage. This is a convenient way to choose a weekend and campus, and the cost is only \$25 (payable by check or online). You can take flowers home at the end of the weekend's last service, but please return the vase as soon as you can. If you have questions or need assistance signing up, contact Nancy or Lynn by calling the UNITY office.

#### Education

Contact Michelle Aprahamian, c: 414-732-8615, email: michelle@unitybrookfield.org

**Thank you** to all that brought in birthday supplies for the Sunday School Birthday Cake Drive for Waukesha Food Pantry. And thank you to all that participated in and helped with the Servanthood Blitz held last Monday at the COL Campus! Students participated in a national day of service and made 114 birthday bags, 9 fleece blankets, decorated 221 cookies, prepared 100 craft kits for the kids in El Salvador and 1000's of toys are clean in the nursery. The energy in the building was amazing! What a blessing to be a blessing! Mark your Calendars:

Confirmation Lock-In - Friday, March 1, 2024, 6:30 p.m. to midnight Grades 2-3 Lock-In - Friday, March 8, 2024, 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Saturday, March 9 Grades 4-6 Lock-In - Friday, March 15, 2024, 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Saturday, March 16 K - Grade 1 Sleep Under - Friday, April 19, 2024, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. First Communion Classes - Thursdays, May 9 and May 16, 6:30-7:45 p.m. First Communion weekend (3rd grade and older) - May 18 & 19, 2024 Confirmation Bible Camp (for Year 1 Confirmation students) - June 23 - 28, 2024 VBS - June 17- 20, 2024 12:30 - 4:00 p.m. (with aftercare available until 5:00 p.m.) ECRT (for Year 2 Confirmation students) - July 9 - 12, 2024 Confirmation Weekend - September 14-15, 2024

# Property Needs

Contact David Koenen, c: 414-559-6974, email: davidkoenen@wi.rr.com

**Snow Shoveling: Help!** We all know it's going to snow more and at both campuses we could use help keeping the walks clear. This involves shoveling and or snow blowing... somewhat dependent on the depth of the snow. We do all the sidewalks at CTK and dumpster area. At COL we do the sidewalks and if possible, also the dumpster enclosure and rear-side exit doors. Take a week or two at either place by going to the Sign-ups page at our website, or just call the office and we'll put you on the schedule. You can do this on your own time...with hopes that shoveling takes place within 12 hours or so of the snowfall. (For your many snow blowing, building access and salting questions, we'll put you in touch with property chair, David Koenen, property manager, Denny Thompson, administrator, Lynn Key, or one of the pastors).

#### **Worship & Music Opportunities** Contact Lynn Key, c: 414-507-5888, e: lynn@unitybrookfield.org

All-Music Tuesdays run Tuesday nights through mid-May at the COL campus. Nursery and child care will be available. Questions? Talk to any of our music staff.

- JOYFUL NOISE MUSIC MAKERS Ages PreK-Grade 1 6:00pm to 6:30pm
- **CELEBRATION CHOIR** Ages Grade 2–Grade 6 6:30pm to 7:15pm
- HOSANNA BELLS Beginning to early intermediate ringers 7:15pm to 8:15pm
- FELLOWSHIP CHOIR Ages 7th Grade-Adult 7:15pm to 8:15pm
- GLORIA DEI BELLS Late intermediate to advanced ringers 6:15pm to 7:15pm

# Sr. High

Contact Sherrie Lorbeck or John Horner-Ibler; e: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org or john@unitybrookfield.org Eric Borkenhagen, c:(262) 442-6283:, e: ericnborkenhagen@gmail.com

**THIS SUNDAY, January 21 - 6:00 p.m. at COL - Crazy Uncle.** It's January and time for one of our great January traditions. Let's play *Crazy Uncle!* Friends welcome...tip them off to the importance of wearing something dark!

# Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

• Sunday, January 28 - Escape Room. Start at 6:00 and back by 8:00. Will include a post-escape ice cream stop. Cost to be determined but is typically about \$15/person.

Ski Trip 2024 - Feb 2-4. Signup is live! Join us for this annual winter adventure! We will be traveling to Devil's Head Resort in Merrimac, WI. Our package includes 2 nights in the lodge, 2 days of lift tickets, pizza on Friday night, lunch and dinner on Saturday, and lunch on Sunday. Ski or snowboard rentals are also available and include boots, poles, and helmet. **Registration and payment is due by January 28**. Visit the signup page on the website for full details and to register and pay. Questions? Get in touch with Eric Borkenhagen!

Summer Trip 2024 - Save the Date! Mark your calendars for July 14-21, 2024. Those are our planned dates for our Summer Trip to the National Youth Gathering.

**High School Events...** continue every week and is the strongest when our teens and parents are actively involved in the program. Thank you to all who have and there's always room for more!

# Adult Programs Contact Matt Griepentrog, e: <u>matt@unitybrookfield.org</u> c: 262-787-8820

**This Sunday, January 21 & 28, 9:30 at COL - Mini Book Club: "Atomic Habits."** Start off the New Year right! We'll discuss the book "Atomic Habits: An Easy & Proven Way to Build Good Habits & Break Bad Ones." Patricia Pelzel will walk us through the book, so join us two Sundays – January 21 & 28 – at 9:30 am at the COL Campus. Reading the book in advance is recommended but definitely not required!

**Sew Comfy** is not meeting in January, but will resume their normal schedule on the second Thursday of the month at 9:00 AM in the COL Art Room in February. Sew Comfy continues to make pillows for people recovering from breast cancer surgery. Froedtert Hospital receives most of the pillows; and, in the past few months, the UW Cancer Center in Pewaukee has provided pillows to some of their patients. In 2023, Sew Comfy made 472 pillows! If you'd like to share a pillow with someone who will have surgery, there are baskets at both campuses. Thanks to everyone who supports Sew Comfy!

# Servant Ministries

Contact Muriel Otto, e: muriel@unitybrookfield.org Jackie Herington, c: 262-501-6138, e: jackieswan10@icloud.com

# **Donations Needed for El Salvador Trip by February 2**

Our next Mission of Healing Trip to El Salvador will be February 11-18, and Salvadoran kids and adults *love* working with arts and crafts between stops at the clinic. **Can you provide craft supplies? Please bring to either campus.** At COL you can drop off items in the box outside Pastor Muriels office. At CTK you can drop off items in the box across from the office.

Beads • Elastic Cording • Stickers Coloring Books for Kids & Adults Colored Pencils • Colored Markers Pencil Sharpeners • School Scissors Glue Sticks (non-liquid) Chenille Stems • Foam Shapes Construction & Patterned Paper

**Show Some LOVE at Our Blood Drive on February 15** - This Valentine's Day, show your LOVE at UNITY's Blood Drive on Thursday, February 15, from 1:00-6:00 pm at our COL campus. To select your time, go to the Red Cross Sign Up page for UNITY, found on our Sign Up web page. (We are no longer using SignUp Genius for this, but it's still on our Sign Up web page.) OR, call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) and provide the Sponsor Code: UNITYBROOKFIELD. Need help? Contact Marilyn Ranney at 414-975-5606 or ranneymarilyn@gmail.com.

Mitten Tree at CTK, Mitten Bin at COL - The Mitten Tree is alive in CTK's narthex and the Mitten Bin is now located in the narthex vestibule at COL. Two locations, same great way to help the kids at our partner church Hephatha and their neighborhood kids stay warm this winter! Items will be collected throughout January, and sent to Hephatha in February. These are much-needed replacements for items that fall by the wayside. Questions? Contact Jane Boorse at janeboorse43@gmail.com or 262-781-1373. Thank you for warming heads, hands and hearts this winter!

**Ongoing Service Opportunities:** UNITY has standing volunteer "shifts" at various partners that we commit to covering as a church. Each one is coordinated by a different Unity member... each one has its own sign up page on the church website... and each one is an opportunity for you!

**Waukesha Food Pantry Food Distribution:** Each month, 4th Saturday, 9am-12pm; 5th Monday 5:45 - 8 pm.

**Serenity Inns Recovery Program Fellowship Dinners:** cook, deliver, or serve meal for 12 residents. Each month,1st Sunday and 2nd Friday, 6 - 7pm. Kids welcome.

**Monthly Meal Prep for Partners:** Join an all-ages team of UNITY volunteers to mass meal prep for Hebron Housing shelter and Serenity Inns recovery program. Wednesday evenings preceding the second Friday most months of the program year.

Partner we are praying for this month: Food Pantry of Waukesha County

The altar flowers at COL and CTK are given to the Glory of God

Thank you to Leslie O'Connell for arranging the altar flowers this weekend

This weekend's communion breads were baked by Cathy Buck

# **Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members**

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

# **Cross of Life Campus**

Aaron Rooney, Kay Maas, Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Scott Czarnik, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Natalie Kamenick, Tom Hochuli, Ardyce Myhre, Paula Dryer, Marlene Jernberg, John Vaughan, Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Alyce Vollan, Barb Purnell, Jenny Cape, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

# **Christ the King Campus**

Sharon Giessen, Gary Blaschke, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Kevin Nordmeyer, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Ken Schneider, Dave Rau

> We pray our prayers of sympathy for family and loved ones as they mourn the death of a loved one:

# **Cross of Life Campus**

Guy Anklam, husband of Gail Anklam

Al Brown, father of Lloyd Brown

# Christ the King Campus

Baynard Anderson, father of Laurie Furness

We give a prayer of thanksgiving for the baptism of:

Leland Fisher Eggert

Nelson Alan Wirth

# **UNITY Prayer Place**

Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.

# January 20-21

Emma (injured in car accident), girlfriend of Aaron Rooney Brenda (direction and a path forward), sister of Fonda Kapitan Lorna (motivation and clarity to make changes), sister of Fonda Kapitan Nancy Foss (ovarian cancer), cousin of Karen Anderson Diane Bogart-Flaten (open heart by-pass surgery), sister-in-law of Mary Jo Gehrking Nicole (cancer diagnosis), friend of Sara & Phil Roemaat

# January 13-14

Chris (cancer diagnosis), friend of Jeff Key Alice Reed (health concerns), aunt/Godmother of Barb Borkenhagen Carol & Richard Klein (Carol-breast cancer/Richard - bile duct/liver cancer), friends of Julie Smith Dawn (recovering from a serious infection), friend of Diana and David Koenen

# January 6-7

Tony Susa (spinal cord injury) brother-in-law of Vivian Clark Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

# December 30-31

Katherine Schultz (multiple health concerns), friend of Barb Borkenhagen Ralph Phillips (lung cancer), uncle of Jolene Epding Holly Timm (recent surgery), mother of Matt Kamenick

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, etc.) overseas and our military personnel: Ryan Cengeri, son of Julie Hochuli Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank Riederer

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Online	Ministers for January 20-21, 2024
Musicians:	Leslie O'Connell Jeff Key Praise Band Caitlin Dominski
COL 5:00 p.m.	Ministers for Saturday, January 20, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders:	Kim Urchell, Adam Fogltanz Betty Bredemus, Maxwell Fogltanz Cheryl Caraulia, Jack Guenther Jeff Key Kim Klug Kim Urchell, Nicki Shady Kim Urchell Greg O'Connell Connor Lalor Tim Culhane Molly Pufall-Brown

COL 8:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, January 21, 2024
Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders: Nursery:	Suzanne Taipala Lexie Bell, Lily Bell, Lucas Conway Diane & Dick Dressler
CTK 9:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, January 21, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders: Nursery:	Jolene Epding Jenny & Mike Collins Diana VanSlyke Praise Band Aaron Prohuska
COL 10:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, January 21, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders:	Lauren Cervero, Dustin Vrab Greta Brown, Max Herington Julie Hoesly, Chris Lehmann Steve Brewer Julie Hoesly Joe Herington, Jeff Stark Greg O'Connell



# Fourth Weekend after the Epiphany

January 27-28, 2024

Saturday, January 27, 2024 5:00 pm COL

Sunday, January 28, 2024 8:30 am COL 9:30 am CTK 10:30 am COL

# Online Worship anytime after 5:00 pm each Saturday

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# WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH!

#### We're glad you're here today! UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.

- Children. Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- **Nursery.** Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- Sunday School. All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)

# • At UNITY, the Communion Table is:

- Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
- Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
- Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
- We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
- Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
- If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: <u>unitybrookfield.org</u> for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

**GIVING.** If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the COL narthex and by the bulletin board in the CTK narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay is also accepted. Thank you!

# Fourth Weekend after the Epiphany January 27-28, 2024

# Prelude

"God of Wonders"Praise Band(5:00, 8:30, 10:30)"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"arr. Powell(Online, 9:30)

# Words of Welcome

# **Sharing the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always. Many: And also with you.

# **Call to Worship**

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One:	Which do you think is more important, knowledge or love?
Many:	Do I have to choose? Aren't they both important?
One:	Maybe, but Paul does choose in today's first lesson.
Many:	And? Which is more important?
One:	In the context in which he was writing, Paul picks love.
Many:	Wow, this is awesome news for our confirmation kids!
One:	Why?
Many:	They have a test this coming week and now they don't have to study!
·	They just have to love!
One:	Oh, I think they should still study, because in today's gospel
Many:	Jesus picks knowledge?
One:	No, but the crowds are awed because his knowledge is vast and suddenly
	relevant to their lives.
Many:	So we were right to begin with, it <i>is</i> both!
One:	Both have their place. <i>Knowledge</i> deepens and broadens our awareness of
	each other and the world.
Many:	
Many:	each other and the world.

Many: God is *love*! Come! Let us worship our living, knowing, loving God!

# **Opening Hymn**

"Come, All You People"	ELW 819	(Online)
"Here I Am to Worship"	Praise Band	(5:00, 8:30, 10;30)
"Come, Let Us Worship God"	Global Songs 2	(9:30)

# Anthem

*"This Little Light of Mine"* arr. Aaron David Miller (9:30) Joyful Noise, Janet Day, Director; Lynn Key, Accompanist

# Children's Message

#### **Greeting and Prayer of the Day**

- Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- Many: And also with you.

One: Let us pray. God of knowledge and love,

Many: We humans can have a lot of ambivalence around those words. Love can be so fulfilling and also so disappointing. Knowledge is something we value and yet we can also feel shame if we do not have it....or.....puffed up if we have it and misuse it.

> Help us to forgive each other in our failures of love and knowledge. Help us forgive ourselves and trust your forgiveness to us all.

> Re-open our hearts to receiving and giving love. Re-open our minds to the curiosity of learning without misusing the power of what we know. Fill us with your light....for it both warms our hears and illuminates our minds. Amen.

#### Anthem

*"This Day of Gladness"* Susan Geschke Gloria Dei Bell Choir, Director: Stacey Nordmeyer (Online, 5:00, 8:30, 10:30)

# First Lesson: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

At the time of the apostle Paul, Corinth was a multicultural seaport; a complex and curious place. Every faith answer Paul shared with the Corinthians resulted in the next question. Chapter 8 deals with this particular dilemma: If you eat meat that has previously been offered as a sacrifice in a pagan temple, does that send the message you as a Christian also believe in the pagan god? And if so, should you care?

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. <sup>2</sup>Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; <sup>3</sup>but anyone who loves God is known by him.

<sup>4</sup>Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." <sup>5</sup>Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—<sup>6</sup>yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

<sup>7</sup>It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is confused. <sup>8</sup>"Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. <sup>9</sup>But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup>For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? <sup>11</sup>So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. <sup>12</sup>But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup>Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

# **Gospel Acclamation**

"Thy Word"

# Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

One of Mark's primary themes is that those expected to welcome Jesus, didn't. But those who may not have cared much previously, the crowds; and those who were opposed to him, "the unclean spirits;" they all sensed his significance from the beginning.

One: The Gospel according to Mark, the first chapter **Many:** Glory to you O, Lord.

<sup>21</sup>[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught.<sup>22</sup>They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup>Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, <sup>24</sup>and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." <sup>25</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" <sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup>They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." <sup>28</sup>At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Many:	Praise to you, O Christ.
One:	The Gospel of the Lord

Message	"Shelf Space Favors Crunchy"	John Horner-Ibler
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# Hymn of the Day

"10,000 Reasons"	Praise Band	(5:00, 8:30, 10:30)
"We Come to You for Healing, Lord"	ELW 617 vs. 1, 3, 5	(Online, 9:30)

# The Prayers of the People

One: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. *(Congregation response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer.")* 

# **Announcements and Offering**

# **Commissioning of the Call Team**

Pastor: We commission the following (names) to be a part of the UNITY Call Team.

- *Council: We entrust to you the ministry of matching pastors to people and seeking vision within and spirit from beyond.*
- People: We commit to praying for you, responding to you, listening to you, and being guided by you.
- Pastor: We do not expect perfection from you nor from any candidate.

Council: We do expect your love for the task and offer our unconditional love as support.

People: Proceed now, with our blessing and our collective hope in calling two pastors to UNITY. We trust God to help you and every candidate you consider. We pray all of us will see the journey as part of the goal... and the Good News of Jesus as our daily joy! Amen!

**Offertory Response** (as gifts are brought forward) "Bright and Glorious Is the Sky" ELW 301 vs. 3

# **Prayer of Thanks**

- One: Let us pray. Gracious God,
- Many: in the abundance of your steadfast love, you call us from death to life, from silence to speech, from idleness to action. With these gifts we offer ourselves to you, and with the Church through all the ages we give thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

- Pastor: The Lord be with you.
- Many: And also with you.
- Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
- Many: We lift them to the Lord.
- Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

# **Words of Institution**

# The Lord's Prayer (traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### **Communion Meditation**

"Remembrance"	Praise Band	(5:00, 8:30, 10:30)
"We Are an Offering"	arr. Hayes	(9:30)

# Post Communion Blessing Spoken Response: Amen.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

One: Let us pray. Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Many: Amen.

#### Benediction

#### Sending Hymn

"For All That You Have Done"	Praise Band	(5:00, 8:30, 10:30)
"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"	ELW 545	(Online, 9:30)

#### Dismissal

One: Go in peace, serve the Lord! Many: Thanks be to God!

#### Postlude

"For All That You Have Done (reprise)"	Praise Band	(5:00, 8:30, 10:30)
"Siyahamba"	arr. Collinsworth	(Online, 9:30)

**2023 Finances in Review.** UNITY finished 2023 on a strong giving note and will end the year with a surplus of around \$30,000 when all the final accounting is complete. Giving to our operating budget was up 2.2% compared to 2022. Because we also finished with a surplus in 2022, it means we broke an established trend of a surplus one year followed by a deficit the next. It also means member giving has returned to giving levels not seen since UNITY'S first year in 2017. Recognizing the intervening impact of COVID and the passing of many long-time members, the past two years reflect strong support by both existing and newer members of the congregation. These are all healthy trends in the life of UNITY which have been reinforced by a 2024 Pledge Appeal that has now exceeded the goal of 300 pledges for the current year. Thank you many times over to everyone who prays, volunteers, and financially supports the ministries of our congregation. All of it is both a gift and a recognition of the discipleship we share.

Lent As Shared Faith Exploration. Our overall theme for Lent this year is: *Bloom! Growing Healthier Yourself and Making It Healthier for Others Too.* Our Worship & Music team is excited about this theme because "health" has both personal and social determinants which makes it a lot like faith. Our Adult Programs team is excited because the idea of blooming where we're planted is a great place to focus our spiritual attention during Lent.

**Could you play a small role in that focus for Lent?** We plan to create daily faith explorations, or devotions, for Lent that will be emailed to anyone who signs up for them....a plan similar to what we've done in the past. What we need is YOU to read them and hopefully write one too. Why would you write one of these? *Did you know yours is a perspective which maybe no one else will bring*? It's true. They're short (can be anywhere from 50-250 words). They can be personally reflective or quote statistics. They can be a small story from your own life or a dive into a bible passage. We will post the weekly themes within the overall theme. You could choose to write on one day of a particular week based on what interests you.

This is a deeper-than-superficial way for us to speak and listen to each other. Watch for more to come and please be one of the 49 authors (40 days of Lent, six Sundays of Lent, and the 3 days we know as ...Good Friday, Saturday, and Easter Sunday) of these important ways to grow together in faith...that is, *Bloom!* 

**Upcoming Need/s for Lent. Help!** We could use some extra help in the following areas. Please talk to a pastor or Lynn or Nancy in the office if you can help.

- Lent suppers are coming. The CTK system is pretty well set but at COL we could use someone who would be the Lent supper guru! Small groups and individuals will serve and cook but we need someone who can make sure there are shoppers and can be here on most or all Wednesdays during Lent from 4:30-6:30 to make sure things are going smoothly. It's a five week job and super (or is that supper) rewarding! (If two people want to split the role, that's fine too) Weeks are Wednesdays, February 21-March 20.

- A similar request for 1 or 2 people who could be on hand to oversee food serving and general flow on Tuesday for our Lent For Littles Program. This is a meal and craft for households with children in elementary school and younger, some of whom will also spend time with the children's choirs that rehearse that night. Time range is **4:30-6:30 and dates are Tuesdays, February 20-March 19.** 

Note: There are now Sign-Up Genius pages for all the help we need with Lent suppers. Please go to the Sign-up page at <u>unitybrookfield.org</u> Also, we plan on making the soup each week in the COL kitchen at 2 pm on Wednesdays. Do you like to cook and not do it alone? This is perfect for you! Jump in for a fun time of cooking together led by Nancy Kostanski!

# See the all-congregation *Bloom!* email sent on January 25 for more information about small groups and bible studies during Lent!

**Call Team will be "commissioned" January 27/28. Please keep them in your prayers!** The call team has begun their work, learning about how the process works to search and call next pastors, and preparing to compile UNITY's Ministry Site Profile (MSP), a detailed document that conveys who we are as a church to potential candidates, with everything from church financial history, area demographics, staffing structure, priorities and mission. The group is made up of 8 "at large" members plus reps from youth, the HR team, council, and the pastors. They are committed and big-hearted people from a wide variety of backgrounds who all trust God and care deeply about our community. We will do a little "commissioning" service for them at all worship services January 27 and 28, with a laying on of hands, a charge to the work, and a reminder of the support of this church and presence of our God with them as they do it. They appreciate all the prayers already being lifted on their behalf. We give thanks for all the good people in this place, and those yet to come! Those serving include: **David Engle, Davida Kroepfl (Council rep), Jessica Schrieber, Jim Johnsen, Linda Johnson, Logan Kemper (Youth rep), Mark Krause (HR rep), Mary Huss, Matt Jolliff, Melanie Varin, and Nelson Brownell.** 

**Sponsors Needed each week for Altar Flowers at both campuses!** All the details you need are on the SignUp Genius and the 2024 calendar is now available on our webpage. This is a convenient way to choose a weekend and campus, and the cost is only \$25 (payable by check or online). You can take flowers home at the end of the weekend's last service, but please return the vase as soon as you can. If you have questions or need assistance signing up, contact Nancy or Lynn by calling the UNITY office.

**Scholarships:** UNITY Church has four (4) \$1,000 education scholarships available for our high school students applying to college or current college students, who are attending a University, College, or Institution of higher education this year. Priority is given to anyone attending a Lutheran college or university, or majoring in nursing or engineering. If you are interested, contact Matt Griepentrog, Don Bock (<u>dandcbock@sbcglobal.net</u>), or any pastor for more information and details.

# Education

Contact Michelle Aprahamian, c: 414-732-8615, email: michelle@unitybrookfield.org

**Thank you** to all that brought in birthday supplies for the Sunday School Birthday Cake Drive for Waukesha Food Pantry. And thank you to all that participated in and helped with the Servanthood Blitz! Students made 114 birthday bags, 9 fleece blankets, 221 cookies, prepared 100 craft kits for the kids in El Salvador and 1000's of toys are clean in the nursery. The energy in the building was amazing! What a blessing to be a blessing!

#### **Property Needs** Contact David Koenen, c: 414-559-6974, email: davidkoenen@wi.rr.com

**Snow Shoveling: Help!** We have volunteers signed up through the month of February, and some of March. Can you help us fill in the remaining dates? Both campuses could use help keeping the walks clear. This involves shoveling and or snow blowing...somewhat dependent on the depth of the snow. We do all the sidewalks at CTK and dumpster area. At COL we do the sidewalks and if possible, also the dumpster enclosure and rear-side exit doors. Take a week or two at either place by going to the Sign-ups page at our website, or just call the office and we'll put you on the schedule. You can do this on your own time... with hopes that shoveling takes place within 12 hours or so of the snowfall. (For your many snow blowing, building access and salting questions, we'll put you in touch with property chair, David Koenen, property manager, Denny Thompson, administrator, Lynn Key, or one of the pastors).

# Worship & Music Opportunities

Contact Lynn Key, c: 414-507-5888, e: lynn@unitybrookfield.org

All-Music Tuesdays run Tuesday nights through mid-May at the COL campus. Nursery and child care will be available. Questions? Talk to any of our music staff.

- JOYFUL NOISE MUSIC MAKERS Ages PreK-Grade 1 6:00pm to 6:30pm
- **CELEBRATION CHOIR** Ages Grade 2–Grade 6 6:30pm to 7:15pm
- HOSANNA BELLS Beginning to early intermediate ringers 7:15pm to 8:15pm
- FELLOWSHIP CHOIR Ages 7th Grade-Adult 7:15pm to 8:15pm
- GLORIA DEI BELLS Late intermediate to advanced ringers 6:15pm to 7:15pm

# Sr. High

Contact Sherrie Lorbeck or John Horner-Ibler; e: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org or john@unitybrookfield.org Eric Borkenhagen, c:(262) 442-6283:, e: ericnborkenhagen@gmail.com

**THIS SUNDAY, January 28** - Escape Room. Meet at COL at 6 pm and back by 8:00. Will include a post-escape ice cream stop. Cost is \$20 plus whatever you splurge on ice cream.

Ski Trip 2024 - Feb 2-4. Signup is live! (go to the Sign ups page at the website) Join us for this annual winter adventure! We will be traveling to Devil's Head Resort in Merrimac, WI. Our package includes 2 nights in the lodge, 2 days of lift tickets, pizza on Friday night, lunch and dinner on Saturday, and lunch on Sunday. Ski or snowboard rentals are also available and include boots, poles, and helmet. Registration and payment is due by the end of this Sunday, January 28. Visit the signup page on the website for full details and to register and pay. Questions? Get in touch with Eric Borkenhagen!

Summer Trip 2024 - Save the Date! Mark your calendars for July 14-21, 2024. Those are our planned dates for our Summer Trip to the National Youth Gathering.

# **Adult Programs**

Contact Matt Griepentrog, e: matt@unitybrookfield.org c: 262-787-8820

**This Sunday, January 28, 9:30 at COL in the north Fellowship Hall - Mini Book Club: "Atomic Habits."** The second week of our discussion on the book "Atomic Habits: An Easy & Proven Way to Build Good Habits & Break Bad Ones" facilitated by Patricia Pelzel. Reading the book in advance is recommended but definitely not required!

# Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

- February 4: Ellen Blathers, Executive Director of Golden Opportunities. Golden Opportunities Partnership, Inc. ("Golden Opps") is a Mentorship program that was launched in early 2021 to help men who have graduated from addiction rehabilitation treatment programs successfully re-enter society, while at the same time experience life renewal and spiritual transformation through Jesus Christ.
- February 11th: to be announced soon!
- February 18th: Annual Meeting Info Meeting @ 9:30 COL, 10:30 CTK
- February 25th: Annual Meeting, no adult programs
- March 3, 10, 17 @ 9:30 AM at COL: Lent Bible Study with Pastor Dave Meissner
- March 3, 10, 17 @ 10:30 AM at CTK: Lent Bible Study with Matt Griepentrog

Lunch Bunch - Join us the second Wednesday of each month at 11:30 am at Maxim's. (18025 W. Capitol Drive in Brookfield.) The next meeting is Feb. 14. Everyone is welcome, no matter your age or stage: younger, older, singles, couples, regular or occasional. Just show up because the nice thing about Maxim's is that seating is endlessly expandable. And, if you have any questions before you come, Esther McKee is your point person: (262) 246-6443.

# **Servant Ministries**

Contact Muriel Otto, e: muriel@unitybrookfield.org Jackie Herington, c: 262-501-6138, e: jackieswan10@icloud.com

# **Donations Needed for El Salvador Trip by NEXT FRIDAY - February 2**

Our next Mission of Healing Trip to El Salvador will be February 11-18, and Salvadoran kids and adults *love* working with arts and crafts between stops at the clinic. **Can you provide craft supplies? Please bring to either campus.** At COL you can drop off items in the box outside Pastor Muriels office. At CTK you can drop off items in the box across from the office.

- Beads Elastic Cording Stickers
- Coloring Books for Kids & Adults
- Colored Pencils 
   Colored Markers
- Pencil Sharpeners School Scissors
- Glue Sticks (non-liquid)
- Chenille Stems Foam Shapes
- Construction & Patterned Paper

**Show Some LOVE at Our Blood Drive on February 15** - This Valentine's Day, show your LOVE at UNITY's Blood Drive on Thursday, February 15, from 1:00-6:00 pm at our COL campus. To select your time, go to the Red Cross Sign Up page for UNITY, found on our Sign Up web page. (We are no longer using SignUp Genius for this, but it's still on our Sign Up web page.) OR, call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) and provide the Sponsor Code: UNITYBROOKFIELD. Need help? Contact Marilyn Ranney at 414-975-5606 or ranneymarilyn@gmail.com.

Mitten Tree at CTK, Mitten Bin at COL -Last Call! If you wish to share mittens or gloves please get them in by Wednesday of this week.

**Ongoing Service Opportunities:** UNITY has standing volunteer "shifts" at various partners that we commit to covering as a church. Each one is coordinated by a different Unity member... each one has its own sign up page on the church website... and each one is an opportunity for you!

**Waukesha Food Pantry Food Distribution:** Each month, 4th Saturday, 9am-12pm; 5th Monday 5:45 - 8 pm.

**Serenity Inns Recovery Program Fellowship Dinners:** cook, deliver, or serve meal for 12 residents. Each month,1st Sunday and 2nd Friday, 6 - 7pm. Kids welcome.

**Monthly Meal Prep for Partners:** Join an all-ages team of UNITY volunteers to mass meal prep for Hebron Housing shelter and Serenity Inns recovery program. Wednesday evenings preceding the second Friday most months of the program year.

**Bread of Healing Free Clinic is looking to fill both paid staff and volunteer positions.** If interested in even just a conversation, please contact Barbara Horner-Ibler @ barbara.horner@breadofhealing.org:

**Paid RN position: 10-20 hrs/week.** This is a community nursing position, working in a great clinic with wonderful patients and a welcoming atmosphere. All who work there are inspired by our patients on a daily basis. We need an RN individual to supplement existing RN staff (Unity member Kathy Nevermann is one of them!). Hours can be very flexible, even from week-to-week. They vary from 8 am - 7 pm, and can accommodate early morning people and evening people! The primary responsibility is to maintain patient flow through the clinic - checking blood pressures and blood sugars, following up on labs, drawing labs, rooming patients and handing off to providers. If you aren't confident in certain skills, no worries! We teach people all the time (nursing students, pharmacy students, medical students, social work students)! We are really good at that! So come and join us! Or at least, come and talk to us!

**Volunteer RN positions: 4 hrs at a time.** Same as the above position description, but on a far more flexible schedule, and only 4 hrs at a time. Once a week, once a month, once a quarter - you decide! Our patient base is expanding, as patients lose coverage they have had through the pandemic under Badger Care. We need help!

Partner we are praying for this month: Food Pantry of Waukesha County

The altar flowers at COL and CTK are given to the Glory of God

Thank you to Melissa Grabowski for arranging the altar flowers this weekend

This weekend's communion breads were baked by Diane Kotula

# **Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members**

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

# **Cross of Life Campus**

Aaron Rooney, Kay Maas, Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Scott Czarnik, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Natalie Kamenick, Tom Hochuli, Ardyce Myhre, Paula Dryer, Marlene Jernberg, John Vaughan, Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Alyce Vollan, Barb Purnell, Jenny Cape, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

# Christ the King Campus

Sharon Giessen, Gary Blaschke, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Kevin Nordmeyer, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Ken Schneider, Dave Rau

> We pray our prayers of sympathy for family and loved ones as they mourn the death of a loved one:

# Christ the King Campus

Alice Reed, Aunt/Godmother of Barb Borkenhagen

# **UNITY Prayer Place**

Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.

# January 27-28

Margaret Fisher (hospice), mother-in-law of Sue Fisher Catherine Varin (kidney health), sister of Fred Varin John Tompsett (open heart surgery), good friend of Julie & Greg Hoesly Ralph Phillips (lung cancer), uncle of Jolene Epding

# January 20-21

Emma (injured in car accident), girlfriend of Aaron Rooney Brenda (direction and a path forward), sister of Fonda Kapitan Lorna (motivation and clarity to make changes), sister of Fonda Kapitan Nancy Foss (ovarian cancer), cousin of Karen Anderson Diane Bogart-Flaten (open heart by-pass surgery), sister-in-law of Mary Jo Gehrking Nicole (cancer diagnosis), friend of Sara & Phil Roemaat

# January 13-14

Chris (cancer diagnosis), friend of Jeff Key Alice Reed (health concerns), aunt/Godmother of Barb Borkenhagen Carol & Richard Klein (Carol-breast cancer/Richard - bile duct/liver cancer), friends of Julie Smith Dawn (recovering from a serious infection), friend of Diana and David Koenen

# January 6-7

Tony Susa (spinal cord injury) brother-in-law of Vivian Clark Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, etc.) overseas and our military personnel: Ryan Cengeri, son of Julie Hochuli Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank Riederer

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Reader:	Melanie Rooney
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	Chloe O'Connell
Technical:	Caitlin Dominski
COL 5:00 p.m.	Ministers for Saturday, January 27, 2024
Worship Coordinator:	Cheryl Caraulia
	Kim Urchell, Sue Fisher
Acolyte:	Betty Bredemus, Will Register
	Mary Jo & Jim Eggert
Worship Assistant:	Leslie O'Connell
	Marilyn Ranney
	Kim Urchell, Sue Fisher
	Kim Urchell
Musician:	Praise Band
Sound:	Kevin Nordmeyer
Visual Projection:	Tim Culhane
Song Leader:	
Sunday School Leaders:	
Nursery:	Rachel Manganaro

COL 8:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, January 28, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders:	Bernd Bruhnke, Matt Kamenick Charlotte Quinnell, Blake Duerr Art Keup, Mark Hilgart David Kapitan TJ Roche Michelle Duerr, Sandi John, Berndt Bruhnke, Matt Kamenick Sandi John Praise Band Kevin Nordmeyer Josef Keup Praise Band Kelsey Kromm, Joanne Rentmeester, Becky Conway Rachel Manganaro
CTK 9:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, January 28, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders: Nursery:	Peter Grunwald Patricia & Fred Petran Jane Boorse Janet Day Mary Huss Greg Peterson
COL 10:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, January 28, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders:	Carole Syse Nicole Maassen Jen Nowak, Chris Lehmann Jeff Pelzel Praise Band Kevin Nordmeyer Praise Band



# Fifth Weekend after the Epiphany

# February 3-4, 2024

Saturday, February 3, 2024 5:00 pm COL

Sunday, February 4, 2024 8:30 am COL 9:30 am CTK 10:30 am COL

# Online Worship anytime after 5:00 pm each Saturday

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# WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH!

#### We're glad you're here today! UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.

- Children. Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- **Nursery.** Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- Sunday School. All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)

# • At UNITY, the Communion Table is:

- Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
- Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
- Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
- We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
- Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
- If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: <u>unitybrookfield.org</u> for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

**GIVING.** If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the COL narthex and by the bulletin board in the CTK narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay is also accepted. Thank you!

# Prelude

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"	arr. Powell	(5:00, 8:30, 10:30)
"Shout to the Lord"	Praise Band	(Online, 9:30)

# Words of Welcome

# Sharing the Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Many: And also with you.

# **Call to Worship**

One: There are some emphatic words in today's gospel lesson:

- Many: At one point Jesus leaves the crowds. He doesn't just go to a quiet place. He goes to a *deserted* place.
- One: When the disciples notice he is missing, they don't just look for him. They *hunt* for him.
- Many: And when they finally find him?
- One: They blurt out, *"Everyone* is *searching* for you.
- Many: The word choices are no accident. No gospel is more intense than Mark's.
- One: Jesus' time was short. His message was world-changing, His actions were soul-saving.
- Many: Mark wants us to feel the intensity of each encounter.
- One: He wants us to know the immediacy of having to choose paths others may shun.
- Many Oh, Spirit of God! Infect us with Mark's intensity... choosing your ways now, to the benefit of others later.
- One: ... choosing connections that dive through the surface to something deeper...
- Many: ... choosing to hunt down Good News for our world.

One: And when we find it?

Many: To realize *it* found *us*! Alleluia to that! Amen!

# **Opening Hymn**

"Come, Let Us Worship God"	Global Songs 2	(5:00, 8:30, 10:30)
"Offering"	Praise Band	(Online, 9:30)

# Anthem (Pre-recorded)

*"This Little Light of Mine"* arr. Aaron David Miller (Online, 5:00, 8:30, 10:30) Joyful Noise Choir, Janet Day, Director; Lynn Key, Accompanist

# **Children's Message**

# Greeting and Prayer of the Day

- Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- Many: And also with you.

One: Let us pray. God of healing and mercy,

Many: Jesus was continually surrounded by the needs of others. Some strangers, others familiar, all seeking the healing of their hurt. He never tired of all the asks. His instinct to reach out never waned.

Help us to glean from his example. None of us can match what Jesus alone could do. Just help us to live in some way that assures others we are approachable. Just help us to welcome asks and offer thanks. Just help us to occasionally grasp the beauty of your presence. To all that, the people of God in Christ Jesus know to say: Amen!

#### Anthem

*"This Day of Gladness"* Susan Geschke (9:30) Gloria Dei Bell Choir, Director: Stacey Nordmeyer

# **Gospel Acclamation**

"Thy Word"

# Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Like a tightly edited video, these verses flash from scene to scene, giving us glimpses of humanity mingled with traces of the divine. The divine is not limited to Jesus. It can be found too, in Peter's mother-in-law. Her response to healing is to serve: those few words perhaps encapsulating the work of Christ in all of us.

One: The Gospel according to Mark, the first chapter

#### Many: Glory to you O, Lord.

<sup>29</sup>As soon as Jesus and the disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup>He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

<sup>32</sup>That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup>And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

<sup>35</sup>In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and his companions hunted for him. <sup>37</sup>When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." <sup>38</sup>He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

One: The Gospel of the Lord

Many: Praise to you, O Christ.

**Message** *Q & A Attentive to the Disciples' Plea, "Everyone is Searching for You."* ~John Horner-Ibler

# Hymn of the Day

"We Come to You for Healing, Lord"	ELW 617 vs. 1, 3,	5 (5:00, 8:30, 10:30)
"Shine, Jesus, Shine"	Praise Band	(9:30)
"10,000 Reasons"	Praise Band	(Online)

#### The Prayers of the People

One: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. *(Congregation response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer.")* 

#### **Announcements and Offering**

<b>Offertory Response</b> (as gifts are brought forward)	
"Bright and Glorious Is the Sky"	ELW 301 vs. 3

#### **Prayer of Thanks**

- One: Let us pray. Merciful Father,
- Many: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us... ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

- Many: And also with you.
- Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
- Many: We lift them to the Lord.
- Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### **Words of Institution**

#### The Lord's Prayer (Ecumenical)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

# **Communion Meditation**

"10,000 Reasons"	Praise Band	(5:00, 8:30, 10:30)
"We Are an Offering"	arr. Hayes	(9:30)

# **Post Communion Blessing**

Spoken Response: Amen.

# **Prayer after Communion**

One: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Many: Amen.

# Benediction

# Sending Hymn

-	Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"	ELW 545	(5:00, 8:30, 10:30)
	of Elijah"	Praise Band	(Online, 9:30)
Dismissal One:	Go in peace, serve the Lord!		

Many: Thanks be to God!

# Postlude

"Days of Elijah" (reprise)	Praise Band	(Online, 9:30)
"Siyahamba"	arr. Collinsworth	(5:00, 8:30, 10:30)

# **UNITY Highlights**

# Call Team Commissioned January 27/28, Set Dates for Congregation Input Meetings

Our 11-person call team was "commissioned" in worship last weekend with a laying on of hands, charge to the work, and reminder of the support of this church and presence of God. We give thanks for all the good people in this place, and for those yet to come! This week, the team set dates for congregational input meetings, where they hope to gather information from you to help them convey who we are to prospective pastor candidates. Meetings are:

# -Sunday, February 11th, 9:30am at COL and 10:30am at CTK (after worship)

# -Tuesday, February 20, 6:30 pm on Zoom

-Wednesday, February 21, 5:45pm at COL (before Lent Wednesday worship)

# -Thursday, February 22, 7:00pm at CTK

Your voice is invaluable, so please attend whichever times works best for you. They will also send a survey version for anyone who can't make the in-person meetings, and hope to share results and a draft of the church profile at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 25. The Call Team will also take the next few months to introduce themselves to you so watch for that info. Those serving include: Nelson Brownell, David Engle, Mary Huss, Jim Johnsen, Linda Johnson, Matt Jolliff, Logan Kemper (youth rep), Mark Krause (HR rep), Davida Kroepfl (council rep), Jessica Schrieber, and Melanie Varin.

# Annual Meeting: Sunday, February 25 at 9:30 am at both COL and CTK

Please make every effort to attend our Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 25, at 9:30 am. We'll have a shortened 8:30 am worship at COL, then people can remain in the building for the meeting at 9:30 am. For those at the CTK campus, come to CTK at 9:30 am, grab your doughnut & coffee and head into the sanctuary for the meeting ... then stay for a worship service at 10:45 am! A Zoom link will be available for anyone attending our Annual Meeting at home. Please watch for that to come through email.

There will be a worship service and Sunday School at both COL and CTK at 10:45am, along with a live-streamed worship service at 10:45 am for those at home.

# Pre-Annual Meeting Forums on Sunday, February 18 at both COL and CTK

Our Pre-Annual Meeting Info Forums will be held on Sunday, February 18, at 9:30 am at COL and 10:30 am at CTK. Join our Treasurer Adrienne Krueger and Finance Chair Phil Roemaat, along with other Council members, to hear how 2023 ended and get the 2024 budget they will propose the following weekend. In addition to reading reports from our Staff and Council members, you'll be able to review financial info and ministry summaries, and ask any questions you have. *This is the perfect pre-meeting opportunity!* 

**TLC for the COL kitchen!** The kitchen at COL is wonderful - big and bright, well stocked with so many items, and that gives us lots of opportunities to share meals with members and partners, and more. However it needs some TLC periodically. Are you available to help us on **Thursday, February 8 from 2 - 7pm** (or any part thereof) to reorganize, wipe down, and get it ready for the upcoming Lent events? If you'd like to help, but are unable to make it during that time, make us an offer that works for you. Contact Lynn or Nancy in the church office, or at one of the weekend services, and let's get ready for Lent!

**Would You Consider Serving on a Council Team?** Our church is run by 11 teams of members, each covering one area of our life together. Each team has a chair, who serves on our church council, and a group of members who works together on all kinds of tasks, everything from audits to marketing to party-throwing. The teams are: Communication and Technology, Adult Programs, Christian Education, Finance, Group Opportunities, Invite (New Members), Property, Servant Ministries, Stewardship, Youth, Worship and Music. It varies by team, but most meet 4 times per year, twice on our "all teams" nights and twice individually, and work on various projects in between. It is important work, and we need lots of good people to do it. Next All Teams meeting night is February 13.

Right now the Invite and Group Opportunities teams especially could use more people. The Invite group runs our twice-yearly new member classes and works to welcome and support new arrivals to Unity. Group Opportunities is in charge of quarterly social events (game nights, festivals, walks, anything fun!) to bring people together. You can contact all council chairs through the Unity website or talk to a staff member or the team chairs: For Invite, Anna Jansson (<u>ajansson8@gmail.com</u>); Group Opportunities Tiffany Reay (<u>reayt5@gmail.com</u>)

**Scholarships:** UNITY Church has four (4) \$1,000 education scholarships available for our high school students applying to college or current college students, who are attending a University, College, or Institution of higher education this year. Priority is given to anyone attending a Lutheran college or university, or majoring in nursing or engineering. If you are interested, contact Matt Griepentrog, Don Bock (<u>dandcbock@sbcglobal.net</u>), or any pastor for more information and details.

# All Things Lent

Lent As Shared Faith Exploration, Begins February 14 Our overall theme for Lent this year is: *Bloom! Growing Healthier Yourself and Making It Healthier for Others Too.* Our Worship & Music team is excited about this theme because "health" has both personal and social determinants which makes it a lot like faith. Our Adult Programs team is excited because the idea of blooming where we're planted is a great place to focus our spiritual attention during Lent. Join in for Tuesday Lent for Littles, Wednesday midweek services, daily devotions, weekly Bible studies, and "one night only" small groups of all varieties!

# Ash Wednesday Services February 14: Noon at CTK, 7pm at COL and Live-streamed

We will gather to remember that we are the Lord's in our living and our dying through the ritual of the "Imposition of Ashes." A black cross made from ashes of palm branches will be placed on the foreheads of anyone who wishes to receive it as a sign of our humanness, but also as a sign of who we are in Christ through our baptism.

Lent for Littles: Dinner and Family Activities, Tuesdays 5:30pm-7pm. Each Tuesday during Lent (February 20-March 19) enjoy a simple and kid-friendly meal from 5:30-6:00 pm at our COL campus, followed by family activities for kids and their adults to do together. Activities from 6:00-6:30 pm will be geared toward Grade 1-6, and 6:30-7:00 pm activities will be geared toward PreK-Grade 1 to mirror the schedule for any kids in choir ... but come whenever it works for you! Please note that ALL families are welcome to join our Lent for Littles Program! Can you Lend a Hand with Lent for Littles Meals? We are in need of one shopper and one meal maker/server for each week. Please sign up online.

# Wednesday Meals and Worship: Lunch + Worship at CTK, Dinner + Worship at COL

Join us for a meal & worship the 5 Wednesdays following Ash Wednesday: Feb. 21-March 20.

At Christ the King: We'll begin with a meal of soup and sides at noon, then transition into a short time of worship and be sent on our way by 1 pm.

At Cross of Life: Dinner is served from 5:30 pm until worship begins at 6:50 pm, with the evening typically closing by 7:30 pm. Each week we serve a soup and a side. Worship will be live-streamed for anyone who prefers to join online or watch after the fact.

Can you help with Lent Meals? We are blessed to have many Small Groups hosting Lent Wednesdays and helping with setup, soup & entree making, and serving & cleanup. But we still need shoppers and desserts! For CTK there is a paper sign-up at the coffee bar. For COL, sign up online.

**Soup Group, Wednesdays 2pm at COL** Do you like to cook and not do it alone? This is perfect for you! Each Wednesday we plan on making the soup each week in the COL kitchen at 2 pm. Jump in for a fun time of cooking together led by Nancy Kostanski!

**"One Night Only" Small Groups:** four unique experiences to come together and bloom! More detail in the Adult Programs section. Sign up on the website.

Bloom and Baking: Thursday, February 22, 7:00-8:30pm in COL kitchen Bloom and Bourbon: Thursday, March 7, 7:00-8:30pm at host home Bloom and Board Games: Monday, March 11, 7:00-8:30pm at COL Bloom and Bulbs: Thursday, March 14, 11am-12:30pm at CTK

## Bible Studies: In person at each campus and online

Sundays 9:30 at Cross of Life, led by Pastor Dave Meisner Sundays, 10:30 at Christ the King, led by Adult Programs Director Matt Griepentrog Thursdays, 7-8pm online, led by Pastor John Horner-Ibler More info on dates and topics in the adult programs section.

**Daily Devotions:** We plan to create daily faith explorations, or devotions, for Lent that will be emailed to anyone who signs ups or them- a plan similar to what we've done in the past. We need both writers and readers! Sign up for either on the church website.

Sr. High

Contact Sherrie Lorbeck or John Horner-Ibler; e: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org or john@unitybrookfield.org Eric Borkenhagen, c:(262) 442-6283:, e: ericnborkenhagen@gmail.com

**THIS WEEKEND - Sr. High Ski Trip 2024 -** keep our Sr. High skiers and adults in your prayers for a safe trip!

Summer Trip 2024 - Save the Date! Mark your calendars for July 14-21, 2024. Those are our planned dates for our Summer Trip to the National Youth Gathering.

#### Adult Programs Contact Matt Griepentrog, e: <u>matt@unitybrookfield.org</u> c: 262-787-8820

**This Sunday, February 4:** Ellen Blathers, Executive Director of Golden Opportunities (and previously ED at Serenity Inn.) "Golden Opps" is a Mentorship program that was launched in early 2021 to help men who have graduated from addiction rehabilitation treatment programs successfully re-enter society, while at the same time experience life renewal and spiritual transformation through Jesus Christ.

# Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

- February 11th: Congregational Input Meetings 9:30 at COL, 10:30 at CTK
- February 18th: Annual Meeting Info Meeting at 9:30 at COL, 10:30 at CTK
- February 25th: Annual Meeting, no adult programs

# Sunday Lent Bible Studies Coming to COL & CTK in March:

# • March 3, 10 & 17: 9:45 am at COL Led by Pastor Dave Meissner

Our Lenten theme calls for us to "Bloom Where You Are Planted!" That's both challenging and exciting! But the Bible shows us how to *practically* make it happen. We'll look at:

- How to grow and mature in our faith
- · How to consult with God in our daily decision making
- What Jesus has to say about our Christian values and morals.

If you want to grow in your walk with Jesus and are ready for something more than usual, join Pastor Dave Meissner as he leads this 3-week study

# • March 3, 10 & 17: 10:30 am at CTK Led by Matt Griepentrog

Watch for more info about Matt's Bible Study focused on our "Bloom" theme, then join us for great discussions!

# Weekly Online Bible Study: February 15-March 14 led by Pastor John

Introducing our Weekly Online Bible Study during Lent: *"Timely Truths: Our Most Important Beliefs and Why They Matter in a De-Churching World."* Be a part of this weekly study led by John Horner-Ibler. We will meet **online five Thursdays: February 15- March 14, from 7:00-8:00 pm.** There are 3 ways to be a part of this:

1) Join the Zoom session and participate in real time (link coming);

- 2) Watch it on Facebook. Participate via a slightly delayed texting feature;
- 3) Watch it after the fact on your own time on UNITY's website.

These sessions will be Bible Study & Book Club mix. We suggest reading *The Great Dechurching: Who's Leaving, Why Are They Going, And What Will It Take To Bring Them Back?* by Jim Davis and Michael Graham. We'll read 3 chapters a week and look at the 5 realms of understanding in our faith tradition: covenant & community, invitation & inclusion, healing & forgiveness, freedom & sacrifice, and divinity & love. The study will look at the decline in church participation, particularly since 2010, and what a church like UNITY might do to get ahead of a curve that needn't discourage us. The Bible always has much to teach, and new research opens our eyes to the good changes that lie ahead for Jesus' people.

# Special "One Night Only" Small Groups During Lent - Don't just live ... Bloom!

Come join our "One Night Only" Small Groups! This year for Lent, we are offering four unique, one-time experiences for groups to come together and experience our Lent theme in

different ways. Each group will meet one time and learn about our theme during their time together. Sign up through SignUp Genius.

- BLOOM & BAKING *Thursday, February 22 7:00-8:30 pm at COL* Join us as we bake desserts for our servant partners!
- BLOOM & BOURBON *Thursday, March 7 7:00-8:30 pm at Host Home* Join us for a night of bourbon tasting! Bring a bottle of your favorite to share.
- BLOOM & BOARD GAMES *Monday, March 11 7:00-8:30 pm at COL* Join us for a Game Night! We'll end with a devotion and short discussion. All ages are welcome to play and childcare will be available.
- BLOOM & BULBS *Thursday, March 14 11:00-12:30 pm at CTK* Join us for an *afternoon* of Spring Garden Planning! You'll receive bulbs to take home for planting.

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE!!** Lunch Bunch will take a break in Feb. for Ash Wednesday. In March Lunch Bunch will gather at Christ the King for the Lenten luncheon and service at noon. Starting April 10 they will be back to the second Wednesdays at 11:30 am at Maxim's. (18025 W. Capitol Drive in Brookfield.) Everyone is welcome, no matter your age or stage: younger, older, singles, couples, regular or occasional. Just show up because the nice thing about Maxim's is that seating is endlessly expandable. And, if you have any questions before you come, Esther McKee is your point person: (262) 246-6443.

# Moms Group Meets February 20 at COL from 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Moms Group is a time for moms of all ages and stages to share stories, pray together, and deepen their faith. We start by serving dinner. Kids eat together with childcare, then join choir practice or play in the nursery while adults gather upstairs in the art room for dinner and a devotion. Most kids are in 3rd grade and under but anyone is welcome to join us for Moms Group! We meet the third Tuesday of each month from 5:30-7:30 pm at COL. Our next gatherings for the program year are: February 20, March 19, April 16 & May 21. *Come find your tribe with us!* 

# Servant Ministries

Contact Muriel Otto, e: muriel@unitybrookfield.org Jackie Herington, c: 262-501-6138, e: jackieswan10@icloud.com

# Prayers for Our El Salvador Travelers: February 10-17

Our Mission of Healing Trip to El Salvador will be held February 10-17. The group will include UNITY members and friends, plus travelers from Atonement Lutheran Church in Muskego. **Please pray for our 24 travelers:** Greg Buck, Cari Corozza, Debbie Dolata-Drent, Cindy Dostal, Mary Ehrsman, Julie Elliott, Jolene Epding, Eric Gravenkamp, Mike Gutzeit, Julie Hoesly, Emily Johnson, Janice Johnson, Mike Johnson, Justin Kuehl, Megan Meiklejohn, Sue Mours, Mike Ocampo, Alice Otto, Muriel Otto, Samantha Ranney, Trisha Smith, Sean Stevens-Fabry, Erika Taipala and Alice Thompson.

Our group will travel on February 10, worship with Cordero de Dios on February 11, and visit a different town each day from February 12-15 to help run a clinic and health fair. Then on February 16 they will enjoy some important playtime with our partners, then travel home on February 17. *Blessings on this important ministry and praying for safe travels for all!* 

# Can You Help Us Pack Supplies for the El Salvador Trip? Tuesday, February 6, 5:30pm-7pm and Thursday, February 8, 10am. Cross of Life Campus Fellowship Hall.

We could use some helpers to finish assembling craft kits for the kids area at the clinic, as well as weighing and packing all our donations and supplies into 50 lb. bags. It goes much quicker with a group! We could use helpers of any age Tuesday evening to get things going and then Thursday morning to pack any straggler supplies and finalize. Let Muriel know if you can help.

**Show Some LOVE at Our Blood Drive on February 15 -** This Valentine's Day, show your LOVE at UNITY's Blood Drive on Thursday, February 15, from 1:00-6:00 pm at our COL campus. To select your time, go to the Red Cross Sign Up page for UNITY, found on our Sign Up web page OR, call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) and provide the Sponsor Code: UNITYBROOKFIELD. Need help? Contact Marilyn Ranney at 414-975-5606 or ranneymarilyn@gmail.com.

**Bread of Healing Free Clinic is looking to fill both paid staff and volunteer positions.** If interested in even just a conversation, please contact Barbara Horner-Ibler @ barbara.horner@breadofhealing.org:

**Paid RN position: 10-20 hrs/week.** This is a community nursing position, working in a great clinic with wonderful patients and a welcoming atmosphere. All who work there are inspired by our patients on a daily basis. We need an RN individual to supplement existing RN staff (Unity member Kathy Nevermann is one of them!). Hours can be very flexible, even from week-to-week. They vary from 8 am - 7 pm, and can accommodate early morning people and evening people! The primary responsibility is to maintain patient flow through the clinic - checking blood pressures and blood sugars, following up on labs, drawing labs, rooming patients and handing off to providers. If you aren't confident in certain skills, no worries! We teach people all the time (nursing students, pharmacy students, medical students, social work students)! We are really good at that! So come and join us! Or at least, come and talk to us!

**Volunteer RN positions: 4 hrs at a time.** Same as the above position description, but on a far more flexible schedule, and only 4 hrs at a time. Once a week, once a month, once a quarter - you decide! Our patient base is expanding, as patients lose coverage they have had through the pandemic under Badger Care. We need help!

**Ongoing Service Opportunities:** UNITY has standing volunteer "shifts" at various partners that we commit to covering as a church. Each one is coordinated by a different Unity member... each one has its own sign up page on the church website... and each one is an opportunity for you!

**Waukesha Food Pantry Food Distribution:** Each month, 4th Saturday, 9am-12pm; 5th Monday 5:45 - 8 pm.

**Serenity Inns Recovery Program Fellowship Dinners:** cook, deliver, or serve meal for 12 residents. Each month,1st Sunday and 2nd Friday, 6 - 7pm. Kids welcome.

**Monthly Meal Prep for Partners:** Join an all-ages team of UNITY volunteers to mass meal prep for Hebron Housing shelter and Serenity Inns recovery program. Wednesday evenings preceding the second Friday most months of the program year.

Partner we are praying for this month: Cordero de Dios

The altar flowers at CTK are given Diana & David Koenen in honor of Grandson, Michael's, First Birthday

The altar flowers at COL are given to the Glory of God

Thank you to Jane Dowling for arranging the altar flowers this weekend

This weekend's communion breads were baked by Kelsey Morrison

# **Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members**

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

## **Cross of Life Campus**

Aaron Rooney, Kay Maas, Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Scott Czarnik, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Natalie Kamenick, Tom Hochuli, Ardyce Myhre, Paula Dryer, Marlene Jernberg, John Vaughan, Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Alyce Vollan, Barb Purnell, Jenny Cape, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

## Christ the King Campus

Sharon Giessen, Gary Blaschke, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Kevin Nordmeyer, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Ken Schneider, Dave Rau

> We pray our prayers of sympathy for family and loved ones as they mourn the death of a loved one:

# **Cross of Life**

Margaret Fisher, mother-in-law of Sue Fisher, grandmother of Jennie & Nathan Eggert & Family

# **UNITY Prayer Place**

Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.

# February 3-4

Jack Stagg (serious health concerns), father of Stephanie Stagg Mary Iwen (Serious Medical Issues), sister of Karen Hartzler Richard Schuetze (hospice), good friend of the Karrels & Purnell families Tony Susa (spinal cord injury) brother-in-law of Vivian Clark Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

#### January 27-28

Catherine Varin (kidney health), sister of Fred Varin John Tompsett (open heart surgery), good friend of Julie & Greg Hoesly Ralph Phillips (lung cancer), uncle of Jolene Epding

## January 20-21

Emma (injured in car accident), girlfriend of Aaron Rooney Brenda (direction and a path forward), sister of Fonda Kapitan Lorna (motivation and clarity to make changes), sister of Fonda Kapitan Nancy Foss (ovarian cancer), cousin of Karen Anderson Diane Bogart-Flaten (open heart by-pass surgery), sister-in-law of Mary Jo Gehrking Nicole (cancer diagnosis), friend of Sara & Phil Roemaat

## January 13-14

Chris (cancer diagnosis), friend of Jeff Key Carol & Richard Klein (Carol-breast cancer/Richard - bile duct/liver cancer), friends of Julie Smith Dawn (recovering from a serious infection), friend of Diana and David Koenen

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, etc.) overseas and our military personnel: Ryan Cengeri, son of Julie Hochuli Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank Riederer

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Online	Ministers for February 3-4, 2024
Musicians:	Diana Koenen Greg Buck Praise Band Caitlin Dominski
COL 5:00 p.m.	Ministers for Saturday, February 3, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders:	Phil Roemaat Deborah Nustad, Missy Fogltanz Kim Klug Janet Day Connor Lalor Kris Kern Stark Marv Wunder

COL 8:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, February 4, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders: Nursery:	Barb Consigny Addison Kahle, Lucas Conway Molly & Cory Wirth Paul Langer Tracy Karrels Barb Consigny, Debbie Riederer, Jeanne & Greg Bonk Greg Bonk
CTK 9:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, February 4, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders: Nursery:	
COL 10:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, February 4, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders:	Lisa Welch Keira Kroepfl, Dexter Welch Patricia & Jeff Pelzel Fred Varin Jeff Stark Carole Syse, Jeff Stark Janet Day Clyde Reay



# **Transfiguration of Our Lord**

# February 10-11, 2024

Saturday, February 10, 2024 5:00 pm COL

Sunday, February 11, 2024 8:30 am COL 9:30 am CTK 10:30 am COL

# Online Worship anytime after 5:00 pm each Saturday

unitybrookfield.org

Cross of Life Campus 20700 W. North Avenue Brookfield, WI 53045 Christ the King Campus 4600 Pilgrim Road Brookfield, WI 53005

(262) 781-7600

# WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH!

#### We're glad you're here today! UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.

- Children. Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- **Nursery.** Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- Sunday School. All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)

# • At UNITY, the Communion Table is:

- Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
- Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
- Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
- We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
- Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
- If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: <u>unitybrookfield.org</u> for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

**GIVING.** If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the COL narthex and by the bulletin board in the CTK narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay is also accepted. Thank you!

# Prelude

"Alleluia" "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" Caccini Arr. Donald Hustad (5:00, 8:30, 10:30) (Online, 9:30)

## Words of Welcome

#### **Sharing the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Many: And also with you.

# **Call to Worship**

- One: Change...
- Many: clothes?
- One: Change...
- Many: lanes?
- One: Change...
- Many: in your pocket?
- One: Change...
- Many: the subject?
- One: Ah, now you're close. In today's gospel lesson, we find the disciples in some mix of awe and terror and they seem to just want to change the subject.
- Many: We get that. When we are uncomfortable, we engage our mouths before consulting our brains.
- One: Or hearts.

Many: Peter talked and talked at the transfiguration, but maybe he should just have said what was on his mind...

- One: Jesus! I'm scared!
- Many: Or maybe spoke what was on his heart...
- One: Jesus! This is so awe-some!
- Many Change...
- One: Of heart and mind... able to put into words what is true in us and real to others.
- Many: Jesus! You are our all in all!
- One: There! We said it!
- Many: From our words to our lives! May it be so. Amen!

## **Opening Hymn**

vs. 1, 3, 4 (All Services)
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## **Children's Message**

# **Greeting and Prayer of the Day**

- Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- Many: And also with you.

One: Let us pray. God, you enlighten us all our lives.

Many: Thank you for this day we call Transfiguration. May it focus our attention on Jesus' identity. He is light. He includes us in important moments. He teaches us how to handle change. He never stands still, but moves with grace and resolve into the future.

Oh God, our God, enlighten us all our lives. Shine for us. Shine ahead of us. Shine through us, we pray. Amen.

#### Anthem

<i>"Light of the World"</i> Vocalist: Korrin Gumieny, Handbells: Dia	Michael Bedford ana Koenen, Piano: Janet Day	(9:30)
	arr. Susan Palo Cherwien	(10:30)
	Ralph Johnson	(Online)

# **Gospel Acclamation**

"Thy Word"

# Gospel: Mark 9:2-9

"Transfiguration" is the translation of a Greek word we'd recognize anyway: "Metamorphosis." It refers to Jesus' change in appearance, but also applies to changes in Jesus' followers. Most of Mark's gospel describes an important first step of faith by all of us: just figuring out who Jesus is. The next step, that of being metamorphosized to someone more neighbor-centered, is more a leap than a step. Ready to jump?

One: The Gospel according to Mark, the ninth chapter **Many:** Glory to you O, Lord.

<sup>2</sup>Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" <sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

One: The Gospel of the Lord Many: Praise to you, O Christ. Message "No Filter"

John Horner-Ibler

#### Hymn of the Day

"How Good, Lord, to Be Here!"	ELW 315 vs. 1, 2, 3, 5	(All Services)
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#### The Prayers of the People

One: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. *(Congregation response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer.")* 

Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Many: Amen.

#### Announcements and Offering

# **Offertory Response** (as gifts are brought forward)

"Bright and Glorious Is the Sky" ELW 301 vs. 3

#### **Prayer of Thanks**

- One: Let us pray. Blessed are you,
- Many: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

- Pastor: The Lord be with you.
- Many: And also with you.
- Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
- Many: We lift them to the Lord.
- Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### **Words of Institution**

#### The Lord's Prayer (traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

# **Communion Meditation**

"Come Thou Fount"	arr. Wesley	(5:00, 8:30, 10:30)
"Amazing Grace"	arr. Fred Bock	(9:30)

# Post Communion Blessing

Spoken Response: Amen.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

One: Let us pray. O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Many: Amen.

# Benediction

## Sending Hymn

*"We Are Marching in the Light"* ELW 866 (All Services) Congregational participation with rhythm instruments! Grab one and join in playing.

#### Dismissal

One: Go in peace, serve the Lord! Many: Thanks be to God!

# Postlude

"Не"	Jack Richards	(5:00, 8:30, 10:30)
"Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven"	arr. Lani Smith	(Online, 9:30)

# **UNITY Highlights**

# Call Team Commissioned January 27/28, Set Dates for Congregation Input Meetings

Our 11-person call team was "commissioned" in worship last weekend with a laying on of hands, charge to the work, and reminder of the support of this church and presence of God. We give thanks for all the good people in this place, and for those yet to come! This week, the team set dates for congregational input meetings, where they hope to gather information from you to help them convey who we are to prospective pastor candidates. Meetings are:

# -Sunday, February 11th, 9:30am at COL and 10:30am at CTK (after worship)

# -Tuesday, February 20, 6:30 pm on Zoom

-Wednesday, February 21, 5:45pm at COL (before Lent Wednesday worship)

# -Thursday, February 22, 7:00pm at CTK

Your voice is invaluable, so please attend whichever times works best for you. They will also send a survey version for anyone who can't make the in-person meetings, and hope to share results and a draft of the church profile at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 25. The Call Team will also take the next few months to introduce themselves to you so watch for that info. Those serving include: Nelson Brownell, David Engle, Mary Huss, Jim Johnsen, Linda Johnson, Matt Jolliff, Logan Kemper (youth rep), Mark Krause (HR rep), Davida Kroepfl (council rep), Jessica Schrieber, and Melanie Varin.

# Annual Meeting: Sunday, February 25 at 9:30 am at both COL and CTK

Please make every effort to attend our Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 25, at 9:30 am. We'll have a shortened 8:30 am worship at COL, then people can remain in the building for the meeting at 9:30 am. For those at the CTK campus, come to CTK at 9:30 am, grab your doughnut & coffee and head into the sanctuary for the meeting ... then stay for a worship service at 10:45 am! A Zoom link will be available for anyone attending our Annual Meeting at home. Please watch for that to come through email.

*There will be a worship service and Sunday School at both COL and CTK at 10:45am, along with a live-streamed worship service at 10:45 am for those at home.* 

# Pre-Annual Meeting Forums on Sunday, February 18 at both COL and CTK

Our Pre-Annual Meeting Info Forums will be held on Sunday, February 18, at 9:30 am at COL and 10:30 am at CTK. Join our Treasurer Adrienne Krueger and Finance Chair Phil Roemaat, along with other Council members, to hear how 2023 ended and get the 2024 budget they will propose the following weekend. In addition to reading reports from our Staff and Council members, you'll be able to review ministry summaries, and ask any questions you have.

**Would You Consider Serving on a Council Team?** Our church is run by 11 teams of members, each covering one area of our life together. Each team has a chair, who serves on our church council, and a group of members who works together on all kinds of tasks, everything from audits to marketing to party-throwing. The teams are: Communication and Technology, Adult Programs, Christian Education, Finance, Group Opportunities, Invite (New Members), Property, Servant Ministries, Stewardship, Youth, Worship and Music. It varies by team, but most meet 4 times per year, twice on our "all teams" nights and twice individually, and work on

various projects in between. It is important work, and we need lots of good people to do it. Next All Teams meeting night is February 13.

Right now the Invite and Group Opportunities teams especially could use more people. The Invite group runs our twice-yearly new member classes and works to welcome and support new arrivals to Unity. Group Opportunities is in charge of quarterly social events (game nights, festivals, walks, anything fun!) to bring people together. You can contact all council chairs through the Unity website or talk to a staff member or the team chairs: For Invite, Anna Jansson (**ajansson8@gmail.com**); Group Opportunities Tiffany Reay (**reayt5@gmail.com**)

**Scholarships:** UNITY Church has four (4) \$1,000 education scholarships available for our high school students applying to college or current college students, who are attending a University, College, or Institution of higher education this year. Priority is given to anyone attending a Lutheran college or university, or majoring in nursing or engineering. If you are interested, contact Matt Griepentrog, Don Bock (<u>dandcbock@sbcglobal.net</u>), or any pastor for more information and details.

# All Things Lent

Lent As Shared Faith Exploration, Begins February 14 Our overall theme for Lent this year is: *Bloom! Growing Healthier Yourself and Making It Healthier for Others Too.* Our Worship & Music team is excited about this theme because "health" has both personal and social determinants which makes it a lot like faith. Our Adult Programs team is excited because the idea of blooming where we're planted is a great place to focus our spiritual attention during Lent. Join in for Tuesday Lent for Littles, Wednesday midweek services, daily devotions, weekly Bible studies, and "one night only" small groups of all varieties!

## Ash Wednesday Services February 14: Noon at CTK, 7pm at COL and Live-streamed

We will gather to remember that we are the Lord's in our living and our dying through the ritual of the "Imposition of Ashes." A black cross made from ashes of palm branches will be placed on the foreheads of anyone who wishes to receive it as a sign of our humanness, but also as a sign of who we are in Christ through our baptism.

# Lent Offering:

**UNITY's 2024 Lent offerings will go towards the re-roof of the elementary school at Rutilio Grande, one of our El Salvador partners.** Anything you give designated for "Lent Offering" will be used to help with re-roofing. If we raise enough for that project, then extra dollars will go to create Thank you for helping us share beyond ourselves this Lent.

Lent for Littles: Dinner and Family Activities, Tuesdays 5:30pm-7pm. Each Tuesday during Lent (February 20-March 19) enjoy a simple and kid-friendly meal from 5:30-6:00 pm at our COL campus, followed by family activities for kids and their adults to do together. Activities from 6:00-6:30 pm will be geared toward Grade 1-6, and 6:30-7:00 pm activities will be geared toward PreK-Grade 1 to mirror the schedule for any kids in choir ... but come whenever it works for you! Please note that ALL families are welcome to join our Lent for Littles Program! Can you Lend a Hand with Lent for Littles Meals? We are in need of one shopper and one meal maker/server for each week. Please sign up online.

# Wednesday Meals and Worship: Lunch + Worship at CTK, Dinner + Worship at COL

Join us for a meal & worship the 5 Wednesdays following Ash Wednesday: Feb. 21-March 20.

At Christ the King: We'll begin with a meal of soup and sides at noon, then transition into a short time of worship and be sent on our way by 1 pm.

At Cross of Life: Dinner is served from 5:30 pm until worship begins at 6:50 pm, with the evening typically closing by 7:30 pm. Each week we serve a soup and a side. Worship will be live-streamed for anyone who prefers to join online or watch after the fact.

Can you help with Lent Meals? We are blessed to have many Small Groups hosting Lent Wednesdays and helping with setup, soup & entree making, and serving & cleanup. But we still need shoppers and desserts! For CTK there is a paper sign-up at the coffee bar. For COL, sign up online.

**Soup Making Group, Wednesdays 2pm at COL** Do you like to cook and not do it alone? This is perfect for you! Each Wednesday we plan on making the soup each week in the COL kitchen at 2 pm. Jump in for a fun time of cooking together led by Nancy Kostanski!

**"One Night Only" Small Groups:** four unique experiences to come together and bloom! More detail in the Adult Programs section. Sign up on the website.

Bloom and Baking: Thursday, February 22, 7:00-8:30pm in COL kitchen Bloom and Bourbon: Thursday, March 7, 7:00-8:30pm at host home Bloom and Board Games: Monday, March 11, 7:00-8:30pm at COL Bloom and Bulbs: Thursday, March 14, 11am-12:30pm at CTK

## Bible Studies: In person at each campus and online

Sundays 9:30 at Cross of Life, led by Pastor Dave Meisner Sundays, 10:30 at Christ the King, led by Adult Programs Director Matt Griepentrog Thursdays, 7-8pm online, led by Pastor John Horner-Ibler More info on dates and topics in the adult programs section.

**Daily Devotions:** We plan to create daily faith explorations, or devotions, for Lent that will be emailed to anyone who signs ups or them- a plan similar to what we've done in the past. We need both writers and readers! Sign up for either on the church website.

Sr. High Contact Sherrie Lorbeck or John Horner-Ibler; e: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org or john@unitybrookfield.org Eric Borkenhagen, c:(262) 442-6283:, e: ericnborkenhagen@gmail.com

# THIS WEEKEND - No Event - enjoy the Super Bowl!

Summer Trip 2024 - Save the Date! Mark your calendars for July 14-21, 2024. Those are our planned dates for our Summer Trip to the National Youth Gathering.

#### Adult Programs Contact Matt Griepentrog, e: <u>matt@unitybrookfield.org</u> c: 262-787-8820

This Sunday, February 11th: Congregational Input Meetings 9:30 at COL, 10:30 at CTK

# Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

- February 18th: Annual Meeting Info Meeting at 9:30 at COL, 10:30 at CTK
- February 25th: Annual Meeting, no adult programs

# Sunday Lent Bible Studies Coming to COL & CTK in March:

# • March 3, 10 & 17: 9:45 am at COL Led by Pastor Dave Meissner

Our Lenten theme calls for us to "Bloom Where You Are Planted!" That's both challenging and exciting! But the Bible shows us how to *practically* make it happen. We'll look at:

- How to grow and mature in our faith
- How to consult with God in our daily decision making
- What Jesus has to say about our Christian values and morals.

If you want to grow in your walk with Jesus and are ready for something more than usual, join Pastor Dave Meissner as he leads this 3-week study

# • March 3, 10 & 17: 10:30 am at CTK Led by Matt Griepentrog

Watch for more info about Matt's Bible Study focused on our "Bloom" theme, then join us for great discussions!

# Weekly Online Bible Study: February 15-March 14 led by Pastor John

Introducing our Weekly Online Bible Study during Lent: *"Timely Truths: Our Most Important Beliefs and Why They Matter in a De-Churching World."* Be a part of this weekly study led by John Horner-Ibler. We will meet **online five Thursdays: February 15- March 14, from 7:00-8:00 pm.** There are 3 ways to be a part of this:

- 1) Join the Zoom session and participate in real time (link coming);
- 2) Watch it on Facebook. Participate via a slightly delayed texting feature;
- 3) Watch it after the fact on your own time on UNITY's website.

These sessions will be Bible Study & Book Club mix. We suggest reading *The Great Dechurching: Who's Leaving, Why Are They Going, And What Will It Take To Bring Them Back?* by Jim Davis and Michael Graham. We'll read 3 chapters a week and look at the 5 realms of understanding in our faith tradition: covenant & community, invitation & inclusion, healing & forgiveness, freedom & sacrifice, and divinity & love. The study will look at the decline in church participation, particularly since 2010, and what a church like UNITY might do to get ahead of a curve that needn't discourage us. The Bible always has much to teach, and new research opens our eyes to the good changes that lie ahead for Jesus' people.

# Special "One Night Only" Small Groups During Lent - Don't just live ... Bloom!

Come join our "One Night Only" Small Groups! This year for Lent, we are offering four unique, one-time experiences for groups to come together and experience our Lent theme in different ways. Each group will meet one time and learn about our theme during their time together. Sign up through SignUp Genius.

# • BLOOM & BAKING - Thursday, February 22 - 7:00-8:30 pm at COL

Join us as we bake desserts for our servant partners!

- BLOOM & BOURBON *Thursday, March 7 7:00-8:30 pm at Host Home* Join us for a night of bourbon tasting! Bring a bottle of your favorite to share.
- BLOOM & BOARD GAMES *Monday, March 11 7:00-8:30 pm at COL* Join us for a Game Night! We'll end with a devotion and short discussion. All ages are welcome to play and childcare will be available.
- BLOOM & BULBS *Thursday, March 14 11:00-12:30 pm at CTK* Join us for an *afternoon* of Spring Garden Planning! You'll receive bulbs to take home for planting.

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE!!** Lunch Bunch will take a break in Feb. for Ash Wednesday. In March Lunch Bunch will gather at Christ the King for the Lenten luncheon and service at noon. Starting April 10 they will be back to the second Wednesdays at 11:30 am at Maxim's. (18025 W. Capitol Drive in Brookfield.) Everyone is welcome, no matter your age or stage: younger, older, singles, couples, regular or occasional. Just show up because the nice thing about Maxim's is that seating is endlessly expandable. And, if you have any questions before you come, Esther McKee is your point person: (262) 246-6443.

## Moms Group Meets February 20 at COL from 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Moms Group is a time for moms of all ages and stages to share stories, pray together, and deepen their faith. We start by serving dinner. Kids eat together with childcare, then join choir practice or play in the nursery while adults gather upstairs in the art room for dinner and a devotion. Most kids are in 3rd grade and under but anyone is welcome to join us for Moms Group! We meet the third Tuesday of each month from 5:30-7:30 pm at COL. Our next gatherings for the program year are: February 20, March 19, April 16 & May 21. *Come find your tribe with us!* 

## Servant Ministries

Contact Muriel Otto, e: muriel@unitybrookfield.org Jackie Herington, c: 262-501-6138, e: jackieswan10@icloud.com

# Prayers for Our El Salvador Travelers: February 10-17

Our Mission of Healing Trip to El Salvador left February 10 and returns February 17. The group includes UNITY members and friends, plus travelers from Atonement Lutheran Church in Muskego. **Please pray for our 24 travelers:** Greg Buck, Cari Corozza, Debbie Dolata-Drent, Cindy Dostal, Mary Ehrsman, Julie Elliott, Jolene Epding, Eric Gravenkamp, Mike Gutzeit, Julie Hoesly, Emily Johnson, Janice Johnson, Mike Johnson, Justin Kuehl, Megan Meiklejohn, Sue Mours, Mike Ocampo, Alice Otto, Muriel Otto, Samantha Ranney, Trisha Smith, Sean Stevens-Fabry, Erika Taipala and Alice Thompson.

Our group will travel on February 10, worship with Cordero de Dios on February 11, and visit a different town each day from February 12-15 to help run a clinic and health fair. Then on February 16 they will enjoy some important playtime with our partners, then travel home on February 17. *Blessings on this important ministry and praying for safe travels for all!* 

Many thanks to all who came and helped finish assembling craft kits for the kids area at the clinic, as well as weighing and packing all our donations and supplies into 50 lb. bags.

**Show Some LOVE at Our Blood Drive on February 15 -** This Valentine's Day, show your LOVE at UNITY's Blood Drive on Thursday, February 15, from 1:00-6:00 pm at our COL campus. To select your time, go to the Red Cross Sign Up page for UNITY, found on our Sign Up web page OR, call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) and provide the Sponsor Code: UNITYBROOKFIELD. Need help? Contact Marilyn Ranney at 414-975-5606 or ranneymarilyn@gmail.com.

Come join us on **Friday February 23 - 5:30 - 7:00pm at UNITY's COL Campus** as our friends from Aspen Center show a li'l love to our friends at Hephatha! We'll start at 5:30 with some pizza for dinner, then tie some fleece blankets and pack trail mix packets - we should be "wrapping up" (\*) around 7 PM.

**Bread of Healing Free Clinic is looking to fill both paid staff and volunteer positions.** If interested in even just a conversation, please contact Barbara Horner-Ibler @ barbara.horner@breadofhealing.org:

**Paid RN position: Mondays.** This is a community nursing position, working in a great clinic with wonderful patients and a welcoming atmosphere. All who work there are inspired by our patients on a daily basis. We need an RN individual to supplement existing RN staff (Unity member Kathy Nevermann is one of them!). Hours can be very flexible. Our current need is for someone available on Mondays. The primary responsibility is to maintain patient flow through the clinic - checking blood pressures and blood sugars, following up on labs, drawing labs, rooming patients and handing off to providers. If you aren't confident in certain skills, no worries! We teach people all the time (nursing students, pharmacy students, medical students, social work students)! We are really good at that! So come and join us! Or at least, come and talk to us!

**Volunteer RN positions: 4 hrs at a time.** Same as the above position description, but on a far more flexible schedule, and only 4 hrs at a time. Once a week, once a month, once a quarter - you decide! Our patient base is expanding, as patients lose coverage they have had through the pandemic under Badger Care. We need help!

**Ongoing Service Opportunities:** UNITY has standing volunteer "shifts" at various partners that we commit to covering as a church. Each one is coordinated by a different Unity member... each one has its own sign up page on the church website... and each one is an opportunity for you!

**Waukesha Food Pantry Food Distribution:** Each month, 4th Saturday, 9am-12pm; 5th Monday 5:45 - 8 pm.

**Serenity Inns Recovery Program Fellowship Dinners:** cook, deliver, or serve meal for 12 residents. Each month,1st Sunday and 2nd Friday, 6 - 7pm. Kids welcome.

**Monthly Meal Prep for Partners:** Join an all-ages team of UNITY volunteers to mass meal prep for Hebron Housing shelter and Serenity Inns recovery program. Wednesday evenings preceding the second Friday most months of the program year.

Partner we are praying for this month: Cordero de Dios

The altar flowers at CTK are given by Mary Huss to the Glory of God

The altar flowers at COL are given by Deborah Nustad in celebration of Alexander Nustad's 20th Birthday

Thank you to Barb Hemmingsen for arranging the altar flowers this weekend

This weekend's communion breads were baked by Barb Borkenhagen

# **Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members**

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

## **Cross of Life Campus**

Aaron Rooney, Kay Maas, Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Scott Czarnik, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Natalie Kamenick, Tom Hochuli, Ardyce Myhre, Paula Dryer, Marlene Jernberg, John Vaughan, Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Alyce Vollan, Barb Purnell, Jenny Cape, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

## Christ the King Campus

Sharon Giessen, Gary Blaschke, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Kevin Nordmeyer, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Ken Schneider, Dave Rau

> We pray our prayers of sympathy for family and loved ones as they mourn the death of a loved one:

> > **Cross of Life** Harriet Jaszewski, mother of Randy Daul

> > > **Christ the King Campus** Jeff Furness, husband of Laurie

# **UNITY Prayer Place**

Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.

# February 10-11

Ruthann Ungeran (Parkinson's diagnosis), sister-in-law of Judie Born, Aunt/Godmother to Liz Ried Pat McNulty (stroke), family friend of the Epdings Roland Toucups (stage 4 pancreatic cancer), friend of Denny Thompson Donna Funk (bladder cancer/liver issues), daughter of Pearl Haack Chris (cancer diagnosis), friend of Jeff Key Dawn (recovering from a serious infection), friend of Diana and David Koenen

## February 3-4

Jack Stagg (serious health concerns), father of Stephanie Stagg Mary Iwen (Serious Medical Issues), sister of Karen Hartzler Richard Schuetze (hospice), good friend of the Karrels & Purnell families Tony Susa (spinal cord injury) brother-in-law of Vivian Clark Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

#### January 27-28

Catherine Varin (kidney health), sister of Fred Varin John Tompsett (open heart surgery), good friend of Julie & Greg Hoesly Ralph Phillips (lung cancer), uncle of Jolene Epding

#### January 20-21

Emma (injured in car accident), girlfriend of Aaron Rooney Brenda (direction and a path forward), sister of Fonda Kapitan Lorna (motivation and clarity to make changes), sister of Fonda Kapitan Nancy Foss (ovarian cancer), cousin of Karen Anderson Diane Bogart-Flaten (open heart by-pass surgery), sister-in-law of Mary Jo Gehrking Nicole (cancer diagnosis), friend of Sara & Phil Roemaat

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, etc.) overseas and our military personnel: Ryan Cengeri, son of Julie Hochuli Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank Riederer

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Online	Ministers for February 10-11, 2024
Musicians:	Mary Huss Pete Meiklejohn Janet Day, Molly Pufall-Brown & Family Caitlin Dominski
COL 5:00 p.m.	Ministers for Saturday, February 10, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders:	Barb Meiklejohn, Dennis Horne Brynn LaTourette, Ellie LaTourette Jamie Niederbaumer, Dennis Horne Marilyn Ranney Marilyn Ranney Kim Klug, Kevin Grabowski Kim Klug Greg O'Connell Kay Koepsel-Benning Dylan Grabowski Marv Wunder

COL 8:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, February 11, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders: Nursery:	Lisa Nass, Josef Keup Charlotte Quinnell, Mackenzie Kiefer, Blake Duerr Art Keup, Steve Taipala Sally Thomas Kiley Keup Michelle Duerr, Lisa & Kevin Nass, Paul Langer Lisa Nass Greg O'Connell Mike Aprahamian
CTK 9:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, February 11, 2024
Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders: Nursery:	Annalise Nordstrom Marge & Jerry Kipp Tyler Nordstrom Jane Boorse Jane Boorse, Sharon Giessen Jane Boorse Janet Day Aaron Prohuska Korrin Gumieny
COL 10:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, February 11, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders:	Caroline Roland, Greg Hoesly Anden Nellis, Max Herington Carole Syse, Tara Sanicola Melanie Varin Jeff Stark Greg Hoesly, Jeff Stark Greg O'Connell Steve Brewer Joe Herington

# Lent 2024 BLOOM! Growing Healthier Together And Making It Healthier for Others Too



Ash Wednesday

February 14, 2024

12:00 pm CTK Campus 7:00 pm COL Campus

Prelude	"Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"	arr. Zabel	(12:00)
	"Near the Cross"	arr. Line	(7:00)

#### Welcome

#### **Prayer of Confession & Forgiveness**

One: In the name of the Father, and of the ♥ Son, and of the Holy Spirit,

## Many: Amen.

One: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Many: Amen.

One: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

#### Silence for reflection and self-examination

- One: Most merciful God,
- Many: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- One: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

# Many: Amen.

# **Opening Hymn** *"Create in Me a Clean Heart"*

ELW 186

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

## Children's Message (7:00pm)

Anthem "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" arr. Judy Endean 12:00 video / 7:00 live Gloria Dei Bell Choir Christine Bjorklund, Director

# First Lesson Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-23

While chapter one of Genesis describes a God whose power is able to speak life into being. Listen closely to how God creates in this account. Better yet. Imagine it. Then hold onto it for what lies ahead to remember the love through which we were first created.

<sup>4</sup>These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, <sup>5</sup>when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up — for the Lord GOD had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; <sup>6</sup>but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground — <sup>7</sup>then the Lord GOD formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. <sup>8</sup>And the Lord GOD planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. <sup>9</sup>Out of the ground the Lord GOD made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

<sup>15</sup>The Lord GOD took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup>And the Lord GOD commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; <sup>17</sup>but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

<sup>18</sup>Then the Lord GOD said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." <sup>19</sup>So out of the ground the Lord GOD formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. <sup>21</sup>So the Lord GOD caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the Lord GOD had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken."

## The Imposition of Ashes

After the invitation of the pastor, all who desire to receive ashes may do so. People of any age are welcome to come forward. An ash cross will be marked on your forehead with the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." As you hear the words spoken, trust that though none of us lives forever in this life, when we die to this world we return to the One who created us from the very dust of the ground for good.

#### Gospel Acclamation "Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil" ELW 512

#### Gospel Lesson: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

This reading is part of Jesus' first big public speech, often called the "Sermon on the Mount." In this part Jesus encourages people to pray and give to charity because they love God, not because they think it will make them look good to other people. He reminds them to work for eternal things, not physical things, because they are what matter most.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 6th chapter. Many: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples,] "Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

One: The Gospel of the Lord. Many: Praise to you, O Christ!

Message	"Created for Good"	Sherrie Lorbeck
Hymn after Message	"Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery"	ELW 334

#### Offering

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ELW 801

"Change My Heart, O God"

#### **Prayer of Thanks**

- One: Let us pray. Creator of All,
- Many: We bring to you first all that we struggle with in our lives from day to day, in our relationships and in our world. Trusting in your power and the gift of being able to call upon You for your help in every present need.

We also give you thanks for your love through Christ Jesus, that seeks to keep us close and connected, for seeing in us more good and possibility than we are able to see for ourselves at times, for the ways you don't hold our mistakes against us, but instead, call us back and create in us clean hearts and right spirits to be focused on this life you give to us.

For all that we offer to you this day, we ask that you would multiply it a hundred fold to be used for your good purpose. May it bring life, hope and healing to all those who are touched by it's ripples.

Fill us now with your love and grace, so that we may be sent forth from this place to grow and flourish and nurture all the seeds that you have planted, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Amen.

#### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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- Many: And also with you.
- Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
- Many: We lift them to the Lord.
- Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- Many: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

#### Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer (traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### **Communion Meditation**

"Near the Cross"	arr. Carter	(12:00)
"Be Thou My Vision"	arr. Line	(7:00)

**Post Communion Blessing** Spoken Response: Amen.

#### **Prayer after Communion:**

Let us pray. Merciful God, One:

accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gifts of Many: love and knowledge, heart and mind, that we may provide for those who have need, pray for those in hardship, fast from self-indulgence, and find our treasure in the life of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### **Benediction**

Sending Hy	ymn "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"	ELW 325	
Dismissal One: Many:	Go in peace, serve the Lord! Thanks be to God!		
Postlude	<i>"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"</i> <i>"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"</i>	arr. Whitsett arr. Schrader	(12:00) (7:00)

# Lent 2024

# **BLOOM!** Growing Healthier Together and Making It Healthier for Others Too

(A special Lent 2024 box has been created on the website where you will find everything you need to know)

#### Wednesday Schedule

• CTK Campus: Soup starting at noon, then worship. Finished around 1 pm.

If you would like to bring a soup, rolls, or salad to share, please choose a Wednesday that works for you and add your name to the paper sign-up on the coffee bar or call the church office. Thank you!

• **COL Campus**: Meal (one soup, one other main option) served 5:30-6:30pm, Confirmation 6:00-6:50, evening worship, 6:50-7:30

Please see the Sign Up Genius located on our website in the box Lent 2024.

#### **Daily Devotion**

Available by signing up on our website to have them delivered each day to your email or you can read them on the website. To sign up, please go to the box *Lent 2024* on the website.

#### Lent for Littles

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#### **Confirmation Students**

Students will be handling the service leadership roles at 6 of our Wednesday evening and Holy Week services.

# 12:00 p.m. CTK

Ministers for Wednesday, February 14

Greeter:	Diana VanSlyke
Usher:	Paul Langer
Reader:	Jane Boorse
Communion Assistants:	Barb Patterson, Jane Boorse
ABC:	Jane Boorse
Worship Musician:	
Visual Projection:	Mary Huss
Song Leader:	-

# 7:00 p.m. COL

# Ministers for Wednesday, February 14

Acolyte: Usher: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: Worship Musician: ABC: Sound: Visual Projection:	Jamie Niederbaumer, Patricia Petran Will Register Mark Hilgart, David Kapitan Susie Hilgart Leslie O'Connell Joy Czarnik, Jeff Stark Lynn Key Cheryl Caraulia Fonda Kapitan Duane Maas
Song Leader:	
e	Gail Anklam



# The First Weekend in Lent

# February 17-18, 2024

Saturday, February 17, 2024 5:00 pm COL

Sunday, February 18, 2024 8:30 am COL 9:30 am CTK 10:30 am COL

# Online Worship anytime after 5:00 pm each Saturday

unitybrookfield.org

Cross of Life Campus 20700 W. North Avenue Brookfield, WI 53045 Christ the King Campus 4600 Pilgrim Road Brookfield, WI 53005

(262) 781-7600

# WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH!

#### We're glad you're here today! UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.

- Children. Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- **Nursery.** Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- Sunday School. All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)

# • At UNITY, the Communion Table is:

- Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
- Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
- Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
- We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
- Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
- If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: <u>unitybrookfield.org</u> for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

**GIVING.** If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the COL narthex and by the bulletin board in the CTK narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay is also accepted. Thank you!

# Prelude

"Be With Me Lord" "In Reverence"

arr. Lorie Line Philip Wesley (5:00, 8:30, 10:30) (Online, 9:30)

# Words of Welcome

# Sharing the Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always. Many: And also with you.

# **Time for Confession and Forgiveness**

Each weekend during Lent, we use a different form of confession out of our Lutheran tradition. Today we use portions of the service for Confession and Forgiveness from pages 238-242 in our hymnal.

One: Blessed be the holy Three, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

# Many: Amen.

One: God of grace and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Many: Amen.

- One: Holy God, holy and immortal, have mercy on us: For longing to have what is not ours, and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves:
- Many: Holy God, have mercy on us.
- One: For our misuse of the time you give us and our unwillingness to see the image of God in others:

# Many: Holy God, have mercy on us.

- One: For jealousies that divide families and rivalries that create warfare:
- Many: Holy God, have mercy on us.
- One: For carelessness with the fruits of creation and forgetfulness in acknowledging the goodness extended us by others:
- Many: Holy God, have mercy on us.
- One: People of God: God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and has made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved! In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen your power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith.
- Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

# **Opening Hymn**

"God is Here!"

# Anthem

*"God is Love"* Miller/Reynolds (Online, live 8:30, video 5:00 & 9:30) Celebration Choir; Director, Janet Day; Accompanist, Lynn Key *"Fishers of Men"* arr. Foncannon (10:30) Joyful Noise Choir; Director, Janet Day; Accompanist, Lynn Key

# Children's Message

# **Greeting and Prayer of the Day**

- Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- Many: And also with you.
- One: Let us pray. Gracious God,
- Many: As your people, we constantly struggle to live according to your ways. We wonder why we have to face temptations. We never let ourselves forget when we fail. But through our baptism, you have claimed us as your own and promised your love, forgiveness and presence in our lives. Guide us in all that we do, so that we don't remain stuck in the past or trying to hurry our way through to some future moment. The time is now. Help us hear the Good News you speak to us this day. Then, give us the power of your Spirit to turn from that which gets in the way of your voice. May all we have learned of your ways be what allows us to keep growing in faith and love toward you. Amen.

# **First Lesson** Psalm 25:1-10

The psalms preceding this ask the question "Who belongs to God?" Here, the response is "Everyone who offers themselves to God and seeks to learn from God's teaching." And while none of us are able to do that perfectly, we trust that it is God's willingness to forgive out of steadfast love that keeps our identity intact.

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. <sup>2</sup>O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me. <sup>3</sup>Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. <sup>4</sup>Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. <sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long. <sup>6</sup>Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. <sup>7</sup>Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD! <sup>8</sup>Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. <sup>9</sup>He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. <sup>10</sup>All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

**Gospel Acclamation** 

"Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil" ELW 512

# Gospel: Mark 1:9-15

As the 40-day season of Lent begins, we turn to Mark's account of Jesus' 40-day temptation in the wilderness. Per Mark's high-speed writing style, the whole story gets only one verse, bracketed by equally brief tellings of his baptism and launching of his ministry.

One: The Gospel according to Mark, the ninth chapter **Many:** Glory to you O, Lord.

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." <sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. <sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent, and believe in the good news."

One: The Gospel of the Lord Many: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message "The Time is Now" Sherrie Lorbeck

#### Hymn of the Day

"Be Thou My Vision"

ELW 793 vs. 1 & 2

(All Services)

# The Prayers of the People

Many:	Amen.
Pastor:	Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
	(Congregation response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer.")
	according to their needs.
One:	Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people

#### **Announcements and Offering**

**Offertory Response** (as gifts are brought forward) "Change My Heart, O God" ELW 801

# **Prayer of Thanks**

One: Let us pray. Merciful God,

Many: in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you embrace our lives with your great love for humanity. With joy and gladness we ask that these gifts may be for many a sign of that love, and that we may continue to share in your divine life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them to the Lord.

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Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### Words of Institution

#### The Lord's Prayer (traditional)

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#### **Communion Meditation**

"Beneath The Cross Of Jesus"	arr. Lorie Line	(5:00, 8:30, 10:30)
"Be Still My Soul"	arr. Howlett	(9:30)

#### **Post Communion Blessing**

Spoken Response: Amen.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

One:	Let us pray. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation
	you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send
	us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming
	love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our
	Lord.

Many: Amen.

#### Benediction

Sending Hymn "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"	ELW 551	(All Services)
Dismissal One: Go in peace, serve the Lord! Many: Thanks be to God!		
<b>Postlude</b> <i>"Just A Closer Walk With Thee"</i> <i>"I Will Serve Thee"</i>	arr. Lorie Line William Gaither	(5:00, 8:30, 10:30) (Online, 9:30)

# **UNITY Highlights**

#### **Pre-Annual Meeting Forums this Sunday, February 18 at both COL and CTK** Our Pre-Annual Meeting Info Forums will be held on Sunday, February 18, at 9:30 am at COL and 10:30 am at CTK. Join our Treasurer Adrienne Krueger and Finance Chair Phil Roemaat, along with other Council members, to hear how 2023 ended and get the 2024 budget they will propose the following weekend. In addition to reading reports from our Staff and Council members, you'll be able to review ministry summaries, and ask any questions you have.

# **Call Team News: Dates for Congregation Input Meetings**

The team set dates for congregational input meetings, where they hope to gather information from you to help them convey who we are to prospective pastor candidates. The remaining meetings are all this week:

# -Tuesday, February 20, 6:30 pm on Zoom (link is in Saturday, Feb17 all-congregation email)

-Wednesday, February 21, 5:45pm at COL (before Lent Wednesday worship)

# -Thursday, February 22, 7:00pm at CTK

Your voice is invaluable, so please attend whichever times works best for you. They will also send a survey version for anyone who can't make the in-person meetings, and hope to share results and a draft of the church profile at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 25. The Call Team will also take the next few months to introduce themselves to you so watch for that info. Those serving include: Nelson Brownell, David Engle, Mary Huss, Jim Johnsen, Linda Johnson, Matt Jolliff, Logan Kemper (youth rep), Mark Krause (HR rep), Davida Kroepfl (council rep), Jessica Schrieber, and Melanie Varin.

# Annual Meeting: Sunday, February 25 at 9:30 am at both COL and CTK

Please make every effort to attend our Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 25, at 9:30 am. We'll have a shortened 8:30 am worship at COL, then people can remain in the building for the meeting at 9:30 am. For those at the CTK campus, come to CTK at 9:30 am, grab your doughnut & coffee and head into the sanctuary for the meeting ... then stay for a worship service at 10:45 am! A Zoom link will be available for anyone attending our Annual Meeting at home. Please watch for that to come through email. Our quorum will be roughly 180 people, a big number but one we've hit easily for several years now. Please attend in person or via Zoom so that as many of us as possible can be tracking the work and direction of UNITY.

There will be a worship service and Sunday School at both COL and CTK at 10:45am, along with a live-streamed worship service at 10:45 am for those at home.

# **Fond Farewell for Gail Anklam: Sunday, March 10 at 9:30 am.** The Presentation Hall transforms into a giant nursery – a small-scale Gail Gala!

With recent changes in her life, Gail will soon relocate to Appleton to be near her daughter and grandchildren. We're so grateful for 35+ years that Gail has been part of UNITY. She's put her heart and boundless TLC into our kids in the nursery, been behind the scenes to help

weddings run smoothly, delivered home communion, and so much more. We're looking for a few folks to join Pr. Sherrie to plan fun centers, activities, and food. And if you have then & now photos of your kids who have been in Gail's care, please send them along. Also... we're hoping that literally anyone under the age of 35 who was ever in our nursery, or anyone who's wedding Gail helped administer attend at 8:30 or 10:30 on March 10. We'll try to surround Gail with as many of her peeps as possible as we celebrate her work among us!

# All Things Lent

Lent As Shared Faith Exploration, Our overall theme for Lent this year is: *Bloom! Growing Healthier Yourself and Making It Healthier for Others Too*. Our Worship & Music team is excited about this theme because "health" has both personal and social determinants which makes it a lot like faith. Our Adult Programs team is excited because the idea of blooming where we're planted is a great place to focus our spiritual attention during Lent. Join in for Tuesday Lent for Littles, Wednesday midweek services, daily devotions, weekly Bible studies, and "one night only" small groups of all varieties!

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# Wednesday Meals and Worship:

Lunch + Worship at Christ the King campus: Lunch starts at 12 noon-Worship begins around 12:20 pm.

# Dinner + Worship at Cross of Life campus: Food begins at 5:30 pm. Worship begins at 6:50 pm.

Join us for a meal & worship the 5 Wednesdays following Ash Wednesday: Feb. 21-March 20.

At Christ the King: We'll begin with a meal of soup and sides at noon, then transition into a short time of worship and be sent on our way by 1 pm.

At Cross of Life: Dinner is served from 5:30 pm until worship begins at 6:50 pm, with the evening typically closing by 7:30 pm. Each week we serve a soup and a side. Worship will be live-streamed on our web site for anyone who prefers to join online or watch after the fact.

Can you help with Lent Meals? We are blessed to have many Small Groups hosting Lent Wednesdays and helping with setup, soup & entree making, and serving & cleanup. But we still need shoppers and desserts! For CTK there is a paper sign-up at the coffee bar. For COL, sign up online.

**Soup Making Group, Wednesdays 2pm at COL** Do you like to cook and not do it alone? This is perfect for you! Each Wednesday we plan on making the soup each week in the COL kitchen at 2 pm. Jump in for a fun time of cooking together led by Nancy Kostanski!

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# Bible Studies: In person at each campus and online

Sundays 9:30 at Cross of Life, led by Pastor Dave Meisner Sundays, 10:30 at Christ the King, led by Adult Programs Director Matt Griepentrog Thursdays, 7-8pm online, led by Pastor John Horner-Ibler More info on dates and topics in the adult programs section.

**Daily Devotions:** We plan to create daily faith explorations, or devotions, for Lent that will be emailed to anyone who signs ups or them- a plan similar to what we've done in the past. We need both writers and readers! Sign up for either on the church website.

**15 more Lent Devotional Writers needed- Check out the Sign-Up Genius on our website for more details & to Sign-up.** Why would you write one of these? Did you know yours is a perspective which maybe no one else will bring? It's true. They're short (about 250 words). They can be personally reflective or quote statistics. They can be a small story from your own life or a dive into a Bible passage. This is a deeper-than-superficial way for us to speak and listen to each other. Thank you to everyone that has already signed up! Send your written devotions to *Natalie Kamenick (natalie@unitybrookfield.org)* 

# Sr. High

Contact Sherrie Lorbeck or John Horner-Ibler; e: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org or john@unitybrookfield.org Eric Borkenhagen, c:(262) 442-6283:, e: ericnborkenhagen@gmail.com

**THIS WEEKEND - Change of Plans!** We'll skip Youth Board Planning in order to welcome PSher back! Do you remember her? She has SO missed Sunday nights! So, take a break from homework to PLAY! Outside Games Inside! And maybe a few of PSher's top favorites!

At COL from 6:00-7:30! And then plan to be there each week for what your Adult Leaders have in mind... (including Music Jam Night, The Amazing World of Robotics!, and Tik Tok! YES, that's correct!) So much in store you won't want to miss! And friends are ALWAYS welcome!

Summer Trip 2024 - Save the Date! Mark your calendars for July 14-21, 2024. Those are our planned dates for our Summer Trip to the National Youth Gathering.

Adult Programs Contact Matt Griepentrog, e: <u>matt@unitybrookfield.org</u> c: 262-787-8820

This Sunday, February 18th: Annual Meeting Info Meetings 9:30 at COL, 10:30 at CTK

# Next Sunday, February 25th: Annual Meeting, no adult programs

**TwentySomethings** - Join us for Axe Throwing @ Axe Milwaukee! **March 1st**, 1924 E Kenilworth Place. **Meet at 7 pm** and bring \$20. Free street parking available nearby.

# Sunday Lent Bible Studies Coming to COL & CTK in March:

# • March 3, 10 & 17: 9:45 am at COL Led by Pastor Dave Meissner

Our Lenten theme calls for us to "Bloom Where You Are Planted!" That's both challenging and exciting! But the Bible shows us how to *practically* make it happen. We'll look at:

- How to grow and mature in our faith
- How to consult with God in our daily decision making
- What Jesus has to say about our Christian values and morals.

If you want to grow in your walk with Jesus and are ready for something more than usual, join Pastor Dave Meissner as he leads this 3-week study

# • March 3, 10 & 17: 10:30 am at CTK Led by Matt Griepentrog

Watch for more info about Matt's Bible Study focused on our "Bloom" theme, then join us for great discussions!

# Weekly Online Bible Study: February 15-March 14 led by Pastor John

Introducing our Weekly Online Bible Study during Lent: "*Timely Truths: Our Most Important Beliefs and Why They Matter in a De-Churching World*." Be a part of this weekly study led by John Horner-Ibler. We will meet **online five Thursdays: February 15-March 14, from 7:00-8:00 pm.** There are 3 ways to be a part of this:

1) Join the Zoom session and participate in real time (link is in every Wednesday allcongregation emailing and is the same for all 5 sessions);

2) Watch it on Facebook. Participate via the texting feature;

3) Watch it after the fact on your own time on UNITY's website.

These sessions will be Bible Study & Book Club mix. We suggest reading *The Great Dechurching: Who's Leaving, Why Are They Going, And What Will It Take To Bring Them Back?* by Jim Davis and Michael Graham. We'll read 3 chapters a week and look at the 5

realms of understanding in our faith tradition: covenant & community, invitation & inclusion, healing & forgiveness, freedom & sacrifice, and divinity & love. The study will look at the decline in church participation, particularly since 2010, and what a church like UNITY might do to get ahead of a curve that needn't discourage us. The Bible always has much to teach, and new research opens our eyes to the good changes that lie ahead for Jesus' people.

**Special "One Night Only" Small Groups During Lent - Don't just live ... Bloom!** Come join our "One Night Only" Small Groups! This year for Lent, we are offering four unique, one-time experiences for groups to come together and experience our Lent theme in different ways. Each group will meet one time and learn about our theme during their time together. Sign up through SignUp Genius.

- BLOOM & BAKING *Thursday, February 22 7:00-8:30 pm at COL* Join us as we bake desserts for our servant partners!
- BLOOM & BOURBON *Thursday, March 7 7:00-8:30 pm at Host Home* Join us for a night of bourbon tasting! Bring a bottle of your favorite to share.
- BLOOM & BOARD GAMES *Monday, March 11 7:00-8:30 pm at COL* Join us for a Game Night! We'll end with a devotion and short discussion. All ages are welcome to play and childcare will be available.
- BLOOM & BULBS *Thursday, March 14 11:00-12:30 pm at CTK* Join us for an *afternoon* of Spring Garden Planning! You'll receive bulbs to take home for planting.

# Moms Group Meets February 20 at COL from 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Moms Group is a time for moms of all ages and stages to share stories, pray together, and deepen their faith. We start by serving dinner. Kids eat together with childcare, then join choir practice or play in the nursery while adults gather upstairs in the art room for dinner and a devotion. Most kids are in 3rd grade and under but anyone is welcome to join us for Moms Group! We meet the third Tuesday of each month from 5:30-7:30 pm at COL. Our next gatherings for the program year are: February 20, March 19, April 16 & May 21. *Come find your tribe with us!* 

# **Creative Connections invites adults to Bloom & Craft!**

We invite all adults with creative interests to join us for some community and creative energy while we make a Blooming Lent Cross. A pre-stained wooden board will be wrapped with twine to create a cross and decorated with floral accents. Everyone will find success as Joan Krause walks the group through creating this project as a wonderful gift or addition to your home. We will gather on **Sunday, March 10, 2024 in the Art room upstairs at the Cross of Life campus from 9:30 - 11:30 AM.** The cost is \$10 to be collected the day of the event. Contact Fonda Kapitan (fmkapitan@gmail.com) with questions and to **sign up by March 2nd** to give us time to gather all the materials for the group. Special thanks to Frank Riederer for supplying the wood boards with routed edges. There are displays of the finished project in the narthex at both campuses.

# **Servant Ministries**

Contact Muriel Otto, e: muriel@unitybrookfield.org Jackie Herington, c: 262-501-6138, e: jackieswan10@icloud.com

**Prayers for Our El Salvador Travelers who return this Saturday the 17th at midnight** Our Mission of Healing Trip to El Salvador left February 10 and returns February 17. The group includes UNITY members and friends, plus travelers from Atonement Lutheran Church in Muskego. **Please pray for our 24 travelers:** Greg Buck, Cari Corozza, Debbie Dolata-Drent, Cindy Dostal, Mary Ehrsman, Julie Elliott, Jolene Epding, Eric Gravenkamp, Mike Gutzeit, Julie Hoesly, Emily Johnson, Janice Johnson, Mike Johnson, Justin Kuehl, Megan Meiklejohn, Sue Mours, Mike Ocampo, Alice Otto, Muriel Otto, Samantha Ranney, Trisha Smith, Sean Stevens-Fabry, Erika Taipala and Alice Thompson.

Our group traveled on February 10, worshiped with Cordero de Dios on February 11, and visited a different town each day from February 12-15 to help run a clinic and health fair. Then on February 16 they enjoyed some important playtime with our partners, then are traveling home on February 17. *Blessings on this important ministry and praying for safe travels for all!* 

**Thanks to all who showed some LOVE at our February 15th Blood Drive!** Mark your calendars for our next drive: Saturday, June 1 from 7am - 11am.

Come join us on **Friday February 23 - 5:30 - 7:00pm at UNITY's COL Campus** as our friends from Aspen Center show a li'l love to our friends at Hephatha! We'll start at 5:30 with some pizza for dinner, then tie some fleece blankets and pack trail mix packets - we should be "wrapping up" (\*) around 7 PM.

**Bread of Healing Free Clinic is looking to fill both paid staff and volunteer positions.** If interested in even just a conversation, please contact Barbara Horner-Ibler @ barbara.horner@breadofhealing.org:

**Volunteer RN positions: 4 hrs at a time.** Same as the above position description, but on a far more flexible schedule, and only 4 hrs at a time. Once a week, once a month, once a quarter - you decide! Our patient base is expanding, as patients lose coverage they have had through the pandemic under Badger Care. We need help!

**Ongoing Service Opportunities:** UNITY has standing volunteer "shifts" at various partners that we commit to covering as a church. Each one is coordinated by a different Unity member... each one has its own sign up page on the church website... and each one is an opportunity for you!

**Waukesha Food Pantry Food Distribution:** Each month, 4th Saturday, 9am-12pm; 5th Monday 5:45 - 8 pm.

**Serenity Inns Recovery Program Fellowship Dinners:** cook, deliver, or serve meal for 12 residents. Each month,1st Sunday and 2nd Friday, 6 - 7pm. Kids welcome.

**Monthly Meal Prep for Partners:** Join an all-ages team of UNITY volunteers to mass meal prep for Hebron Housing shelter and Serenity Inns recovery program. Wednesday evenings preceding the second Friday most months of the program year.

Partner we are praying for this month: Cordero de Dios

The altar flowers at CTK are given by Mary Johnsen

The altar flowers at COL are given by Cynthia Boyd in celebration of Steven's Birthday

Thank you to Leslie O'Connell for arranging the altar flowers this weekend

This weekend's communion breads were baked by Cathy Buck

# **Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members**

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

# **Cross of Life Campus**

Aaron Rooney, Kay Maas, Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Scott Czarnik, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Natalie Kamenick, Tom Hochuli, Ardyce Myhre, Paula Dryer, Marlene Jernberg, John Vaughan, Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Alyce Vollan, Barb Purnell, Jenny Cape, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

# Christ the King Campus

Sharon Giessen, Gary Blaschke, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Kevin Nordmeyer, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Ken Schneider, Dave Rau

> We pray our prayers of sympathy for family and loved ones as they mourn the death of a loved one:

> > **Cross of Life** Boyd Meyers, Stepfather of Erin Quinnell

# **UNITY Prayer Place**

Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.

# February 10-11

Ruthann Ungeran (Parkinson's diagnosis), sister-in-law of Judie Born, Aunt/Godmother to Liz Ried Pat McNulty (stroke), family friend of the Epdings Roland Toucups (stage 4 pancreatic cancer), friend of Denny Thompson Donna Funk (bladder cancer/liver issues), daughter of Pearl Haack Chris (cancer diagnosis), friend of Jeff Key Dawn (recovering from a serious infection), friend of Diana and David Koenen

# February 3-4

Jack Stagg (serious health concerns), father of Stephanie Stagg Mary Iwen (Serious Medical Issues), sister of Karen Hartzler Richard Schuetze (hospice), good friend of the Karrels & Purnell families Tony Susa (spinal cord injury) brother-in-law of Vivian Clark Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

#### January 27-28

Catherine Varin (kidney health), sister of Fred Varin John Tompsett (open heart surgery), good friend of Julie & Greg Hoesly Ralph Phillips (lung cancer), uncle of Jolene Epding

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, etc.) overseas and our military personnel: Ryan Cengeri, son of Julie Hochuli Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank Riederer

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	Janet Day, Molly Pufall-Brown
Technical:	Caitlin Dominski
COL 5:00 p.m.	Ministers for Saturday, February 17, 2024
Worship Coordinator:	Jeff Key
Greeters:	Lori Collins, Marv Wunder
Acolyte:	James Lorbeck
	Mary Jo & Jim Eggert
Worship Assistant:	
Reader:	Jessica Schrieber
	Caroline Halbach, Marv Wunder
	Kay Koepsel-Benning
Musician:	Lynn Key
Sound:	Connor Lalor
Visual Projection:	
Song Leader:	Becki Culhane
Sunday School Leaders:	
Nursery:	Chloe O'Connell

COL 8:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, February 18, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders: Nursery:	Denny Thompson Confirmation Students Mackenzie Kiefer Confirmation Students Mike Aprahamian Confirmation Students
CTK 9:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, February 18, 2024
Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders:	Evelyn Burmeister, Robby Burmeister Jim Leifer Holly Zorzin Mike Collins Jane Boorse, Diana VanSlyke Diana VanSlyke Greg O'Connell Julie Smith Greg Peterson Jessica Loomis, Anna Jansson Robin Nordstrom
COL 10:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, February 18, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders:	Confirmation Students Confirmation Students Lynn Key Confirmation Students Confirmation Students



Lenten Wednesday Service February 21, 2024

BLOOM! Growing Healthier Together and Making It Healthier for Others Too This Week: Germination!

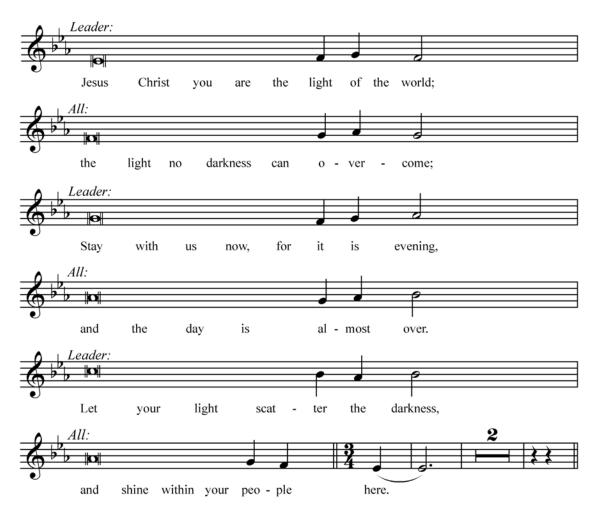
# 2024 Lenten Theme: "Bloom! Growing Healthier Together and Making It Healthier for Others Too" This Week: Germination! 12:00 PM CTK Campus 6:50 PM COL Campus

#### Prelude Music - Sacred Stylings by Marv Wunder

# Welcome

**Opening Call to Worship and Hymn of Praise** 

"Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory"



CTK 12:00



# **Opening Prayer**

One: Let us pray, God of renewal:

Many: It can be so hard to be planted in a place and grow. What if we don't like the spot? What if there are better spots? What if the person I grow into isn't the one I planned to be? These are the questions of life. Remind us to both ask our questions and also realize they sometimes bubble up as our way of controlling or avoiding. Like a seed sending down roots and up shoots, help us put our best energy into seeking and making life full, right where we are. May our growth this Lent not be limited to this place or time, but part of our lifelong maturation in you. Wherever we are, you are, and where you are, there is the promise of good seed, better soil, and the best of fruit, a harvest borne for your Ways. O God, in you, may we bloom! Amen.

# Scripture Isaiah 55:10-13

This poem brings the second and most important part of Isaiah to its close. The Jewish people have had their country taken over by a foreign empire. God has promised them that one day they will get to be free but it is hard for the people to have faith. This prophesy uses images of rain and snow that cause good plants to grow and the earth to flourish as a metaphor for the future of the Jewish people, and by extension, all people.

<sup>10</sup>For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, <sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. <sup>12</sup>For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song. and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. <sup>13</sup>Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off. One<sup>.</sup> The Word of the Lord. Many: Thanks be to God!

# Reflections

Each week one of our confirmation small groups reflects on the theme of the week. Some will use a picture, others their own research or insights to talk about what this week's theme might have to do with faith. Thanks to Wednesday Small Group 1 for their work on Germination. Casey Dwyer, Joey Geske, Violet Herington, Sophie Miesfeld, Elena Reiter, Molly Swain, Collette Tatera, Ben Zimmer, and Jack Zimmer.

John Horner-Ibler

**Hymn** *"For the Fruit of All Creation"* 

ELW 679

CTK 12:00

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,

Future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.

In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.

In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,

In the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

#### Announcements/Offering

UNITY's 2024 Lent offerings will go towards the re-roof of the elementary school at Rutilio Grande, one of our El Salvador partners. Anything you give designated for "Lent Offering" will be used to help with re-roofing. If we raise enough for that project, then extra dollars will go to create a fenced in area around the preschool. Our overall goal is \$15,000, which would be enough for the roof and half the fence project. Thank you for helping us share beyond ourselves this Lent.

**Hymn** *"Let My Prayer Rise Up"* (see next page for music) (Sing vs 1-2 before prayers... Prayers... Sing vs 3 after prayers)

#### The Prayers of the People

One: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and all people according to their need.

(Congregation response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer.")

- Pastor: May our prayers come before you, O God, as incense, and may your presence surround us and fill us, so we might sing your praise and your love in our lives.
- Many: Amen.

# The Lord's Prayer (traditional)

CTK 12:00

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.



The Lord's Prayer (Sung Call and Response) **Our Father**, Which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy (unison) name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, On earth As in heav'n. Please give to us All that we need And lead us not Away from you. For thine is the kingdom, And the power And the glory Forever. Amen. And it shall be so. Hallowed be thy (unison) name.

# Words of Sending

Benediction"Aaron's Blessing"Fernando Ortega (Call and Response)CTK12:00May the Lord bless you and keep you (May the Lord bless you and keep you)May the Lord makes His face to shine on you (May the Lord makes His face to shine on you)May the Lord makes His face to shine on you (May the Lord makes His face to shine on you)May the Lord lift His countenance on you (May the Lord lift His countenance on you)May the Lord lift His countenance on you (May the Lord lift His countenance on you)May the keep you in perfect peace (May He keep you in perfect peace)

Benediction "All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night" ELW 565 vs. 1, 4, 5 COL 6:50 All praise to thee, my God, this night for all the blessings of the light. Keep me, oh, keep me, King of kings, beneath thine own almighty wings. Oh, may my soul in thee repose, and may sweet sleep mine eyelids close, sleep that shall me more vigorous make to serve my God when I awake! Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above , ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

# Dismissal

One: Go in peace, serve the Lord! Many: Thanks be to God!

Post-Service Music by Marv Wunder

CTK 12:00

# Lent 2024

# Bloom!

# Growing Healthier Together and Making It Healthier for Others Too

(A special Lent 2024 box has been created on the website where you will find everything you need to know)

# Wednesday Schedule

• **CTK Campus**: Soup starting at noon, then worship. Finished around 1 pm. If you would like to bring a soup, rolls, or salad to share, please choose a Wednesday that works for you and add your name to the paper sign-up on the coffee bar or call the church office. Thank you!

• **COL Campus**: Meal (one soup, one other main option) served 5:30-6:30pm, Confirmation 6:00-6:50, evening worship, 6:50-7:30

Please see the Sign Up Genius located on our website in the box Lent 2024.

# **Daily Devotion**

Available by signing up on our website to have them delivered each day to your email or you can read them on the website. To sign up, please go to the box *Lent 2024* on the website.

# Lent for Littles

**Dinner and Family Activities, Tuesdays 5:30pm-7pm.**Each Tuesday during Lent (February 20-March 19) enjoy a simple and kid-friendly meal from 5:30-6:00 pm at our COL campus, followed by family activities for kids and their adults to do together. Activities from 6:00-6:30 pm will be geared toward Grade 1-6, and 6:30-7:00 pm activities will be geared toward PreK-Grade 1 to mirror the schedule for any kids in choir ... but come whenever it works for you! Please note that ALL families are welcome to join our Lent for Littles Program! Can you Lend a Hand with Lent for Littles Meals? We are in need of one shopper and one meal maker/server for each week. Please sign up online.

# "One Night Only" Small Groups:

Four unique experiences to come together and bloom! More detail in the Adult Programs section. Sign up on the website.

Bloom and Baking: Thursday, February 22, 7:00-8:30pm in COL kitchen Bloom and Bourbon: Thursday, March 7, 7:00-8:30pm at host home Bloom and Board Games: Monday, March 11, 7:00-8:30pm at COL Bloom and Bulbs: Thursday, March 14, 11am-12:30pm at CTK

# **Confirmation Students**

Students will be handling the service leadership roles at 6 of our Wednesday evening and Holy Week services.



# The Second Weekend in Lent

# February 24-25, 2024

Saturday, February 24, 2024 5:00 pm COL

Sunday, February 25, 2024 8:30 am COL

Online Worship anytime after 5:00 pm each Saturday

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# WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH!

#### We're glad you're here today! UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.

- Children. Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- **Nursery.** Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- Sunday School. All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)

# • At UNITY, the Communion Table is:

- Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
- Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
- Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
- We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
- Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
- If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: <u>unitybrookfield.org</u> for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

**GIVING.** If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the COL narthex and by the bulletin board in the CTK narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay is also accepted. Thank you!

# Prelude

"Cornerstone"

Praise Band

(Online, 5:00, 8:30)

# Words of Welcome

#### Sharing the Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always. Many: And also with you.

# **Time for Confession and Forgiveness**

Each weekend during Lent, we use a different form of confession out of our Lutheran tradition. Today we use portions of the service from the Lutheran Book of Worship Hymnal

One: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer.

#### Many: Amen.

One: God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

(pause for silent reflection)

One: Fountain of living water,

Many: pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.

One: Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are + forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus.

Many: Amen.

# **Opening Hymn**

"Arise"	Praise Band	(Online, 5:00, 8:30)
Children's Message		
Anthem		

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"	arr. Patricia Hurlbutt	(Online, 5:00)
Hosanna Bells; Director, Stacey Nordmeyer		× , , ,

**Gospel Acclamation** 

"Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil" ELW 512

# Gospel: Mark 8:31-36

After Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah, the long promised anointed one, Jesus tells his disciples for the first time what is to come: his death and resurrection. Peter's response indicates that he does not yet understand who Jesus is, why he will die, and how the salvation he offers is bigger than anyone had ever imagined.

One: The Gospel according to Mark, the eighth chapter

# Many: Glory to you O, Lord.

<sup>31</sup>[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.<sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?

One: The Gospel of the Lord

Many: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message "Letting Go of a Good Thing" Muriel Otto

# Hymn of the Day

"Your Name"

Praise Band

(Online, 5:00)

# The Prayers of the People

One:	Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people
	according to their needs.
	(Congregation response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer.")
Pastor:	Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Many:	Amen.

# **Announcements and Offering**

**Offertory Response** (as gifts are brought forward) "Change My Heart, O God" ELW 801

# **Prayer of Thanks**

One: Let us pray. Gracious God,

Many: In the abundance of your steadfast love, you call us from death to life, from silence to speech, from idleness to action. With these gifts we offer ourselves to you, and with the Church through all the ages we give thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

- Pastor: The Lord be with you.
- Many: And also with you.
- Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
- Many: We lift them to the Lord.
- Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### Words of Institution

#### **The Lord's Prayer** (traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

<b>Communio</b> <i>"Offerir</i>	<b>n Meditation</b>	Praise Band	(5:00, 8:30)
	union Blessing Response: Amen.		
Prayer afte	r Communion		(5:00)
One: Many:	Let us pray. Gracious God, in t nourished us at your table with Now send us forth to be your p this day and evermore, through <b>Amen.</b>	n food and drink, the body an people in the world, and to pr	nd blood of Christ. roclaim your truth
Benediction	1		(5:00)
Sending Hy	mn		
"Days o	f Elijah"	Praise Band	(Online, 5:00, 8:30)
Dismissal One: Many:	Go in peace, serve the Lord! Thanks be to God!		
Postlude "Days o	f Elijah" (reprise)	Praise Band	(5:00, 8:30)

# **UNITY Highlights**

**This Sunday, February 25 at 9:30 am at both COL and CTK: Annual Meeting:** Please make every effort to attend our Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 25, at 9:30 am. We'll have a shortened 8:30 am worship at COL, then people can remain in the building for the meeting at 9:30 am. For those at the CTK campus, come to CTK at 9:30 am, grab your doughnut & coffee and head into the sanctuary for the meeting ... then stay for a worship service at 10:45 am! A Zoom link will be available for anyone attending our Annual Meeting at home. Please watch for that to come through email. Our quorum will be roughly 190 people, a big number but one we've hit easily for several years now. Please attend in person or via Zoom so that as many of us as possible can be tracking the work and direction of UNITY.

There will be a worship service and Sunday School at both COL and CTK at 10:45am, along with a live-streamed worship service at 10:45 am for those at home.

**Fond Farewell for Gail Anklam: Sunday, March 10 at 9:30 am.** The Presentation Hall transforms into a giant nursery – a small-scale Gail Gala!

With recent changes in her life, Gail will soon relocate to Appleton to be near her daughter and grandchildren. We're so grateful for 35+ years that Gail has been part of UNITY. She's put her heart and boundless TLC into our kids in the nursery, been behind the scenes to help weddings run smoothly, delivered home communion, and so much more. We're looking for a few folks to join Pr. Sherrie to plan fun centers, activities, and food. And if you have then & now photos of your kids who have been in Gail's care, please send them along. Also... we're hoping that literally anyone under the age of 35 who was ever in our nursery, or anyone who's wedding Gail helped administer attend at 8:30 or 10:30 on March 10. We'll try to surround Gail with as many of her peeps as possible as we celebrate her work among us!

**Meet UNITY's Pastoral Call Team:** Nelson Brownell, Melanie R. Varin, Linda Johnson, Davida Kroepfl, Jessica Schrieber, Mary Huss, Logan Kemper, Jim Johnsen, Matt Jolliff, Mark Krause, David Engle. Over the coming weeks, we will feature a different call team member in our weekly emails for you to get to know them better. Or go to our website any time, <u>unitybrookfield.org</u> and click on the **Pastoral Call Team icon** to read their full bios and what UNITY means to each of them. Not subscribed to our UNITY emails but want to be? Email <u>natalie@unitybrookfield.org</u> or <u>nancy@unitybrookfield.org</u> to start receiving our email communications.

# All Things Lent

Lent As Shared Faith Exploration, Our overall theme for Lent this year is: *Bloom! Growing Healthier Yourself and Making It Healthier for Others Too*. Our Worship & Music team is excited about this theme because "health" has both personal and social determinants which makes it a lot like faith. Our Adult Programs team is excited because the idea of blooming where we're planted is a great place to focus our spiritual attention during Lent. Join in for Tuesday Lent for Littles, Wednesday midweek services, daily devotions, weekly Bible studies, and "one night only" small groups of all varieties!

# Lent Offering:

**UNITY's 2024 Lent offerings will go towards the re-roof of the elementary school at Rutilio Grande, one of our El Salvador partners.** Anything you give designated for "Lent Offering" will be used to help with re-roofing. If we raise enough for that project, then extra dollars will go to create a fenced in area around the preschool. Our overall goal is \$15,000, which would be enough for the roof and half the fence project. Thank you for helping us share beyond ourselves this Lent.

Lent for Littles: Dinner and Family Activities, Tuesdays 5:30pm-7pm. Each Tuesday during Lent (February 20-March 19) enjoy a simple and kid-friendly meal from 5:30-6:00 pm at our COL campus, followed by family activities for kids and their adults to do together. Activities from 6:00-6:30 pm will be geared toward Grade 1-6, and 6:30-7:00 pm activities will be geared toward PreK-Grade 1 to mirror the schedule for any kids in choir ... but come whenever it works for you! Please note that ALL families are welcome to join our Lent for Littles Program! Can you Lend a Hand with Lent for Littles Meals? We are in need of one shopper and one meal maker/server for each week. Please sign up online.

# Wednesday Meals and Worship:

Lunch + Worship at Christ the King campus: Lunch starts at 12 noon-Worship begins around 12:20 pm.

# Dinner + Worship at Cross of Life campus: Food begins at 5:30 pm. Worship begins at 6:50 pm.

Join us for a meal & worship the 5 Wednesdays following Ash Wednesday: Feb. 21-March 20.

At Christ the King: We'll begin with a meal of soup and sides at noon, then transition into a short time of worship and be sent on our way by 1 pm.

At Cross of Life: Dinner is served from 5:30 pm until worship begins at 6:50 pm, with the evening typically closing by 7:30 pm. Each week we serve a soup and a side. Worship will be live-streamed on our web site for anyone who prefers to join online or watch after the fact.

Can you help with Lent Meals? We are blessed to have many Small Groups hosting Lent Wednesdays and helping with setup, soup & entree making, and serving & cleanup. But we still need shoppers and desserts! For CTK there is a paper sign-up at the coffee bar. For COL, sign up online.

**Soup Making Group, Wednesdays 2pm at COL** Do you like to cook and not do it alone? This is perfect for you! Each Wednesday we plan on making the soup each week in the COL kitchen at 2 pm. Jump in for a fun time of cooking together led by Nancy Kostanski!

**"One Night Only" Small Groups:** four unique experiences to come together and bloom! More detail in the Adult Programs section. Sign up on the website.

Bloom and Bourbon: Thursday, March 7, 7:00-8:30pm at host home

Bloom and Board Games: Monday, March 11, 7:00-8:30pm at COL

Bloom and Bulbs: Thursday, March 14, 11am-12:30pm at CTK

#### Bible Studies: In person at each campus and online

Sundays 9:30 at Cross of Life, led by Pastor Dave Meisner Sundays, 10:30 at Christ the King, led by Adult Programs Director Matt Griepentrog Thursdays, 7-8pm online, led by Pastor John Horner-Ibler More info on dates and topics in the adult programs section.

**Daily Devotions:** We plan to create daily faith explorations, or devotions, for Lent that will be emailed to anyone who signs ups or them- a plan similar to what we've done in the past. We need both writers and readers! Sign up for either on the church website.

**15 more Lent Devotional Writers needed- Check out the Sign-Up Genius on our website for more details & to Sign-up.** Why would you write one of these? Did you know yours is a perspective which maybe no one else will bring? It's true. They're short (about 250 words). They can be personally reflective or quote statistics. They can be a small story from your own life or a dive into a Bible passage. This is a deeper-than-superficial way for us to speak and listen to each other. Thank you to everyone that has already signed up! Send your written devotions to *Natalie Kamenick (natalie@unitybrookfield.org)* 

**Worship Volunteer Schedule** includes Lent Wednesday and Holy Week. These services will NOT automatically schedule anyone, so please check out those dates and sign up wherever you may be able to help. Thank you for all the ways you help our members to come together to worship! If you have any questions, contact Nancy Kostanski, nancy@unitybrookfield.org, c: 262-389-4445, or one of the pastors.

**Easter Flower Order Forms are Here!** - Visit the narthex to get your Easter flower order form. A wide variety of flowers are available. Orders are due by Thursday, March 21st, and all proceeds **benefit the senior high summer trip to the National Youth Gathering**. Flowers may be picked up following any Easter service you attend. Questions? Contact Matt Griepentrog. (Remember, this is different from the spring bedding flower sale which is still coming)

Name:			Phone:	
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In Honor of:			In Memory of:	
I would like to	purchase	flowers for THIS	CAMPUS: CTK COL	
Hydrangeas	\$35.00	# of plants:	x \$35.00 = Amount Due: \$	
Azaleas	\$33.00	# of plants:	x \$33.00 = Amount Due: \$	
Mums	\$22.00		x \$22.00 = Amount Due: \$	5 N
Easter Lily	\$21.00		x \$21.00 = Amount Due: \$	
Tulips	\$20.00		x \$20.00 = Amount Due: \$	
Daffodils	\$20.00		x \$20.00 = Amount Due: \$	
Hyacinths	\$20.00	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	x \$20.00 = Amount Due: \$	

# This Sunday! GAME Night Competition! Let's get BACK together to really have some fun! Join us this Sunday at 5:00 - 6:30 at COL for the battle to see which grade will take home the prize for being the best inviters and rack up the most wins!

We'll begin with dinner from the WINGSTOP! Juicy Chicken Wings, with the sauce of your choice on the side to pick from along with a salad bar and ice cream blanketed in chocolate or any toppings of your choosing!

And, the grade that has the highest number there, including friends and yes, even a parent, will be rewarded! Then, the games will begin and we'll see which grade is determined to have the most fun! We'll have Human Foosball, Spikeball, Whack, and maybe a few to test your mind's abilities too!

# Next Sunday, March 3rd - Music Night!

Come away for this music themed night filled with rotations to try your hand at learning a new thing, testing your musical ear, AND if you play an instrument, please bring it... and share one piece you love to play or be bold and think of a song for the Karaoke station. And no preparing in advance, but we'll also test your knowledge with a game of Name that Tune!

Back to our regular time at COL from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Friends are always welcome!

# Sunday, March 10th - Chopped! 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at COL.

Last Fall, was the warm up practice your cooking skills night, now the Competition is on for who will win the most creative chef award. Additional prizes will be given in the areas of presentation and creativity. We'll have ALL the food you will need, but you'll have to work fast to come up with a plan and prepare it before the time is up. We'll have four courses that you will be present before UNITY Sr. High's acclaimed Food Critic!

Start Your Day -Lunch Plate -Dinner Entree' -Dessert -

Summer Trip 2024 - Save the Date! Mark your calendars for July 14-21, 2024. Those are our planned dates for our Summer Trip to the National Youth Gathering.

#### Adult Programs Contact Matt Griepentrog, e: <u>matt@unitybrookfield.org</u> c: 262-787-8820

**TwentySomethings** - Join us for Axe Throwing @ Axe Milwaukee! **March 1st**, 1924 E Kenilworth Place. **Meet at 7 pm** and bring \$20. Free street parking available nearby.

# Sunday Lent Bible Studies Coming to COL & CTK in March:

# • March 3, 10 & 17: 9:45 am at COL Led by Pastor Dave Meissner

Our Lenten theme calls for us to "Bloom Where You Are Planted!" That's both challenging and exciting! But the Bible shows us how to *practically* make it happen. We'll look at:

- How to grow and mature in our faith
- How to consult with God in our daily decision making
- What Jesus has to say about our Christian values and morals.

If you want to grow in your walk with Jesus and are ready for something more than usual, join Pastor Dave Meissner as he leads this 3-week study

# • March 3, 10 & 17: 10:30 am at CTK Led by Matt Griepentrog

Watch for more info about Matt's Bible Study focused on our "Bloom" theme, then join us for great discussions!

# Weekly Online Bible Study: February 15-March 14 led by Pastor John

Introducing our Weekly Online Bible Study during Lent: *"Timely Truths: Our Most Important Beliefs and Why They Matter in a De-Churching World."* Be a part of this weekly study led by John Horner-Ibler. We will meet **online five Thursdays: February 15-March 14, from 7:00-8:00 pm.** There are 3 ways to be a part of this:

1) Join the Zoom session and participate in real time (link is in every Wednesday allcongregation emailing and is the same for all 5 sessions);

2) Watch it on Facebook. Participate via the texting feature;

3) Watch it after the fact on your own time on UNITY's website.

These sessions will be Bible Study & Book Club mix. We suggest reading *The Great Dechurching: Who's Leaving, Why Are They Going, And What Will It Take To Bring Them Back?* by Jim Davis and Michael Graham. We'll read 3 chapters a week and look at the 5 realms of understanding in our faith tradition: covenant & community, invitation & inclusion, healing & forgiveness, freedom & sacrifice, and divinity & love. The study will look at the decline in church participation, particularly since 2010, and what a church like UNITY might do to get ahead of a curve that needn't discourage us. The Bible always has much to teach, and new research opens our eyes to the good changes that lie ahead for Jesus' people.

**Special "One Night Only" Small Groups During Lent - Don't just live** *... Bloom!* Come join our "One Night Only" Small Groups! This year for Lent, we are offering four unique, one-time experiences for groups to come together and experience our Lent theme in different ways. Each group will meet one time and learn about our theme during their time together. Sign up through SignUp Genius.

- BLOOM & BOURBON *Thursday, March 7 7:00-8:30 pm at Host Home* Join us for a night of bourbon tasting! Bring a bottle of your favorite to share.
- BLOOM & BOARD GAMES *Monday, March 11 7:00-8:30 pm at COL* Join us for a Game Night! We'll end with a devotion and short discussion. All ages are welcome to play and childcare will be available.
- BLOOM & BULBS *Thursday, March 14 11:00-12:30 pm at CTK* Join us for an *afternoon* of Spring Garden Planning! You'll receive bulbs to take home for planting.

# **Creative Connections invites adults to Bloom & Craft!**

We invite all adults with creative interests to join us for some community and creative energy while we make a Blooming Lent Cross. A pre-stained wooden board will be wrapped with twine to create a cross and decorated with floral accents. Everyone will find success as Joan Krause walks the group through creating this project as a wonderful gift or addition to your home. We will gather on **Sunday, March 10, 2024 in the Art room upstairs at the Cross of Life campus from 9:30 - 11:30 AM.** The cost is \$10 to be collected the day of the event. Contact Fonda Kapitan (fmkapitan@gmail.com) with questions and to **sign up by March 2nd** to give us time to gather all the materials for the group. Special thanks to Frank Riederer for supplying the wood boards with routed edges. There are displays of the finished project in the narthex at both campuses.

# Worship & Music Opportunities

Contact Lynn Key, c: 414-507-5888, e: lynn@unitybrookfield.org

All-Music Tuesdays run Tuesday nights through mid-May at the COL campus. Nursery and child care will be available. Questions? Talk to any of our music staff.

- JOYFUL NOISE MUSIC MAKERS Ages PreK-Grade 1 6:00pm to 6:30pm
- CELEBRATION CHOIR Ages Grade 2–Grade 6 6:30pm to 7:15pm
- HOSANNA BELLS Beginning to early intermediate ringers 7:15pm to 8:15pm
- FELLOWSHIP CHOIR Ages 7th Grade-Adult 7:15pm to 8:15pm
- GLORIA DEI BELLS Late intermediate to advanced ringers 6:15pm to 7:15pm

#### **Property Needs** Contact David Koenen, c: 414-559-6974, email: davidkoenen@wi.rr.com

**Snow Shoveling: Help!** We have volunteers signed up through early March, but need help covering the rest of March and April. Can you help us fill in the remaining dates? Both campuses could use help keeping the walks clear. This involves shoveling and or snow blowing...somewhat dependent on the depth of the snow. We do all the sidewalks at CTK and dumpster area. At COL we do the sidewalks and if possible, also the dumpster enclosure and rear-side exit doors. Take a week or two at either place by going to the Signups page at our website, or just call the office and we'll put you on the schedule. You can do this on your own time...with hopes that shoveling takes place within 12 hours or so of the snowfall. (For your many snow blowing, building access and salting questions, we'll put you in touch with property chair, David Koenen, property manager, Denny Thompson, administrator, Lynn Key, or one of the pastors).

Servant Ministries Contact Muriel Otto, e: muriel@unitybrookfield.org Jackie Herington, c: 262-501-6138, e: jackieswan10@icloud.com

**Bread of Healing Free Clinic is looking to fill both paid staff and volunteer positions.** If interested in even just a conversation, please contact Barbara Horner-Ibler @ barbara.horner@breadofhealing.org:

**Volunteer RN positions: 4 hrs at a time.** Same as the above position description, but on a far more flexible schedule, and only 4 hrs at a time. Once a week, once a month, once a quarter - you decide! Our patient base is expanding, as patients lose coverage they have had through the pandemic under Badger Care. We need help!

**Ongoing Service Opportunities:** UNITY has standing volunteer "shifts" at various partners that we commit to covering as a church. Each one is coordinated by a different Unity member... each one has its own sign up page on the church website... and each one is an opportunity for you!

**Waukesha Food Pantry Food Distribution:** Each month, 4th Saturday, 9am-12pm; 5th Monday 5:45 - 8 pm.

**Serenity Inns Recovery Program Fellowship Dinners:** cook, deliver, or serve meal for 12 residents. Each month,1st Sunday and 2nd Friday, 6 - 7pm. Kids welcome.

**Monthly Meal Prep for Partners:** Join an all-ages team of UNITY volunteers to mass meal prep for Hebron Housing shelter and Serenity Inns recovery program. Wednesday evenings preceding the second Friday most months of the program year.

Partner we are praying for this month: Cordero de Dios

The altar flowers at CTK are given by Nancy Kostanski in celebration of 20 years at CTK / UNITY!!

The altar flowers at COL are given by Jane Hetzel in celebration of Vern's 85th Birthday

Thank you to Melissa Grabowski for arranging the altar flowers this weekend

This weekend's communion breads were baked by Diane Kotula

# **Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members**

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

# **Cross of Life Campus**

Aaron Rooney, Kay Maas, Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Natalie Kamenick, Tom Hochuli, Ardyce Myhre Paula Dryer, Marlene Jernberg, John Vaughan, Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Alyce Vollan, Barb Purnell, Jenny Cape, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

# Christ the King Campus

Sharon Giessen, Gary Blaschke, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Kevin Nordmeyer, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Ken Schneider, Dave Rau

We give a prayer of thanksgiving for the renewed health of:

Scott Czarnik

# **UNITY Prayer Place**

Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.

# February 24-25

Ralph Phillips (lung cancer), uncle of Jolene Epding Brooke Stanley (health concerns), granddaughter of Nancy and Ken Kostanski

# February 10-11

Ruthann Ungeran (Parkinson's diagnosis), sister-in-law of Judie Born, Aunt/Godmother to Liz Ried

Pat McNulty (stroke), family friend of the Epdings

Roland Tocups (stage 4 pancreatic cancer), friend of Denny Thompson

Donna Funk (bladder cancer/liver issues), daughter of Pearl Haack

Chris (cancer diagnosis), friend of Jeff Key

Dawn (recovering from a serious infection), friend of Diana and David Koenen

#### February 3-4

Jack Stagg (serious health concerns), father of Stephanie Stagg Mary Iwen (Serious Medical Issues), sister of Karen Hartzler Richard Schuetze (hospice), good friend of the Karrels & Purnell families Tony Susa (spinal cord injury) brother-in-law of Vivian Clark Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, etc.) overseas and our military personnel:	
Ryan Cengeri, son of Julie Hochuli	Bryce Roland, grandson of Grace Leverenz
Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz	Caroline Schneider, daughter of Brian & Patty
Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans	Schneider
Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers	Billy Thomas, son of Eric & Sally Thomas
Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson	Mallori Trester, daughter of Dale Trester
Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank	Kyle Unger, cousin of the Wistrom family
Riederer	

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Online	Ministers for February 24-25, 2024
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Reader	Steve Taipala
	Praise Band
	Caitlin Dominski
COL 5:00 p.m.	Ministers for Saturday, February 24, 2024
Worship Coordinator:	
Greeters:	Nicki & Mark Shady
Acolyte:	Sebastian Dandridge
	Jamie Niederbaumer, Kevin Nass
Worship Assistant:	Cathy James
	Bill James
Communion Assistants:	
	Cheryl Caraulia
	Praise Band
	Kevin Nordmeyer
Visual Projection:	
Song Leader:	Praise Band
Sunday School Leaders:	~
Nursery:	Samantha James
COL 8:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, February 25, 2024
Worship Coordinator:	Kathy Bruhnke
Greeters:	Confirmation Students
Acolyte:	Addison Kahle, Luke Joliff, Blake Duerr
Ushers:	Addison Kahle, Luke Joliff, Blake Duerr Confirmation Students Paul Langer
Worship Assistant:	Paul Langer
Communion Assistants:	Confirmation Students
ABC.	Confirmation Students
Musician	Praise Band
Sound:	Confirmation Students Praise Band Kevin Nordmeyer
Visual Projection:	Confirmation Students
Song Leader:	Praise Band Lisa Kahle, Joanne Rentmeester, Becky Conway
Sunday School Leaders:	Lisa Kahle, Joanne Rentmeester, Becky Conway
	Gail Anklam
Coffee:	Bernd Bruhnke



Lenten Wednesday Service February 28, 2024

BLOOM! Growing Healthier Together and Making It Healthier for Others Too This Week: Growing in Faith Takes Effort and Patience

## 2024 Lenten Theme: "Bloom! Growing Healthier Together and Making It Healthier for Others Too" This Week: Growing in Faith Takes Effort and Patience 12:00 PM CTK Campus 6:50 PM COL Campus

## **Prelude Music**

Welcome

**Opening Call to Worship and Hymn of Praise** "Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory" Leader: Θ Christ light of the world: Jesus you are the All: the light darkness no can 0 ver come; Leader: with for it is evening, Stay us now, All: D the and day is al - most over. Leader: Let light the darkness. your ter scat All: Π shine within your peo - ple and here.



## **Opening Prayer**

One: Let us pray, Patient God,

Many: Forgive us for how limited our perspective is at times O God. We'd like to think that our sins and mistakes aren't nearly as bad as that of those around us. We're quick to point them out and we're ready to give up when others don't pick up on what we want. Good God, help us to remember that when we refuse to listen or learn from you, it leads us away from the life and beauty that becomes possible when your ways are nurtured within us.

Thank you for all the extra time you extend to us and the additional ways you keep seeking to enrich our soil. Shower us with daily reminders of who we are in you, washed in the waters and filled with your promises of love and forgiveness. Surround us every day with others who help care for and protect us, so we have the time we need to grow strong and mature in faith. In your name we pray, Amen.

## Scripture Luke 13:6-9

Someone has just asked Jesus about a horrible tragedy that happened, and they want to know if it was God punishing the people. In response Jesus tells a parable about a gardener who cultivates and fertilizes a fig tree with patience, an image of how God works with us, even when we are slow to turn toward God.

<sup>6</sup>Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' <sup>8</sup>He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup>If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'''

One: The Word of the Lord. Many: Thanks be to God!

## Reflections

Each week one of our confirmation small groups reflects on the theme of the week. Some will use a picture, others their own research or insights to talk about what this week's theme might have to do with faith. Thanks to Wednesday Small Group 2 for their work on Growing in Faith Takes Effort and Patience - Evan Bublitz, Carly Gill, Harper Guenther, Annika Nellis, Sophia Shorts, and Hayden Stuber.

Message Every Fig Tree.....Each their own Planting Plan Sherrie Lorbeck

**Hymn** *"For the Fruit of All Creation"* 

ELW 679

CTK 12:00

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,

Future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.

In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.

In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,

In the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

#### Announcements/Offering

UNITY's 2024 Lent offerings will go towards the re-roof of the elementary school at Rutilio Grande, one of our El Salvador partners. Anything you give designated for "Lent Offering" will be used to help with re-roofing. If we raise enough for that project, then extra dollars will go to create a fenced in area around the preschool. Our overall goal is \$15,000, which would be enough for the roof and half the fence project. Thank you for helping us share beyond ourselves this Lent.

**Hymn** *"Let My Prayer Rise Up"* (see next page for music) (Sing vs 1-2 before prayers... Prayers... Sing vs 3 after prayers)

#### The Prayers of the People

One: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and all people according to their need.

(Congregation response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer.")

- Pastor: May our prayers come before you, O God, as incense, and may your presence surround us and fill us, so we might sing your praise and your love in our lives.
- Many: Amen.

#### The Lord's Prayer (traditional)

CTK 12:00

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.



The Lord's Prayer (Sung Call and Response) **Our Father**, Which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy (unison) name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, On earth As in heav'n. Please give to us All that we need And lead us not Away from you. For thine is the kingdom, And the power And the glory Forever. Amen. And it shall be so. Hallowed be thy (unison) name.

## Words of Sending

Benediction"Aaron's Blessing"Fernando Ortega (Call and Response)CTK12:00May the Lord bless you and keep you (May the Lord bless you and keep you)May the Lord makes His face to shine on you (May the Lord makes His face to shine on you)May the Lord makes His face to shine on you (May the Lord makes His face to shine on you)May the Lord lift His countenance on you (May the Lord lift His countenance on you)May the Lord lift His countenance on you (May the Lord lift His countenance on you)May the keep you in perfect peace (May He keep you in perfect peace)

Benediction "The Day You Gave Us, Lord, has Ended" ELW 569 vs. 1, 2, 5 COL 6:50 The day you gave us, Lord, has ended; the darkness falls at your behest. To you our morning hymns ascended; your praise shall hallow now our rest. We thank you that your church, unsleeping while earth rolls onward into light, through all the world its watch is keeping, and never rests by day or night. So be it, Lord; your realm shall never, like earth's proud empires, pass away; but stand and grow and rule forever, till all your creatures own your sway.

## Dismissal

One: Go in peace, serve the Lord! Many: Thanks be to God!

## **Post-Service**

## Lent 2024

## Bloom!

## Growing Healthier Together and Making It Healthier for Others Too

(A special Lent 2024 box has been created on the website where you will find everything you need to know)

## Wednesday Schedule

• **CTK Campus**: Soup starting at noon, then worship. Finished around 1 pm. If you would like to bring a soup, rolls, or salad to share, please choose a Wednesday that works for you and add your name to the paper sign-up on the coffee bar or call the church office. Thank you!

• **COL Campus**: Meal (one soup, one other main option) served 5:30-6:30pm, Confirmation 6:00-6:50, evening worship, 6:50-7:30

Please see the Sign Up Genius located on our website in the box Lent 2024.

## **Daily Devotion**

Available by signing up on our website to have them delivered each day to your email or you can read them on the website. To sign up, please go to the box *Lent 2024* on the website.

## Lent for Littles

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## "One Night Only" Small Groups:

Four unique experiences to come together and bloom! More detail in the Adult Programs section. Sign up on the website.

Bloom and Bourbon: Thursday, March 7, 7:00-8:30pm at host home Bloom and Board Games: Monday, March 11, 7:00-8:30pm at COL Bloom and Bulbs: Thursday, March 14, 11am-12:30pm at CTK

## **Confirmation Students**

Students will be handling the service leadership roles at 6 of our Wednesday evening and Holy Week services.



# The Third Weekend in Lent

# March 2-3, 2024

Saturday, March 2, 2024 5:00 pm COL

Sunday, March 3, 2024 8:30 am COL 9:30 am CTK 10:30 am COL

## Online Worship anytime after 5:00 pm each Saturday

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Cross of Life Campus 20700 W. North Avenue Brookfield, WI 53045 Christ the King Campus 4600 Pilgrim Road Brookfield, WI 53005

(262) 781-7600

## WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH!

#### We're glad you're here today! UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.

- Children. Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- **Nursery.** Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- Sunday School. All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)

## • At UNITY, the Communion Table is:

- Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
- Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
- Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
- We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
- Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
- If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: <u>unitybrookfield.org</u> for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

**GIVING.** If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the COL narthex and by the bulletin board in the CTK narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay is also accepted. Thank you!

## Prelude

"Be Thou My Vision"	arr. Wyrtzen	(Online)
"Jesus Paid It All"	arr. Howlett	(5:00, 8:30, 10:30)
"Prelude on St. Thomas"	David Lasky	(9:30)

## Words of Welcome

## **Sharing the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always. Many: And also with you.

## **Time for Confession and Forgiveness**

Each weekend during Lent, we use a different form of confession out of our Lutheran tradition. This week we will use the brief service for healing from our hymnal, Evangelical Lutheran Worship. Intended as a support to those in physical or emotional pain, note how these words also speak healing to the disease of our souls.

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing. In your great mercy,

## Many: hear us, O God.

One: Sisters and brothers, I invite you to receive a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of God...

(In the healing service, this is a time where the sign of the cross is made on the forehead of the person in need... In our time here, use the silence to allow God's grace to bless your spirit with healing.)

One: For Jesus' sake, send your Holy Spirit upon your servant people. Drive away all sickness of body and spirit; make whole that which is broken, deliver each of us from the power of evil, and preserve us in true faith to share Christ's power with the world and to serve you now and evermore.

## Many: Åmen.

One: Living God...

- Many: ...grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing. When they are afraid, give them courage; when suffering, give them endurance, when dejected, give them hope, and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
- One: The peace of Christ be with you always.

Many: And also with you. Amen.

Opening	Hymn
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"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"	ELW 335 vs. 1-3	(All Services)
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## **Children's Message**

#### **Greeting and Prayer of the Day**

- Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- Many: And also with you.
- One: Let us pray. God, you share the most complete and life-giving of gifts with us...
- Many: ...thank you for them! Thank you today, for the 10 Commandments. The laws given to Moses are there to guide us, not control us. They are there to remind us that our actions *and* our motives matter. They are there to help us keep it simple: some things are right and some things are wrong. They teach us to start with you and and then our neighbor. If we do that, then we ourselves will be just fine because we will have attended to the most important things first. O God, our God, thank you for your gifts; gifts for life, gifts from you, the one who is Love. Amen.

#### The Washing of Holy Baptism Presentation of the Child

This weekend at the 10:30 service, we welcome Liliana Katherine Morton. Lily Kate is presented by her parents, Blake and Sarah, and her sponsors, Colleen Player, Casey Doyle and Brock Siedlecki.

Pastor: Who presents Liliana Katherine to receive the blessings of Holy Baptism?

Parents & Sponsors: We do.

#### **Role of the Parents and Sponsors**

One: In Christian love you have presented Liliana Katherine for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully care for her and help her in every way God gives you opportunity, that Liliana Katherine may bear witness to the faith we hold, and that, living in the covenant of her Baptism and in Communion with the people of God, she may lead a life of goodness and service until the day of Jesus Christ. Parents and sponsors, do you promise to fulfill these obligations? If so, please answer, "I do."

## Prayer

Pastor: Holy God, we give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

By the baptism of his own death and resurrection, your beloved Son, Jesus the Christ, has set us free from the final power of sin and death, and has opened the way to everlasting life. He made water a sign of cleansing and of birth into the family of God. As Jesus' followers, we do as he taught us, making disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit so that Liliana Katherine may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as your own sons and daughters, inheritors of your glorious kingdom.

All: Amen.

#### \*Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### The Baptism

#### **Baptismal Prayer**

- Pastor: Lord God, we give you thanks for freeing your children from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy washing. Pour your Holy Spirit upon Liliana Katherine: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and respect for the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.
- All: Amen.

## The Mark of Christ

Liliana Katherine, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

#### Presentation of the Baptismal Candle

One: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

## Greeting of the Child by the Congregation

- Pastor: Through Baptism, God has made this sister of ours a member of the ministry of reconciliation we all share in Christ Jesus. May we proclaim the greatness and love of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.
- People: Liliana Katherine, we welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly father, and a worker with us in the Kingdom of God. Amen.

Pastor: Peace be with you.

Parents & Sponsors: Peace be with you.

Scripture Acclamation "Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil" ELW 512

## First Lesson Exodus 20:1-17

Everything about the Ten Commandments is unique. They are one of the rare items repeated in the Bible, found here and in Deuteronomy chapter 5. In the Jewish tradition, they are often called the Ten Words, since several of them consist of a single word in Hebrew. The Jewish tradition also treasures them more as gifts than as rules, guidance from God for fully-lived lives. And, in our Christian tradition, we know Jesus knew them intimately. He frequently interpreted them more charitably than the narrow reading used by some of the religious leaders of his time.

<sup>1</sup>Then God spoke all these words:

<sup>2</sup>I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup>you shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup>You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

<sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>10</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work — you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

<sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup>You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup>You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

One: The Word of the Lord.

## Many: Thanks be to God.

Message "God Knows Not to Ask for Perfection" John Horner-Ibler

## Hymn of the Day

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"	ELW 324 vs. 1, 3, 4	(Online, 5:00, 8:30, 9:30)
Baptismal Hymn "Borning Cry"	ELW 732	(10:30)

#### The Prayers of the People

One: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

(Congregation response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer.")

Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Many: Amen.

#### **Announcements and Offering**

**Offertory Response** (as gifts are brought forward) "Change My Heart, O God" ELW 801

#### **Prayer of Thanks**

One: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

Many: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us... ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

- Pastor: The Lord be with you.
- Many: And also with you.
- Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
- Many: We lift them to the Lord.
- Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### **Words of Institution**

#### The Lord's Prayer (Ecumenical)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

#### **Communion Meditation**

"Be Still My Soul"	arr. Howlett	(5:00, 8:30, 10:30)
"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"	arr. Keveren	(9:30)

## **Post Communion Blessing**

Spoken Response: Amen.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

One: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Many: Amen.

## Benediction

## Sending Hymn

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"	ELW 543	(All Services)
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## Dismissal

One: Go in peace, serve the Lord! Many: Thanks be to God!

## Postlude

"Let All Things Now Living"	Lloyd Larson	(Online)
"He's Everything to Me"	Ralph Carmichael	(5:00, 8:30, 10:30)
"Blessing and Honor"	Carl Simone	(9:30)

## **UNITY Highlights**

**Fond Farewell for Gail Anklam: Sunday, March 10 at 9:30 am.** The Fellowship Hall transforms into a giant nursery – a small-scale Gail Gala!

With recent changes in her life, Gail will soon relocate to Appleton to be near her daughter and grandchildren. We're so grateful for 35+ years that Gail has been part of UNITY. She's put her heart and boundless TLC into our kids in the nursery, been behind the scenes to help weddings run smoothly, delivered home communion, and so much more. We're looking for a few folks to join Pr. Sherrie to plan fun centers, activities, and food. And if you have then & now photos of your kids who have been in Gail's care, please send them along. Also... we're hoping that literally anyone under the age of 35 who was ever in our nursery, or anyone who's wedding Gail helped administer attend at 8:30 or 10:30 on March 10. We'll try to surround Gail with as many of her peeps as possible as we celebrate her work among us!

Advanced Education Scholarships: UNITY Church has four (4) \$1,000 education scholarships available for our high school students applying to college or current college students, who are attending a University, College, or Institution of higher education this year. Priority is given to anyone attending a Lutheran college or university, or majoring in nursing or engineering. If you are interested, contact Matt Griepentrog, Don Bock (dandcbock@sbcglobal.net), or any pastor for more information and details.

## All Things Lent

## Lent Offering:

**UNITY's 2024 Lent offerings will go towards the re-roof of the elementary school at Rutilio Grande, one of our El Salvador partners.** Anything you give designated for "Lent Offering" will be used to help with re-roofing. If we raise enough for that project, then extra dollars will go to create a fenced in area around the preschool. Our overall goal is \$15,000, which would be enough for the roof and half the fence project. Thank you for helping us share beyond ourselves this Lent.

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## Join Us for Wednesday Meals and Worship:

Lunch + Worship at Christ the King campus: Lunch starts at 12 noon-Worship begins around 12:20 pm. We'll begin with a meal of soup and sides at noon, then transition into a short time of worship and be sent on our way by 1 pm.

**Dinner + Worship at Cross of Life campus: Food begins at 5:30 pm. Worship begins at 6:50 pm.** Dinner is served from 5:30 pm until worship begins at 6:50 pm, with the evening typically closing by 7:30 pm. Each week we serve a soup and a side. **Worship will be live-streamed on our web site for anyone who prefers to join online or watch after the fact.** 

**Soup Making Group, Wednesdays 2pm at COL** Do you like to cook and not do it alone? This is perfect for you! Each Wednesday we plan on making the soup each week in the COL kitchen at 2 pm. Jump in for a fun time of cooking together led by Nancy Kostanski!

"One Night Only" Small Groups: See details in Adult Programs section on Page 11.

# Bible Studies: In person at each campus and online \*See Adults Program section for all the details

**Easter Flower Order Forms are Here!** - Visit the narthex to get your Easter flower order form. A wide variety of flowers are available. Orders are due by Thursday, March 21st, and all proceeds **benefit the senior high summer trip to the National Youth Gathering**. Flowers may be picked up following any Easter service you attend. Questions? Contact Matt Griepentrog. (Remember, this is different from the spring bedding flower sale which is still coming)

## Sr. High

Contact Sherrie Lorbeck or John Horner-Ibler; e: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org or john@unitybrookfield.org Eric Borkenhagen, c:(262) 442-6283:, e: ericnborkenhagen@gmail.com

## This Sunday, March 3rd - Music Night!

Come away for this music themed night filled with rotations to try your hand at learning a new thing, testing your musical ear, AND if you play an instrument, please bring it... and share one piece you love to play or be bold and think of a song for the Karaoke station. And no preparing in advance, but we'll also test your knowledge with a game of Name that Tune! Back to our regular time at COL from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Friends are always welcome!

## Sunday, March 10th - Chopped! 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at COL.

Last Fall, was the warm up practice your cooking skills night, now the Competition is on for who will win the most creative chef award. Additional prizes will be given in the areas of presentation and creativity. We'll have ALL the food you will need, but you'll have to work fast to come up with a plan and prepare it before the time is up. We'll have four courses that you will be present before UNITY Sr. High's acclaimed Food Critic!

# Summer Trip 2024 - Save the Date! Mark your calendars for July 14-21, 2024. Those are our planned dates for our Summer Trip to the National Youth Gathering.

#### Adult Programs Contact Matt Griepentrog, e: <u>matt@unitybrookfield.org</u> c: 262-787-8820

## Sunday Lent Bible Studies begin at both COL & CTK campuses this weekend:

## • March 3, 10 & 17: 9:45 am at COL Led by Pastor Dave Meissner

Our Lenten theme calls for us to "Bloom Where You Are Planted!" That's both challenging and exciting! But the Bible shows us how to *practically* make it happen. We'll look at:

- How to grow and mature in our faith
- How to consult with God in our daily decision making
- What Jesus has to say about our Christian values and morals.

If you want to grow in your walk with Jesus and are ready for something more than usual, join Pastor Dave Meissner as he leads this 3-week study

• March 3, 10 & 17: 10:30 am at CTK Led by Matt Griepentrog - Join Matt for a focused study on our "Bloom" theme. Grab some coffee and meet in the library!

# Weekly Online Bible Study continues two more Thursdays, March 7 & 14 from 7-8pm led by Pastor John. There are 3 ways to be a part of this:

1) Join the Zoom session and participate in real time (link is in every Wednesday allcongregation emailing and is the same for all 5 sessions);

2) Watch it on Facebook. Participate via the texting feature;

3) Watch it after the fact on your own time on UNITY's website.

These sessions will be Bible Study & Book Club mix. We suggest reading *The Great Dechurching: Who's Leaving, Why Are They Going, And What Will It Take To Bring Them Back?* by Jim Davis and Michael Graham. We'll read 3 chapters a week and look at 5 realms of understanding in our faith tradition: covenant & community, invitation & inclusion, healing & forgiveness, freedom & sacrifice, and divinity & love.T

## Special "One Night Only" Small Groups During Lent - Don't just live ... Bloom!

Come join our "One Night Only" Small Groups! This year for Lent, we are offering four unique, one-time experiences for groups to come together and experience our Lent theme in different ways. Each group will meet one time and learn about our theme during their time together. Sign up through SignUp Genius.

- BLOOM & BOURBON *Thursday, March 7 7:00-8:30 pm at Host Home* Join us for a night of bourbon tasting! Bring a bottle of your favorite to share.
- BLOOM & BOARD GAMES *Monday, March 11 7:00-8:30 pm at COL* Join us for a Game Night! We'll end with a devotion and short discussion. All ages are welcome to play and childcare will be available.

#### BLOOM & BULBS - Thursday, March 14 - 11:00-12:30 pm at CTK Join us for an *afternoon* of Spring Garden Planning! You'll receive bulbs to take home for planting.

## Moms Group Meets March 19 at COL from 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Moms Group is a time for moms of all ages and stages to share stories, pray together, and deepen their faith. We start by serving dinner. Kids eat together with childcare, then join choir practice or play in the nursery while adults gather upstairs in the art room for dinner and a devotion. Most kids are in 3rd grade and under but anyone is welcome to join us for Moms Group! We meet the third Tuesday of each month from 5:30-7:30 pm at COL. Our next gatherings for the program year are: April 16 & May 21. *Come find your tribe with us!* 

## Creative Connections invites adults to Bloom & Craft!

We invite all adults with creative interests to join us for some community and creative energy while we make a Blooming Lent Cross. A pre-stained wooden board will be wrapped with twine to create a cross and decorated with floral accents. Everyone will find success as Joan Krause walks the group through creating this project as a wonderful gift or addition to your home. We will gather on **Sunday, March 10, 2024 in the Art room upstairs at the Cross of Life campus from 9:30 - 11:30 AM.** The cost is \$10 to be collected the day of the event. Contact Fonda Kapitan (fmkapitan@gmail.com) with questions and to **sign up by March 3rd** to give us time to gather all the materials for the group. Special thanks to Frank Riederer for supplying the wood boards with routered edges. There are displays of the finished project in the narthex at both campuses.

## Servant Ministries

Contact Muriel Otto, e: muriel@unitybrookfield.org Jackie Herington, c: 262-501-6138, e: jackieswan10@icloud.com

**Bread of Healing Free Clinic is looking to fill volunteer positions.** If interested in even just a conversation, please contact Barbara Horner-Ibler @ barbara.horner@breadofhealing.org:

**Volunteer RN positions: 4 hrs at a time.** A very flexible schedule, and only 4 hrs at a time. Once a week, once a month, once a quarter - you decide! Our patient base is expanding, as patients lose coverage they have had through the pandemic under Badger Care. We need help!

**Ongoing Service Opportunities:** UNITY has standing volunteer "shifts" at various partners that we commit to covering as a church. Each one is coordinated by a different Unity member... each one has its own sign up page on the church website... and each one is an opportunity for you!

**Waukesha Food Pantry Food Distribution:** Each month, 4th Saturday, 9am-12pm; 5th Monday 5:45 - 8 pm.

**Serenity Inns Recovery Program Fellowship Dinners:** cook, deliver, or serve meal for 12 residents. Each month,1st Sunday and 2nd Friday, 6 - 7pm. Kids welcome.

**Monthly Meal Prep for Partners:** Join an all-ages team of UNITY volunteers to mass meal prep for Hebron Housing shelter and Serenity Inns recovery program. Wednesday evenings preceding the second Friday most months of the program year.

Partner we are praying for this month: Cordero de Dios

The altar flowers at COL are given by Cynthia & Blake Harris in honor of Lily Kate's baptism

Thank you to Jane Dowling for arranging the altar flowers this weekend

This weekend's communion breads were baked by Kelsey Morrison

## **Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members**

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

## **Cross of Life Campus**

Don Bock, Debbie Horne, Aaron Rooney, Kay Maas, Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Ardyce Myhre, Paula Dryer, Marlene Jernberg, John Vaughan, Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Alyce Vollan, Barb Purnell, Jenny Cape, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

## Christ the King Campus

Sharon Giessen, Gary Blaschke, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Kevin Nordmeyer, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Ken Schneider, Dave Rau

> We pray our prayers of sympathy for family and loved ones as they mourn the death of a loved one:

> > Cross of Life Boyd Meyers, step-father of Erin Quinnell Alan MacKenzie, former member

We give a prayer of thanksgiving for the renewed health of: Aaron Rooney, Tom Hochuli, Natalie Kamenick

We give a prayer of thanksgiving for the baptism of: Liliana Katherine "Lily Kate" Morton

## **UNITY Prayer Place**

Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.

## March 2-3

Jack Stagg (serious health concerns), father of Stephanie Stagg Tony Susa (spinal cord injury) brother-in-law of Vivian Clark Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

#### February 24-25

Ralph Phillips (lung cancer), uncle of Jolene Epding Brooke Stanley (health concerns), granddaughter of Nancy and Ken Kostanski

#### February 10-11

Ruthann Ungeran (Parkinson's), sister-in-law of Judie Born, Aunt/Godmother to Liz Ried Pat McNulty (stroke), family friend of the Epdings Roland Toucups (stage 4 pancreatic cancer), friend of Denny Thompson Donna Funk (bladder cancer/liver issues), daughter of Pearl Haack Chris (cancer diagnosis), friend of Jeff Key Dawn (recovering from a serious infection), friend of Diana and David Koenen

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, etc.) overseas and our military personnel: Ryan Cengeri, son of Julie Hochuli Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank Riederer

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COL 5:00 p.m.	Ministers for Saturday, March 2, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders:	Cheryl Caraulia, Miley Gill Betty Bredemus Mary Jo & Jim Eggert Greg Buck Leslie O'Connell Melissa & Kevin Grabowski Cheryl Caraulia Greg O'Connell Kay Koepsel-Benning Dylan Grabowski Becki Culhane

COL 8:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, March 3, 2024
Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader:	Confirmation Students Charlotte Quinnell, Addison Kahle Confirmation Students Susie Hilgart Confirmation Students
CTK 9:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, March 3, 2024
Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC:	Annalise Nordstrom, Isaac Bemus Kenny Kostanski, Ken Kostanski Tyler Nordstrom Melissa Bemus Patti Zais, Holly Zorzin Patty Zais Janet Day Aaron Prohuska Corynn Nordstrom Korrin Gumieny, Judie Born Robin Nordstrom
COL 10:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, March 3, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader:	Confirmation Students Mackenzie Kiefer, Austin Alft Confirmation Students Fred Varin Confirmation Students Confirmation Students Greg O'Connell Confirmation Students Confirmation Students Kathy Kindler Davida Kroepfl, Kelly Shoff



Lenten Wednesday Service March 6, 2024

BLOOM! Growing Healthier Together and Making It Healthier for Others Too This Week: Stems and Leaves

## 2024 Lenten Theme: "Bloom! Growing Healthier Together and Making It Healthier for Others Too" This Week: Stems and Leaves 12:00 PM CTK Campus 6:50 PM COL Campus

## **Prelude Music**

Welcome

**Opening Call to Worship and Hymn of Praise** "Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory" Leader: O Christ light of the world; Jesus you are the All: the light darkness no can come; 0 ver \_ Leader: with for it is evening, Stay us now, All: O the and day is al - most over. Leader: Let light the darkness. your ter scat -All: σ shine within your peo - ple and here.



## **Opening Prayer**

One: Let us pray. O God, our Master Gardener

Many: You see so much potential in all of us. You see it because you placed it there. You spoke us into being, made gloriously unique and gloriously whole - each child of God a masterpiece.

How you must grieve when life quells our vibrant hues. Even more so when we dim our own lights or hold back the people around us. Forgive us, O God. Unleash your Spirit within us, that we might truly bloom. Inspire us to fight for others' wellbeing, and our own. Make our world come alive through our service and joy, until all we see are flowers. May this day be a foretaste of the feast to come. Amen.

#### Anthem

*"Exploration on DEO GRACIAS" (Thanks Be to God)* arr. Jason Krug COL6:50 Gloria Dei Bell Choir; Director - Stacey Nordmeyer

## Scripture Revelation 22:1-5

The Bible ends with this chapter that harkens back to the beginning of the Bible. The writer imagines finding a tree that yields a different fruit for every month and the leaves of which heal the nations. This is apparently God's dream for our world!

<sup>1</sup>Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup>through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup>Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; <sup>4</sup>they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

One: The Word of the Lord. Many: Thanks be to God!

## Reflections

Each week one of our confirmation small groups reflects on the theme of the week. Some will use a picture, others their own research or insights to talk about what this week's theme might have to do with faith. Thanks to Wednesday Small Group 3 for their work on Stems and Leaves - Keegan Lerner, Josh Botsch, JJ Steichen, Lauren Filipek, Brynn LaTourette, Nora Schneider, Ali Allar, Abigail Mace.

Message You Are a Peach! We Make the Perfect Pear. Muriel Otto

Hymn"For the Fruit of All Creation"ELW 679For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.For these gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,Future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,In the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

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Hymn	"Let My Prayer Rise Up" (see next page for music)
	(Sing vs 1-2 before prayers Prayers Sing vs 3 after prayers)

#### The Prayers of the People

One: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and all people according to their need.

(Congregation response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer.")

Pastor: May our prayers come before you, O God, as incense, and may your presence surround us and fill us, so we might sing your praise and your love in our lives.

Many: Amen.

#### The Lord's Prayer (traditional)

CTK 12:00

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.



The Lord's Prayer (Sung Call and Response) **Our Father.** Which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy (unison) name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done. On earth As in heav'n. Please give to us All that we need And lead us not Away from you. For thine is the kingdom, And the power And the glory Forever. Amen. And it shall be so. Hallowed be thy (unison) name.

## Words of Sending

Benediction"Aaron's Blessing"Fernando Ortega (Call and Response)CTK12:00May the Lord bless you and keep you (May the Lord bless you and keep you)May the Lord makes His face to shine on you (May the Lord makes His face to shine on you)May the Lord makes His face to shine on you (May the Lord makes His face to shine on you)May the Lord lift His countenance on you (May the Lord lift His countenance on you)May the Lord lift His countenance on you (May the Lord lift His countenance on you)May the keep you in perfect peace (May He keep you in perfect peace)May He keep you

**Benediction** *"Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery"* ELW 334 vs. 1, 2, 5 COL 6:50 Tree of Life and awesome myst'ry, in your death we are reborn; though you die in all of hist'ry, still you rise with every morn, still you rise with ev'ry morn From the dawning of creation you have loved us as your own; stay with us through all temptation, make us turn to you alone, make us turn to you alone. In our call to be a blessing, may we be a blessing true; may we live and die confessing, Christ as Lord of all we do, Christ as Lord of all we do.

## Dismissal

One: Go in peace, serve the Lord! Many: Thanks be to God!

## Lent 2024

## Bloom!

## Growing Healthier Together and Making It Healthier for Others Too

(A special Lent 2024 box has been created on the website where you will find everything you need to know)

## Wednesday Schedule

• **CTK Campus**: Soup starting at noon, then worship. Finished around 1 pm. If you would like to bring a soup, rolls, or salad to share, please choose a Wednesday that works for you and add your name to the paper sign-up on the coffee bar or call the church office. Thank you!

• **COL Campus**: Meal (one soup, one other main option) served 5:30-6:30pm, Confirmation 6:00-6:50, evening worship, 6:50-7:30

Please see the Sign Up Genius located on our website in the box Lent 2024.

## **Daily Devotion**

Available by signing up on our website to have them delivered each day to your email or you can read them on the website. To sign up, please go to the box *Lent 2024* on the website.

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## "One Night Only" Small Groups:

Four unique experiences to come together and bloom! More detail in the Adult Programs section. Sign up on the website.

Bloom and Bourbon: Thursday, March 7, 7:00-8:30pm at host home Bloom and Board Games: Monday, March 11, 7:00-8:30pm at COL Bloom and Bulbs: Thursday, March 14, 11am-12:30pm at CTK

## **Confirmation Students**

Students will be handling the service leadership roles at 6 of our Wednesday evening and Holy Week services.



# The Fourth Weekend in Lent

## March 9-10, 2024

Saturday, March 9, 2024 5:00 pm COL

Sunday, March 10, 2024 8:30 am COL 9:30 am CTK 10:30 am COL

## Online Worship anytime after 5:00 pm each Saturday

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## WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH!

#### We're glad you're here today! UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.

- Children. Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- **Nursery.** Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- Sunday School. All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)

## • At UNITY, the Communion Table is:

- Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
- Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
- Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
- We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
- Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
- If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: <u>unitybrookfield.org</u> for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

**GIVING.** If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the COL narthex and by the bulletin board in the CTK narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay is also accepted. Thank you!

## Prelude

"Oh How Good It Is" "Prelude on St. Thomas" Praise Band David Lasky (Online, 9:30) (5:00, 8:30, 10:30)

## Words of Welcome

## Sharing the Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always. Many: And also with you.

## **Time of Confession and Forgiveness**

Each weekend during Lent, we use a different form of confession out of our Lutheran tradition as our Call to Worship.

One: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

## Many: Amen.

One: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Many: Amen.

One: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(A moment of silence for reflection.)

One: Gracious God,

- Many: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
- One: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Many: Amen.

## **Opening Hymn**

"We All Are One in Mission"	ELW 576	(Online, 5:00, 8:30, 10:30)
"Cornerstone"	Praise Band	(9:30)

## **Children's Message**

## **Greeting and Prayer of the Day**

- Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- Many: And also with you.

One: Let us pray. God, our Refuge,

Many: You offer us so many gifts, but one of the greatest is the gift of rest. We humans tend to carry around a lot: difficult circumstances, unreasonable expectations, the challenges of care-giving for those we love, not to mention trying to care for ourselves. These things all weigh us down.

Our burdens are unique to each of us, as are our individual abilities to carry them all. Maybe that's why your promise to us is this: whatever we carry today, we don't have to carry it alone.

May your words give us rest today. May chances to both help carry and be carried fill our tomorrows. And may we all be walking a little lighter by the end of this time of worship. We ask it in the name of the One who lives to lift our burdens, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. ... Amen.

## First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

In the secular world, the image of a serpent on a pole has come to be associated with physicians and healing. In the Christian tradition, that same image transfers over to our understanding of Christ on the cross. He comes for the healing of the world.

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." <sup>6</sup>Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup>The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

One: The Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

## Anthem

"This Is My Father's World"	arr. Bill Ingram	(9:30)
Hosanna Bells; Director, Stacey Nord	lmeyer	
"Exploration on DEO GRACIAS"		(Online)
Gloria Dei Bells; Director, Stacey No	ordmeyer	

**Gospel Acclamation** *"Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"* ELW 512

#### Gospel: John 3:14-21

Each of the synoptic Gospels, Matthew, Mark and Luke, get one year of continuous coverage in our lectionary schedule of Bible readings. The Gospel of John is different, sprinkled throughout all three years, especially around holy days. This passage, which specifically references the first reading from Numbers, helps us get ready for Holy Week and Easter by looking to the cross.

One: The Gospel according to John, the third chapter

## Many: Glory to you O, Lord.

Jesus said:<sup>14</sup>"Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup>Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

One: The Gospel of the Lord Many: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message	"Do We Believe That?"	Muriel Otto	
Hymn of t	the Day		
"What	Wondrous Love Is This"	ELW 666	(Online, 5:00, 8:30, 10:30)

#### The Prayers of the People

"Be Thou My Vision"

One:	Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people
	according to their needs.
	(Congregation response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer.")
Pastor:	Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Many:	

Praise Band

(9:30)

#### **Announcements and Offering**

**Offertory Response** (as gifts are brought forward) "Change My Heart, O God" ELW 801

## **Prayer of Thanks**

- One: Let us pray. Blessed are you,
- Many: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

- Pastor: The Lord be with you.
- Many: And also with you.
- Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
- Many: We lift them to the Lord.
- Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### Words of Institution

#### The Lord's Prayer (traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### **Communion Meditation**

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"	arr. Keveren	(5:00, 8:30, 10:30)
"Remembrance"	Praise Band	(9:30)

#### **Post Communion Blessing**

Spoken Response: Amen.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

One: Let us pray. O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Many: Amen.

#### Benediction

## Sending Hymn

"Amazing Grace"	ELW 779 vs. 1-3	(Online, 5:00, 8:30, 10:30)
"Goodness, Love and Mercy"	Praise Band	(9:30)

#### Dismissal

One: Go in peace, serve the Lord! Many: Thanks be to God!

## Postlude

"Blessing and Honor"	Carl Simone	(5:00, 8:30, 10:30)
"Goodness, Love and Mercy (Reprise)"	Praise Band	(Online, 9:30)

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

**Maundy Thursday, March 28 7:00 pm. Christ the King (CTK) campus.** We will eat elements of the seder, or traditional Passover meal which Jesus celebrated with his disciples on the night before his crucifixion. The service will take place in the Fellowship Hall (Gathering Place) at CTK and move in the direction of the communion meal we so associate with that Last Supper.

Good Friday, March 29. Noon at CTK and 7:00 pm at the Cross of Life campus. We mark the most somber day on the Christian calendar by each placing a nail in the cross and walking in the footsteps of those who were part of that fateful day.

Holy Saturday, March 30. Vigil at 5:00 pm at COL and outdoor celebration of Easter at CTK at 6:45 pm. We shorten the four-hour traditional vigil to about 75 minutes, moving from the darkness of Good Friday to the light of Easter. The service ends as joyous proclamation of Good News! The outdoor version at CTK is much shorter still, aimed at all ages but especially friendly to children who end the service with an Easter egg hunt in the backyard! Done by 7:15. We'll move inside if the weather is not cooperative.

**Easter Sunday. The Resurrection of our Lord!** The celebrative word we buried on Ash Wednesday returns in full voice, along with flowers on the cross, ringing bells for everyone, and music to lift our souls.

CTK: Worship at 9:30 am followed by Easter breakfast at about 10:45 am.

COL: Totally different worship schedule for Easter only: 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 am.

## **UNITY Highlights**

**Fond Farewell for Gail Anklam: Sunday, March 10 at 9:30 am.** The COL Fellowship Hall transforms into a giant nursery – a small-scale Gail Gala!

With recent changes in her life, Gail will soon relocate to Appleton to be near her daughter and grandchildren. We're so grateful for 35+ years that Gail has been part of UNITY. She's put her heart and boundless TLC into our kids in the nursery, been behind the scenes to help weddings run smoothly, delivered home communion, and so much more. This Sunday, we'll try to surround Gail with as many of her peeps as possible as we celebrate her work among us! She'll be the guest of honor at the children's messages at both Sunday services and then Gail will be hanging out with all of us in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 am for conversation, fun, and what this campus does best: Cake of Life.

## All Things Lent

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## Join Us for Wednesday Meals and Worship:

Lunch + Worship at Christ the King campus: Lunch starts at 12 noon-Worship begins around 12:20 pm. We'll begin with a meal of soup and sides at noon, then transition into a short time of worship and be sent on our way by 1 pm.

**Note:** Rather than meet at a restaurant, the Ladies Lunch Bunch will meet this Wednesday at CTK for Lunch + Worship.

**Dinner + Worship at Cross of Life campus: Food begins at 5:30 pm. Worship begins at 6:50 pm.** Dinner is served from 5:30 pm until worship begins at 6:50 pm, with the evening typically closing by 7:30 pm. Each week we serve a soup and a non-soup main item.. **Worship will be live-streamed on our web site for anyone who prefers to join online or watch after the fact.** 

**Soup Making Group, Wednesdays 2pm at COL** Do you like to cook and not do it alone? This is perfect for you! Each Wednesday we plan on making the soup each week in the COL kitchen at 2 pm. Jump in for a fun time of cooking together led by Nancy Kostanski!

"One Night Only" Small Groups: See details in Adult Programs section on Page 11.

# Bible Studies: In person at each campus and online \*See Adults Program section for all the details

**Easter Flower Order Forms are Here!** - Visit the narthex to get your Easter flower order form. A wide variety of flowers are available. Orders are due by Thursday, March 21st, and all proceeds **benefit the senior high summer trip to the National Youth Gathering**. Flowers may be picked up following any Easter service you attend. Questions? Contact Matt Griepentrog. (Remember, this is different from the spring bedding flower sale which is still coming)

**Education Scholarships:** UNITY Church has four (4) \$1,000 education scholarships available for our high school students applying to college or current college students, who are attending a University, College, or Institution of higher education this year. Priority is given to anyone attending a Lutheran college or university, or majoring in nursing or engineering. If you are interested, contact Matt Griepentrog, Don Bock (dandcbock@sbcglobal.net), or any pastor for more information and details.

**Confirmation Students at Iftar this coming Friday, March 15.** Confirmation students, if you want to be part of the visit to the Islamic Society of Milwaukee-West mosque in Brookfield on Friday, please be sure to sign up at our web site. Parent drivers needed to. It is a special time to visit our faith cousins as they gather during the month of Ramadan. They'll give us with a tour, answer questions about basic practices and world events, welcome us during Maghrib (sunset) prayers and then feed us too as the daily fast is broken! (Iftar, aka futoor...the Arabic word for breakfast, is the meal held every day during Ramadan at sunset, breaking the fast held throughout the daylight hours.) UNITY Members are also welcome to attend. Please let one of the Pastors know so that we can have a count of those attending. We depart from UNITY at 5:30 pm.

**Pastor John Retirement Events.** I'm retiring which is a new life experience for me. Fortunately, I love new experiences. I've been here 27 years, but you've all been here too, some for more than 27, others less. I see this as marking our time *together*, and, getting ready for each other's next things, more than marking my retirement. To that end, let's do stuff that's sort of "normal" and celebrates what, I hope, has been a good run for all of us. Here's the plan, such as it is:

**Next Saturday, March 16. 9 am -Noon. A morning of serving.** This is something so many of us love best about UNITY. We'll do a little bit of everything: First, there's the 3rd Saturday Men's Breakfast at 7:30 am. If you're a guy, drop in. Our party has never been crashed by women, but if some show up, we'll feed you too. Than, starting at 9:00 am....Some of us will go to Hebron House to help organize a basement storage area. A worthy challenge! Some of us will stay at the COL campus and work on projects for other partners including fleece blanket tying and food packaging.

Some of us will stay at the COL campus and work on COL property projects which can include anything people want to tackle including: Organize and pitch stuff from our 2nd Floor storage rooms, clean and organize the kitchen, deep clean stairwells and classrooms (please bring your own buckets and vacuums since we may not have enough), replace water stained ceiling tiles throughout the building (bring tools for measuring and cutting).

**Worship 5:00 pm.** I'm preaching which may be at mixed blessing but consider yourself warned.

**Evening Fun time: 6:00-8:00 pm.** We'll eat. If you want to hang out and play card and board games, we'll have that. If you want to play the teen and adult version of Crazy Uncle, we'll be playing that too. I'll be running Purgatory for that particular game which means you'll all get to talk to me at some point. (If you've not played the game, you'll find out why that is so as a part of it!)

Receptions: Receptions will happen:

6:00 pm after the Saturday service on April 6,

9:30 am between services at COL on Sunday, April 7

10:30 am after the Sunday service at CTK on April 14.

## Sr. High

Contact Sherrie Lorbeck or John Horner-Ibler; e: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org or john@unitybrookfield.org Eric Borkenhagen, c:(262) 442-6283:, e: ericnborkenhagen@gmail.com

## This Sunday, March 10th - Chopped! 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at COL.

Last Fall, was the warm up practice your cooking skills night, now the Competition is on for who will win the most creative chef award. Additional prizes will be given in the areas of presentation and creativity. We'll have ALL the food you will need, but you'll have to work fast to come up with a plan and prepare it before the time is up. We'll have four courses that you will be present before UNITY Sr. High's acclaimed Food Critic!

# Summer Trip 2024 - Save the Date! Mark your calendars for July 14-21, 2024. Those are our planned dates for our Summer Trip to the National Youth Gathering.

#### Adult Programs Contact Matt Griepentrog, e: <u>matt@unitybrookfield.org</u> c: 262-787-8820

## Sunday Lent Bible Studies begin at both COL & CTK campuses this weekend:

## • March 10 & 17: 9:45 am at COL Led by Pastor Dave Meissner

Our Lenten theme calls for us to "Bloom Where You Are Planted!" That's both challenging and exciting! But the Bible shows us how to *practically* make it happen. We'll look at:

- How to grow and mature in our faith
- How to consult with God in our daily decision making
- What Jesus has to say about our Christian values and morals.

If you want to grow in your walk with Jesus and are ready for something more than usual, join Pastor Dave Meissner as he leads us in the second of this 3-week study

• March 10 & 17: 10:30 am at CTK Led by Matt Griepentrog - Join Matt for a focused study on our "Bloom" theme. Grab some coffee and meet in the library for the second week of this three week study (regardless if you made the first week!)

# Weekly Online Bible Study continues one more Thursday, March 14 from 7-8pm led by Pastor John. There are 3 ways to be a part of this:

1) Join the Zoom session and participate in real time (link is in every Wednesday allcongregation emailing and is the same for all 5 sessions);

2) Watch it on Facebook. Participate via the texting feature, also in real time.

3) Watch it after the fact on your own time on UNITY's website.

These sessions will be Bible Study & Book Club mix. We suggest reading *The Great Dechurching: Who's Leaving, Why Are They Going, And What Will It Take To Bring Them Back?* by Jim Davis and Michael Graham. We'll read 3 chapters a week and look at 5 realms of understanding in our faith tradition: covenant & community, invitation & inclusion, healing & forgiveness, freedom & sacrifice, and divinity & love.

## Special "One Night Only" Small Groups During Lent - Don't just live ... Bloom!

Come join our "One Night Only" Small Groups! This year for Lent, we are offering four unique, one-time experiences for groups to come together and experience our Lent theme in different ways. Each group will meet one time and learn about our theme during their time together. Sign up through SignUp Genius.

• BLOOM & BOARD GAMES - *Monday, March 11 - 7:00-8:30 pm at COL* Join us for a Game Night! We'll end with a devotion and short discussion. All ages are welcome to play and childcare will be available.

#### • BLOOM & BULBS - *Thursday, March 14 - 11:00-12:30 pm at CTK* Join us for an *afternoon* of Spring Garden Planning! You'll receive bulbs to take home for planting.

## Moms Group Meets March 19 at COL from 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Moms Group is a time for moms of all ages and stages to share stories, pray together, and deepen their faith. We start by serving dinner. Kids eat together with childcare, then join

choir practice or play in the nursery while adults gather upstairs in the art room for dinner and a devotion. Most kids are in 3rd grade and under but anyone is welcome to join us for Moms Group! We meet the third Tuesday of each month from 5:30-7:30 pm at COL. Our next gatherings for the program year are: April 16 & May 21. *Come find your tribe with us!* 

## Creative Connections invites adults to Bloom & Craft this Sunday, March 10!

*There is still room to join in this wonderful opportunity!* We invite all adults with creative interests to join us for some community and creative energy while we make a Blooming Lent Cross. A pre-stained wooden board will be wrapped with twine to create a cross and decorated with floral accents. Everyone will find success as Joan Krause walks the group through creating this project as a wonderful gift or addition to your home. We will gather on **Sunday, March 10, 2024 in the Art room upstairs at the Cross of Life campus from 9:30 - 11:30 AM.** The cost is \$10 to be collected the day of the event. Contact Fonda Kapitan (fmkapitan@gmail.com) with questions. Special thanks to Frank Riederer for supplying the wood boards with routered edges. There are displays of the finished project in the narthex at both campuses.

## Servant Ministries

Contact Muriel Otto, e: muriel@unitybrookfield.org Jackie Herington, c: 262-501-6138, e: jackieswan10@icloud.com

**Bread of Healing Free Clinic is looking to fill volunteer positions.** If interested in even just a conversation, please contact Barbara Horner-Ibler @ barbara.horner@breadofhealing.org:

**Volunteer RN positions: 4 hrs at a time.** A very flexible schedule, and only 4 hrs at a time. Once a week, once a month, once a quarter - you decide! Our patient base is expanding, as patients lose coverage they have had through the pandemic under Badger Care. We need help!

**Ongoing Service Opportunities:** UNITY has standing volunteer "shifts" at various partners that we commit to covering as a church. Each one is coordinated by a different Unity member... each one has its own sign up page on the church website... and each one is an opportunity for you!

**Waukesha Food Pantry Food Distribution:** Each month, 4th Saturday, 9am-12pm; 5th Monday 5:45 - 8 pm.

**Serenity Inns Recovery Program Fellowship Dinners:** cook, deliver, or serve meal for 12 residents. Each month,1st Sunday and 2nd Friday, 6 - 7pm. Kids welcome.

**Monthly Meal Prep for Partners:** Join an all-ages team of UNITY volunteers to mass meal prep for Hebron Housing shelter and Serenity Inns recovery program. Wednesday evenings preceding the second Friday most months of the program year.

Partner we are praying for this month: Cordero de Dios

The altar flowers at COL are given by Jill and John Peterson in celebration of Peterson family birthdays: Helen (91), Elizabeth (24), and Michael (36)

Thank you to Leslie O'Connell for arranging the altar flowers this weekend

This weekend's communion breads were baked by Barb Borkenhagen

## **Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members**

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

#### **Cross of Life Campus**

Don Bock, Debbie Horne, Kay Maas, Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Ardyce Myhre, Paula Dryer, Marlene Jernberg, John Vaughan, Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Alyce Vollan, Barb Purnell, Jenny Cape, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

## Christ the King Campus

Sharon Giessen, Gary Blaschke, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Kevin Nordmeyer, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Ken Schneider, Dave Rau

## UNITY Prayer Place

Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.

## March 9-10

Marie Pufall (surgery), mother of Molly Pufall-Brown Marguerite Braun (health concerns), mother of Nancy Kostanski Del Kaatz (surgical procedure), relative of Judy Kolstad David Knuth (surgical procedure), relative of Judy Kolstad Margie Lang (recent cancer diagnosis), friend of Jill Barney and Jack Guenther Paul (hospitalized), co-worker of Jeff Key Jack & Carol Douglass (broken back/health issues), father & his wife of Jane Dowling Mary Iwen (serious medical issues), sister of Karen Hartzler Tom Klug (in ICU), father-in-law of Kim Klug Sandy Madsen (blood cancer, in hospice), aunt of Kevin Grabowski Mike Thesing (serious health issues), cousin-in-law of Jeff Key

## March 2-3

Jack Stagg (serious health concerns), father of Stephanie Stagg Tony Susa (spinal cord injury) brother-in-law of Vivian Clark Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

#### February 24-25

Ralph Phillips (lung cancer), uncle of Jolene Epding Brooke Stanley (health concerns), granddaughter of Nancy and Ken Kostanski

#### February 10-11

Ruthann Ungeran (Parkinson's), sister-in-law of Judie Born, Aunt/Godmother to Liz Ried Pat McNulty (stroke), family friend of the Epdings Roland Toucups (stage 4 pancreatic cancer), friend of Denny Thompson Donna Funk (bladder cancer/liver issues), daughter of Pearl Haack Chris (cancer diagnosis), friend of Jeff Key Dawn (recovering from a serious infection), friend of Diana and David Koenen

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, et	c.) overseas and our military personnel:
Ryan Cengeri, son of Julie Hochuli	Bryce Roland, grandson of Grace Leverenz
Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz	Caroline Schneider, daughter of Brian & Patty
Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans	Schneider
Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers	Billy Thomas, son of Eric & Sally Thomas
Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson	Mallori Trester, daughter of Dale Trester
Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank	Kyle Unger, cousin of the Wistrom family
Riederer	

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Worship Coordinator: Greeters: Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders:	Nicki Shady, Duane Maas Jill Barney, Jack Guenther Kim Klug Deborah Nustad Nicki Shady, Duane Maas Cheryl Caraulia Janet Day Mark Shady Katie Maas Becki Culhane

COL 8:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, March 10, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician:	Confirmation Students Confirmation Students Confirmation Students Janet Day Confirmation Students Confirmation Students Emily Reinhardt, Joanne Rentmeester, Becky Conway
CTK 9:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, March 10, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders: Nursery: Coffee:	Barb Patterson Jenny & Mike Collins Diana VanSlyke Praise Band Aaron Prohuska Praise Band Anna Jansson, Emily McFadden Robin Nordstrom Barb Borkenhagen
COL 10:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, March 10, 2024
Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader:	Keira Kroepfl Confirmation Students Melanie Varin Confirmation Students Confirmation Students Janet Day Confirmation Students Confirmation Students Jeff Stark Davida Kroepfl, Reghan Guenther



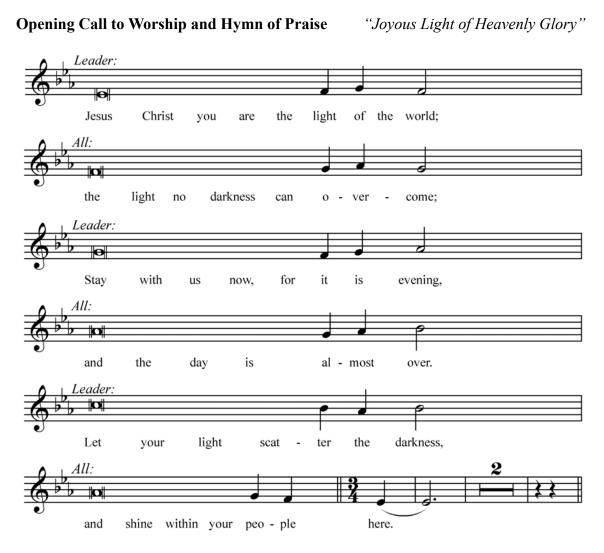
Lenten Wednesday Service March 13, 2024

BLOOM! Growing Healthier Together and Making It Healthier for Others Too This Week: Flowers and Pollination

## 2024 Lenten Theme: "Bloom! Growing Healthier Together and Making It Healthier for Others Too" This Week: Flowers and Pollination 12:00 PM CTK Campus 6:50 PM COL Campus

## **Prelude Music**

Welcome





#### **Opening Prayer**

One: Let us pray. O God, our Divine Winegrower,

Many: Thank you for what you have planted throughout your world and within us. Remind us that when we are cut off from you, we wither and we don't thrive. Life becomes so much harder from day to day. We become angry, jealous, annoyed, resentful, and burned out.

Yet, help us remain connected to You, O God, and to Jesus, our vine. The vine that gives life to each of us as extensions of your reach, branches in your world. Help us stay strong and healthy, surrounded by your light shining through others, nourished by your meal, and pruned when needed by your hand, to let go of anything that saps the life of your love from us.

May we do so, in love toward one another, in order to bear good fruit, full of sweet connections and ripe with the signs of your love. In your holy name and presence, we pray. Amen.

#### Anthem

*"Hymn of Promise"* Fellowship Choir Sleeth

CTK 12:00

#### Scripture John 15:1-5

In Hebrew, God's name means "I AM". By the time of Jesus, John's gospel lifts up the way that Jesus describes who he is to people... beginning with these two powerful words, that are not just a common form of introduction. Instead, they hint at the reality that Jesus is more than what meets the eye, and may in fact, be so connected to the very God, who brought forth Life and is what gives life for us to bear fruit of goodness and love.

[Jesus says]<sup>1</sup>I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

One: The Word of the Lord. Many: Thanks be to God!

#### Reflections

Each week one of our confirmation small groups reflects on the theme of the week. Some will use a picture, others their own research or insights to talk about what this week's theme might have to do with faith. Thanks to Wednesday Small Group 4 for their work on Flowers and Pollination - George Lorbeck, Ben Whitman, Bennett Hahn, Robin Nordstrom, Sonora Stark, Peyton Nodolf, Inara Hamilton, and Francis Paradis.

Sherrie Lorbeck

#### Anthem

*"O Sacred, Wondrous Love"* arr. Heather Sorenson COL 6:50 Korrin Gumieny, Melissa Bemus, Molly Pufall-Brown

Hymn "For the Fruit of All Creation" ELW 679
For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For these gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, Future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.
In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.

In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done. In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing, In the herveste we are sharing. God's will is done.

In the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

#### **Announcements/Offering**

UNITY's 2024 Lent offerings will go towards the re-roof of the elementary school at Rutilio Grande, one of our El Salvador partners. Anything you give designated for "Lent Offering" will be used to help with re-roofing. If we raise enough for that project, then extra dollars will go to create a fenced in area around the preschool. Our overall goal is \$15,000, which would be enough for the roof and half the fence project. Thank you for helping us share beyond ourselves this Lent.

**Hymn** *"Let My Prayer Rise Up"* (see next page for music) (Sing vs 1-2 before prayers... Prayers... Sing vs 3 after prayers)

#### The Prayers of the People

One: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and all people according to their need.

(Congregation response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer.")

Pastor: May our prayers come before you, O God, as incense, and may your presence surround us and fill us, so we might sing your praise and your love in our lives.Many: Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer (traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

CTK 12:00

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The Lord's Prayer (Sung Call and Response) **Our Father**, Which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy (unison) name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, On earth As in heav'n. Please give to us All that we need And lead us not Away from you. For thine is the kingdom, And the power And the glory Forever. Amen. And it shall be so. Hallowed be thy (unison) name.

## Words of Sending

#### "Aaron's Blessing" Fernando Ortega (Call and Response) Benediction May the Lord bless you and keep you (May the Lord bless you and keep you) May the Lord make His face to shine on you (May the Lord make His face to shine on you) And be gracious to you (And be gracious to you) May the Lord lift His countenance on you (May the Lord lift His countenance on you) May the Lord lift His countenance on you (May the Lord lift His countenance on you) May He keep you in perfect peace (May He keep you in perfect peace) Dismissal

One: Go in peace, serve the Lord! Many: Thanks be to God! COL 6:50

## Lent 2024

## Bloom!

## Growing Healthier Together and Making It Healthier for Others Too

(A special Lent 2024 box has been created on the website where you will find everything you need to know)

## Wednesday Schedule

• **CTK Campus**: Soup starting at noon, then worship. Finished around 1 pm. If you would like to bring a soup, rolls, or salad to share, please choose a Wednesday that works for you and add your name to the paper sign-up on the coffee bar or call the church office. Thank you!

• **COL Campus**: Meal (one soup, one other main option) served 5:30-6:30pm, Confirmation 6:00-6:50, evening worship, 6:50-7:30

Please see the Sign Up Genius located on our website in the box Lent 2024.

## **Daily Devotion**

Available by signing up on our website to have them delivered each day to your email or you can read them on the website. To sign up, please go to the box *Lent 2024* on the website.

## Lent for Littles

**Dinner and Family Activities, Tuesdays 5:30pm-7pm.**Each Tuesday during Lent (February 20-March 19) enjoy a simple and kid-friendly meal from 5:30-6:00 pm at our COL campus, followed by family activities for kids and their adults to do together. Activities from 6:00-6:30 pm will be geared toward Grade 1-6, and 6:30-7:00 pm activities will be geared toward PreK-Grade 1 to mirror the schedule for any kids in choir ... but come whenever it works for you! Please note that ALL families are welcome to join our Lent for Littles Program! Can you Lend a Hand with Lent for Littles Meals? We are in need of one shopper and one meal maker/server for each week. Please sign up online.

## "One Night Only" Small Groups:

Four unique experiences to come together and bloom! More detail in the Adult Programs section. Sign up on the website. Our final group meets tomorrow:

Bloom and Bulbs: Thursday, March 14, 11am-12:30pm at CTK

## **Confirmation Students**

Students will be handling the service leadership roles at 6 of our Wednesday evening and Holy Week services.



# The Fifth Weekend in Lent

## March 16-17, 2024

Saturday, March 16, 2024 5:00 pm COL

Sunday, March 17, 2024 8:30 am COL 9:30 am CTK 10:30 am COL

## Online Worship anytime after 5:00 pm each Saturday

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## WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH!

## We're glad you're here today! UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.

- Children. Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- **Nursery.** Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- Sunday School. All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)

## • At UNITY, the Communion Table is:

- Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
- Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
- Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
- We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
- Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
- If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.
- **Pastors.** Unity is served by three called pastors who are present at both campuses on a rotating basis. Most Saturdays, the weekend preacher is the pastor at that service. On Sundays, the preacher for the weekend travels to both campuses to share the message. Each of the other pastors is then based at one campus or another. This week, Sherrie Lorbeck is the Cross of Life campus pastor. Muriel Otto is the Christ the King campus pastor. John Horner-Ibler is the preacher.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: <u>unitybrookfield.org</u> for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

**GIVING.** If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the COL narthex and by the bulletin board in the CTK narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay is also accepted. Thank you!

## Prelude

"Oh How Good It Is"Praise Band"Jesus Paid It All"arr. Howlett

(5:00, 8:30, 10:30) (Online, 9:30)

## Words of Welcome

## **Sharing the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always. Many: And also with you.

## **Time of Confession and Forgiveness**

During the season of Lent we start our worship with a time to reflect, be honest about our failures of faith, and be reminded of God's mercy. Each week we use a different liturgy from our Lutheran tradition. This week, on the fourth anniversary of the initial Covid lockdown, we use the litany of confession and forgiveness from our first live-streamed service.

- We come before you, aware of our sin, O God. One<sup>.</sup> Many: Have mercy on us, we pray. We experience humility. Circumstances remind us how vulnerable we really One<sup>.</sup> are Many: Have mercy on us, we pray. We question why this is happening and know you encourage questions One: rather than resist them Great God, you do have mercy on us, for which we give thanks. Many: We do not know what the future will look like. But of course, we never did, One: we are just now more aware. Many: Good God, we see in you a mercy that allows us to move beyond ourselves to something bigger. We alone are just solitary "me's." One: Your mercy sustains us in separation and unites us in prayer. Many: Oh, gracious God, you had mercy all along! You didn't turn away! You came One<sup>.</sup> back for us! Friends, believe this Good News: God way more than forgives. God shares with all. God reconciles us. God loves you! And to that, one and all can say.
- Many: Amen!

## **Opening Hymn**

"Oh How Good It Is"	Praise Band	(Online, 5:00, 8:30, 10:30)
"We All Are One in Mission"	ELW 576	(9:30)

## Children's Message

#### **Greeting and Prayer of the Day**

- Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- Many: And also with you.
- One: Let us pray. Familiar, heart-friendly God,
- Many: we humans like to make you in our image. So often we turn you into what *we* expect: a God who is above it all and just fair enough to enforce rules on others while extending us grace.

O God, our God, remind us to listen to Jesus when we veer into selfworship. You are in it all, not above it all. Your unconditional love far exceeds our standards of fairness. You do so much, as can we, when it's your ways and not ours.

We trust the power found in humility, through Jesus, our servant Savior. Amen.

#### First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Also read on Reformation Day, this short section was written 600 years before Jesus and 2,100 years before Martin Luther. Its wisdom is part of both Jesus' reform of Judaism and Luther's of Christianity. To love your neighbor as yourself and to realize we are saved by grace and not works is the essence of the word that Jeremiah shared long ago and shares with us still.

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

One: The Word of the Lord. Many: Thanks be to God.

#### Anthem

"This Is My Father's World"	arr. Bill Ingram	(Online)
Hosanna Bells; Director, Stacey Nor	dmeyer	
"Morceau de concours"	Gabriel Fauré	(9:30)
Flute: Robin Nordstrom; Piano: Lynn Key		

<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	"Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"	ELW 512
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#### **Gospel: John 12:20-26**

The Greeks who approach Philip probably do so because his was a Greek name they were familiar with. Set between Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead and a prediction of his own death, Jesus' words about seeds and fruit connect his life, and ours, to the promise for lives lived on behalf of others.

One: The Gospel according to John, the twelfth chapter **Many:** Glory to you O, Lord.

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

One: The Gospel of the Lord Many: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message	"Always Andrew"	John Horner-Ibler
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## Hymn of the Day

"Christ, Be Our Light	ELW 715 vs. 2-4	(Online, 9:30)
"Be Thou My Vision"	Praise Band	(5:00, 8:30, 10:30)

#### The Prayers of the People

One:	Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people
	according to their needs.
	(Congregation response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer.")
Pastor:	Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Many:	

#### **Announcements and Offering**

**Offertory Response** (as gifts are brought forward) "Change My Heart, O God" ELW 801

#### **Prayer of Thanks**

One: Let us pray. Merciful God,

Many: in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you embrace our lives with your great love for humanity. With joy and gladness we ask that these gifts may be for many a sign of that love, and that we may continue to share in your divine life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer (traditional) (5:00, 9:30) Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

(8:30, 10:30)The Lord's Prayer (Sung Call and Response) **Our Father.** Which art in heaven. Hallowed be thy (unison) name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, On earth As in heav'n. Please give to us All that we need And lead us not Away from you. For thine is the kingdom, And the power And the glory Forever. Amen. And it shall be so. Hallowed be thy (unison) name. **Communion Meditation** "Remembrance" Praise Band (5:00, 8:30, 10:30)"Be Still My Soul" (9:30)arr. Howlett

## Post Communion Blessing Spoken Response: Amen.

## **Prayer after Communion**

One: Let us pray. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Many: Amen.

## Benediction

## Sending Hymn

"Amazing Grace"	ELW 779 vs. 1-3	(9:30)
"Goodness, Love and Mercy"	Praise Band	(Online, 5:00, 8:30, 10:30)

## Dismissal

One: Go in peace, serve the Lord! Many: Thanks be to God!

## Postlude

"Blessed Assurance"	arr. Lorie Line	(Online, 9:30)
"Goodness, Love and Mercy" (Reprise)	Praise Band	(5:00, 8:30, 10:30)

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

**Maundy Thursday, March 28 7:00 pm. Christ the King (CTK) campus.** We will eat elements of the Seder, or traditional Passover meal which Jesus celebrated with his disciples on the night before his crucifixion. The service will take place in the Fellowship Hall (Gathering Place) at CTK and move in the direction of the communion meal we so associate with that Last Supper.

Good Friday, March 29. Noon at CTK and 7:00 pm at the Cross of Life campus. We mark the most somber day on the Christian calendar by each placing a nail in the cross and walking in the footsteps of those who were part of that fateful day.

Holy Saturday, March 30. Vigil at 5:00 pm at COL and outdoor celebration of Easter at CTK at 6:45 pm. We shorten the four-hour traditional vigil to about 75 minutes, moving from the darkness of Good Friday to the light of Easter. The service ends as joyous proclamation of Good News! The outdoor version at CTK is much shorter still, aimed at all ages but especially friendly to children who end the service with an Easter egg hunt in the backyard! Done by 7:15. We'll move inside if the weather is not cooperative.

**Easter Sunday. The Resurrection of our Lord!** The celebrative word we buried on Ash Wednesday returns in full voice, along with flowers on the cross, ringing bells for everyone, and music to lift our souls.

CTK: Worship at 9:30 am followed by Easter breakfast at about 10:45 am. COL: Totally different worship schedule for Easter only: 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 am. **Meet UNITY's Pastoral Call Team:** Nelson Brownell, Melanie R. Varin, Linda Johnson, Davida Kroepfl, Jessica Schrieber, Mary Huss, Logan Kemper, Jim Johnsen, Matt Jolliff, Mark Krause, David Engle. Over the coming weeks, we will feature a different call team member in our weekly emails for you to get to know them better. Or go to our website any time, <u>unitybrookfield.org</u> and click on the **Pastoral Call Team icon** to read their full bios and what UNITY means to each of them. Not subscribed to our UNITY emails but want to be? Email <u>natalie@unitybrookfield.org</u> or <u>nancy@unitybrookfield.org</u> to start receiving our email communications.

**New Member Gatherings will be Thursdays, April 11 and 18, 6:30-8:00pm.** We hold periodic gatherings (a.k.a. "classes") for anyone who wants to join in on what we do here at UNITY. The next set of gatherings will be Thursdays, April 11 and April 18. If you already know you want to join as member, these are for you. If you just want to learn more about the place, these are perfect too. We eat together, learn about Christian and Lutheran practices, and get to know each other in a less hurried environment than, say, the narthex after a worship service. Where possible, attending both sessions is ideal. The April 11 session is at the Cross of Life campus. The April 18 session is at the Christ the King Camp. Dinner is provided and child care is available. Oh, and what does "join" actually mean? It's mostly a mutual commitment to be each other's faith community and to invest in the relationships that make that possible. We're a lots-of-opportunities, you come-in-at-your-own-pace congregation that strives to be open, playful, and serious about passing on the faith through learning and serving. If that sounds about right to you, come join us!

## Time & Talent 2024

Get or stay connected in our UNITY community. Take a picture or use the QR code reader on your phone to access our Time & Talent document. Once there, hover over any item and an explanation bubble will tell you more. T & T makes it possible for you to contribute your time and talent to Christ's ministries in this place. It also allows you to be included in things like bible studies and groups that can feed your soul. Giving *and* receiving is our collective lifeline as a congregation. Thank you for prayerfully considering your important part in the whole.



## All Things Lent

Lent Offering: UNITY's 2024 Lent offerings will go towards the re-roof of the elementary school at Rutilio Grande, one of our El Salvador partners. Anything you give designated for "Lent Offering" will be used to help with re-roofing. If we raise enough for that project, then extra dollars will go to create a fenced in area around the preschool. Our overall goal is \$15,000, which would be enough for the roof and half the fence project. Thank you for helping us share beyond ourselves this Lent.

#### One more week of Lent for Littles: Dinner and Family Activities, Tuesday

**5:30pm-7pm.** Each Tuesday during Lent enjoy a simple and kid-friendly meal from 5:30-6 pm at our COL campus, followed by family activities for kids and their adults to do together. Activities from 6:00-6:30 pm will be geared toward Grade 1-6, and 6:30-7:00 pm activities will be geared toward PreK-Grade 1 to mirror the schedule for any kids in choir ... but come whenever it works for you! Please note that ALL families are welcome to join our Lent for Littles Program! Can you Lend a Hand with Lent for Littles Meals? We are in need of one shopper and one meal maker/server for each week. Please sign up online.

#### Join Us for one more week of Wednesday Meals and Worship:

Lunch + Worship at Christ the King campus: Lunch starts at 12 noon-Worship begins around 12:20 pm. We'll begin with a meal of soup and sides at noon, then transition into a short time of worship and be sent on our way by 1 pm.

**Dinner + Worship at Cross of Life campus: Food begins at 5:30 pm. Worship begins at 6:50 pm.** Dinner is served from 5:30 pm until worship begins at 6:50 pm, with the evening typically closing by 7:30 pm. Each week we serve a soup and a non-soup main item.. **Worship will be live-streamed on our web site for anyone who prefers to join online or watch after the fact.** 

**Soup Making Group, Wednesdays 2pm at COL** Do you like to cook and not do it alone? This is perfect for you! Each Wednesday we plan on making the soup each week in the COL kitchen at 2 pm. Jump in for a fun time of cooking together led by Nancy Kostanski!

## Bible Studies: In person at each campus \*See Adults Program section for details

**Easter Flower Order Forms are Here!** - Visit the narthex to get your Easter flower order form. A wide variety of flowers are available. Orders are due by **Thursday, March 21st**, and all proceeds **benefit the senior high summer trip to the National Youth Gathering**. Flowers may be picked up following any Easter service you attend. Questions? Contact Matt Griepentrog. (Remember, this is different from the spring bedding flower sale which is still coming)

**Education Scholarships:** UNITY Church has four (4) \$1,000 education scholarships available for our high school students applying to college or current college students, who are attending a University, College, or Institution of higher education this year. Priority is given to anyone attending a Lutheran college or university, or majoring in nursing or engineering. If you are interested, contact Matt Griepentrog, Don Bock (dandcbock@sbcglobal.net), or any pastor for more information and details.

**Pastor John Retirement Events.** I'm retiring which is a new life experience for me. Fortunately, I love new experiences. I've been here 27 years, but you've all been here too, some for more than 27, others less. I see this as marking our time *together*; and, getting ready for each other's next things, more than marking my retirement. To that end, let's do stuff that's sort of "normal" and celebrates what, I hope, has been a good run for all of us. Here's the plan, such as it is (March 16 events already over as most of you read this...but for Saturday night attendees:

**Saturday Evening Fun time: 6:00-8:00 pm.** We'll eat. If you want to hang out and play card games, we'll have that. If you want to play the teen and adult version of Crazy Uncle, we'll be playing that too. I'll be running Purgatory for that particular game which means you'll all get to talk to me at some point. (If you've not played the game, you'll find out why that is so as a part of it!)

Also, After-WorshipReceptions: Receptions will happen:

6:00 pm after the Saturday service on April 6,

9:30 am between services at COL on Sunday, April 7

10:30 am after the Sunday service at CTK on April 14.

## Education

Contact Michelle Aprahamian, c: 414-732-8615, email: michelle@unitybrookfield.org

First Communion - Celebrate this special milestone with your family and baptism sponsors the weekend of May 18-19, at the service time of your choice. Classes are Thursdays, May 9 and May 16, 6:30-7:45pm at COL Campus. If you are in 3rd grade or older and wish to celebrate your first communion, you are invited to join us for two classes to learn more about the sacrament of communion and importance of this family meal. During our time together, your child will also receive acolyte training. Please bring a parent with you to each of the classes. At our first class, your child will create a special chalice. Please bring a stemmed, clear, non-faceted wine glass (no etching or words) to class. Dollar Tree is a great resource for these glasses.

There is no sign up for class or First Communion. Just join us May 9th and 16th for class. If you have any questions, please reach out to Michelle Aprahamian. Watch for further communication via email for more details.

## Mark your Calendars:

**K - Grade 1 Sleep Under -** Friday, April 19, 2024, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. **Confirmation Bible Camp (for Year 1 Confirmation students) -** June 23 - 28, 2024 **VBS -** June 17- 20, 2024 12:30 - 4:00 p.m. (with aftercare available until 5:00 p.m.) **ECRT (for Year 2 Confirmation students) -** July 9 - 12, 2024 **Confirmation Weekend -** September 14-15, 2024

#### Adult Programs Contact Matt Griepentrog, e: <u>matt@unitybrookfield.org</u> c: 262-787-8820

## Sunday Lent Bible Studies continue at both COL & CTK campuses this weekend:

## • March 17: 9:45 am at COL Led by Pastor Dave Meissner

Our Lenten theme calls for us to "Bloom Where You Are Planted!" That's both challenging and exciting! But the Bible shows us how to *practically* make it happen. We'll look at:

- How to grow and mature in our faith
- How to consult with God in our daily decision making
- What Jesus has to say about our Christian values and morals.

If you want to grow in your walk with Jesus and are ready for something more than usual, join Pastor Dave Meissner as he leads us in the second of this 3-week study

• March 17: 10:30 am at CTK Led by Matt Griepentrog - Join Matt for a focused study on our "Bloom" theme. Grab some coffee and meet in the library for the second week of this three week study (regardless if you made the first week!)

Thursday Online Bible Study, "The Great Dechurching has wrapped up but you can still view it at our web site. Go to our website and click on the Lent 2024 picture, then scroll down to the bottom right of the page and you'll find all 5 weeks of handouts and recordings of the Zoom/Facebook sessions.

The five sessions are a Bible Study & Book Club mix. We suggest reading *The Great Dechurching: Who's Leaving, Why Are They Going, And What Will It Take To Bring Them Back?* by Jim Davis and Michael Graham. We read 3 chapters a week and look at 5 realms of understanding in our faith tradition: covenant & community, invitation & inclusion, healing & forgiveness, freedom & sacrifice, and divinity & love.

## Moms Group Meets Tuesday, March 19 at COL from 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Moms Group is a time for moms of all ages and stages to share stories, pray together, and deepen their faith. We start by serving dinner. Kids eat together with childcare, then join choir practice or play in the nursery while adults gather upstairs in the art room for dinner and a devotion. Most kids are in 3rd grade and under but anyone is welcome to join us for Moms Group! We meet the third Tuesday of each month from 5:30-7:30 pm at COL. Our next gatherings for the program year are: April 16 & May 21. *Come find your tribe with us!* 

## **Property Needs**

Contact David Koenen, c: 414-559-6974, email: davidkoenen@wi.rr.com

**Snow Shoveling: Help Just in Case!** We have openings for all of March and April. Will it ever snow again? Probably not, but if you fill in any date, we'll at least know we can call you for help in case we get a snow. Go to the sign-ups page on our web site.

## Servant Ministries

Contact Muriel Otto, e: muriel@unitybrookfield.org Jackie Herington, c: 262-501-6138, e: jackieswan10@icloud.com

## Meet & Greet for Bread of Healing's Dr. Taylor on April 11

All are invited to a Meet & Greet with Dr. Clifford Taylor, the new Executive Director of the Bread of Healing Clinic, on Thursday, April 11. The evening begins at 5:00 pm with Social Introductions, followed by the Program from 6:00-7:00 pm. The event will be held at Eastbrook Church, located at 5353 N. Green Bay Ave. in Milwaukee. Parking will be available in the main lot and refreshments will be served. RSPV to 414-977-0001 or <u>office@breadofhealing.org</u>. *Please join our partner in welcoming Dr. Taylor!* Our Servant Advocate for BOH is Diane Dressler at <u>ddressler@wi.rr.com</u>.

**Bread of Healing Free Clinic is looking to fill volunteer positions.** See the special page at the end of the March newsletter for lots more details. The brief summary is; -RN volunteer needed pretty much on any scheduled day in the clinic that works for you. -Social Work volunteers needed to do special projects that would help expedite patient care and free up paid staff.

-Spanish speaking help.

-Dental help (could be paid or volunteers, roughly 2-4 hours a week)

-Medical providers. If any of these are your specialty the clinic is always in need of providers for consultation and occasional appointments for special situations:

Endocrinology, Podiatry, Ophthalmology, and Orthopedic Surgery.

Our patient base is expanding, as patients lose coverage they have had through the pandemic under Badger Care. We need help! If interested in even just a conversation, please contact Barbara Horner-Ibler @ barbara.horner@breadofhealing.org:

**Ongoing Service Opportunities:** UNITY has standing volunteer "shifts" at various partners that we commit to covering as a church. Each one is coordinated by a different Unity member... each one has its own sign up page on the church website... and each one is an opportunity for you!

**Waukesha Food Pantry Food Distribution:** Each month, 4th Saturday, 9am-12pm; 5th Monday 5:45 - 8 pm.

**Serenity Inns Recovery Program Fellowship Dinners:** cook, deliver, or serve meal for 12 residents. Each month,1st Sunday and 2nd Friday, 6 - 7pm. Kids welcome.

**Monthly Meal Prep for Partners:** Join an all-ages team of UNITY volunteers to mass meal prep for Hebron Housing shelter and Serenity Inns recovery program. Wednesday evenings preceding the second Friday most months of the program year.

Partner we are praying for this month: Cordero de Dios

*The altar flowers at CTK are given by Diana VanSlyke in honor of* Great Grandson, Havden's, 1st birthday and her 80th birthday

> *The altar flowers at COL are given by* Lynn & Jeff Key in memory of Hank Suttle

Thank you to Melissa Grabowski for arranging the altar flowers this weekend

*This weekend's communion breads were baked by Cathy Buck* 

## **Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members**

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

#### **Cross of Life Campus**

Don Bock, Debbie Horne, Kay Maas, Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Ardyce Myhre, Paula Dryer, Marlene Jernberg, John Vaughan, Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Alyce Vollan, Barb Purnell, Jenny Cape, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

#### **Christ the King Campus**

Sharon Giessen, Gary Blaschke, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Kevin Nordmeyer, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Ken Schneider, Dave Rau

We pray our prayers of sympathy for family and loved ones as they mourn the death of a loved one:

> **Cross of Life Campus** Tom Curtin, father of Kelley Gravenkamp

## **Christ the King Campus**

## **UNITY Prayer Place**

Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.

## March 16-17

Chuck Kostanski (hospitalized), brother of Ken Kostanski Michael Lemke (brain cancer), friend of the Nustad family Sandy Humphrey (breast cancer), aunt of Deborah Nustad Barb & Doug Peterson (health issues) parents of Greg Peterson Donna Funk (bladder cancer/liver issues), daughter of Pearl Haack Chris (cancer diagnosis), friend of Jeff Key Dawn (recovering from a serious infection), friend of Diana and David Koenen Roland Tocups (stage 4 pancreatic cancer, in hospice), friend of Denny Thompson

## March 9-10

Marie Pufall (surgery), mother of Molly Pufall-Brown Marguerite Braun (health concerns), mother of Nancy Kostanski Del Kaatz (surgical procedure), relative of Judy Kolstad David Knuth (surgical procedure), relative of Judy Kolstad Margie Lang (recent cancer diagnosis), friend of Jill Barney and Jack Guenther Jack & Carol Douglass (broken back/health issues), father & his wife of Jane Dowling Mary Iwen (serious medical issues), sister of Karen Hartzler Tom Klug (in ICU), father-in-law of Kim Klug Sandy Madsen (blood cancer, in hospice), aunt of Kevin Grabowski Mike Thesing (serious health issues), cousin-in-law of Jeff Key

## March 2-3

Jack Stagg (serious health concerns), father of Stephanie Stagg Tony Susa (spinal cord injury) brother-in-law of Vivian Clark Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

## February 24-25

Ralph Phillips (lung cancer), uncle of Jolene Epding Brooke Stanley (health concerns), granddaughter of Nancy and Ken Kostanski

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, et	tc.) overseas and our military personnel:
Ryan Cengeri, son of Julie Hochuli	Bryce Roland, grandson of Grace Leverenz
Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz	Caroline Schneider, daughter of Brian & Patty
Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans	Schneider
Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers	Billy Thomas, son of Eric & Sally Thomas
Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson	Mallori Trester, daughter of Dale Trester
Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank	Kyle Unger, cousin of the Wistrom family
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Online	Ministers for March 16-17, 2024
Musicians:	Diana Koenen Pete Meiklejohn Praise Band, Janet Day, Molly Pufall-Brown Caitlin Dominski
COL 5:00 p.m.	Ministers for Saturday, March 16, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders:	Cheryl Caraulia William Register, James Lorbeck Jessica Schrieber, Caroline Halbach Marilyn Ranney Sue Fisher Marilyn Ranney, Sue Fisher Cheryl Caraulia Praise Band Kevin Nordmeyer Rudy Schneider Praise Band

COL 8:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, March 17, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders:	Steve Taipala Confirmation Students Lucas Conway Confirmation Students Susie Hilgart Confirmation Students Confirmation Students Praise Band Kevin Nordmeyer Confirmation Students Praise Band Katie McInnis, Lisa Kahle, Becky Conway Josi Matel
CTK 9:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, March 17, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders: Nursery:	Steve Walz Diana VanSlyke, Jim Leifer Julie Smith Greg O'Connell Mary Huss Greg Peterson
COL 10:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, March 17, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound:	Confirmation Students Dexter Welch, Oliver Welch Confirmation Students Carole Syse Confirmation Students Confirmation Students Jen Nowak Praise Band Kevin Nordmeyer Confirmation Students Praise Band Kelly Shoff



Lenten Wednesday Service March 20, 2024

BLOOM! Growing Healthier Together and Making It Healthier for Others Too This Week: Seed Formation

# 2024 Lenten Theme: "Bloom! Growing Healthier Together and Making It Healthier for Others Too" This Week: Seed Formation 12:00 PM CTK Campus 6:50 PM COL Campus

# **Prelude Music**

Welcome

**Opening Call to Worship and Hymn of Praise** "Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory" Leader: O Christ light of the world; Jesus you are the All: the light darkness no can come; 0 ver \_ Leader: with for it is evening, Stay us now, All: O the and day is al - most over. Leader: Let light the darkness. your ter scat -All: σ shine within your peo - ple and here.



# **Opening Prayer**

One: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God...

Many: because in our grief, you are generous in comfort. In our thirst for more, you grant it in measures of righteousness. In our smallest acts of mercy, you plant a harvest of grace. In the poverty of our conflicts, you offer the richness of peace. O God, blessed are you and holy are your ways. May our prayers be worthy of your kingdom come. Amen.

#### Anthem

*"Élégie"* Kyra Jester, Cello Gabriel Fauré

COL 6:50

# **Scripture** 2 Corinthians 9:6-10

Second Corinthians is a letter written to a community that is very diverse and they don't always get along with each other. They are competitive and jealous! The apostle Paul encourages the Corinthians to share beyond themselves using a harvest analogy. God's abundance is not a zero sum game!

<sup>6</sup>The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup>Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup>And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. <sup>9</sup>As it is written,

"He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;

his righteousness endures forever."

<sup>10</sup>God who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

One: The Word of the Lord. Many: Thanks be to God!

# Reflections

Each week one of our confirmation small groups reflects on the theme of the week. Some will use a picture, others their own research or insights to talk about what this week's theme might have to do with faith. Thanks to Wednesday Small Group 5 for their work on Flowers and Pollination - Charles Nass, Austin Hanson, Emmett Hoffe, Keira Kroepfl, Eliana Harder, Autumn Krier, Evelyn Burmeister, Nicholas Olberding and Melissa Dressler.

Message "Factors of Multiplication" Muriel Otto

**Hymn** *"For the Fruit of All Creation"* ELW 679 For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God. For these gifts to every nation, thanks be to God. For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, Future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.

In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.

In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,

In the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

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#### The Lord's Prayer (traditional)

CTK 12:00

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.



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The Lord's Prayer (Sung Call and Response) **Our Father**, Which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy (unison) name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, On earth As in heav'n. Please give to us All that we need And lead us not Away from you. For thine is the kingdom, And the power And the glory Forever. Amen. And it shall be so. Hallowed be thy (unison) name.

# Words of Sending

Benediction"Aaron's Blessing"Fernando Ortega (Call and Response)CTK 12:00May the Lord bless you and keep you (May the Lord bless you and keep you)May the Lord make His face to shine on you (May the Lord make His face to shine on you)And be gracious to you (And be gracious to you)May the Lord lift His countenance on you (May the Lord lift His countenance on you)May the Lord lift His countenance on you (May the Lord lift His countenance on you)May the Lord lift His countenance on you (May the Lord lift His countenance on you)May He keep you in perfect peace (May He keep you in perfect peace)

Benediction	"Now the Day Is Over"	ELW 570	COL 6:50
	y is over; night is drawing night		
shadows of	f the evening steal across the sk	.y.	
Jesus, give	the weary calm and sweet repo	ose;	
with your t	enderest blessing may our eyel	ids close.	
Through th	e long night-watches may your	angels spread	
their bright	wings above me, watching rou	ind my bed.	

# Dismissal

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# Lent 2024

# Bloom!

# Growing Healthier Together and Making It Healthier for Others Too

(A special Lent 2024 box has been created on the website where you will find everything you need to know)

# **Daily Devotion**

Available by signing up on our website to have them delivered each day to your email or you can read them on the website. To sign up, please go to the box *Lent 2024* on the website.

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Students will be handling the service leadership roles at 6 of our Wednesday evening and Holy Week services.

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Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord

# WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH!

# We're glad you're here today! UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.

- Children. Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- **Nursery.** Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- Sunday School. All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)

# • At UNITY, the Communion Table is:

- Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
- Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
- Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
- We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
- Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
- If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.
- **Pastors.** Unity is served by three called pastors who are present at both campuses on a rotating basis. Most Saturdays, the weekend preacher is the pastor at that service. On Sundays, the preacher for the weekend travels to both campuses to share the message. Each of the other pastors is then based at one campus or another. This week, Muriel Otto is the Cross of Life campus pastor. John Horner-Ibler is the Christ the King campus pastor. Sherrie Lorbeck is the preacher.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: <u>unitybrookfield.org</u> for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

**GIVING.** If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the COL narthex and by the bulletin board in the CTK narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay is also accepted. Thank you!

#### Words of Welcome

#### Sharing the Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Many: And also with you.

#### **Palm Processional**

One: No calm or quietness on a day like today.

Many: For there is shouting, singing and praising to do.

One: Hosanna to the Son of David!

Many: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

One: Hosanna in the highest heaven!

- Many: With our palm branches in hand and the fabric on the floor, we remember the day Jesus was greeted with a welcome like this filled with noise, excitement and curiosity.
- One: May we, too, lift our songs of hope to God as we wave our palm branches spreading our fabric cloaks on the floor and shouting,

# Many: Hosanna to the Lord! Prepare the royal highway!

(Take your palm and/or piece of fabric and carry it with you into the sanctuary, then drop them in the aisles as you proceed to your seat. Please move in toward the center of the pews to make room for those still coming in. Enjoy the dancers and bells, join in singing when the song leader cues us, and remain standing to voice with GREAT ENERGY the closing proclamation following the hymn!)

# **Opening Hymn**

*"Prepare the Royal Highway"* ELW Hymn 264

Prepare the royal highway; The King of kings is near! Let ev'ry hill and valley a level road appear! Then greet the King of glory, foretold in sacred story:

Refrain: Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's Word!

God's people, see him coming: your own eternal king! Palm branches strew before him! Spread garments! Shout and sing! God's promise will not fail you! No more shall doubt assail you! **Refrain** 

Then fling the gates wide open to greet your promised king! Your king, yet ev'ry nation its tribute too may bring. All lands will bow before him; their voices join your singing: **Refrain** 

His is no earthly kingdom; it comes from heav'n above. His rule is peace and freedom and justice, truth, and love. So let your praise be sounding for kindness so abounding: **Refrain** 

# **Children's Message**

#### **Greeting and Prayer of the Day**

- Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- Many: And also with you.
- One: Let us pray. Gracious God,
- Many: Today, we shout and sing songs of hope just like the people who welcomed Jesus as he rode into Jerusalem. We give you thanks for your Son, our King who leads our way, lights our path, and saves us from all that would seek to separate us from you. Be with us when what we hope for is not how things turn out. Remind us that we see only in part and that you see all things and all of history in its fullness. Amen.

#### The Washing of Holy Baptism Presentation of the Child

This weekend at the 5:00 service, we welcome Celeste Renee Carrathers. Celeste Renee is presented by her parents, Reade and Jennifer, and her sponsors, Lindsay Leonardelli and Bo Carrathers.

Pastor: Who presents Celeste Renee to receive the blessings of Holy Baptism? Parents & Sponsors: We do.

#### **Role of the Parents and Sponsors**

One: In Christian love you have presented Celeste Renee for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully care for her and help her in every way God gives you opportunity, that Celeste Renee may bear witness to the faith we hold, and that, living in the covenant of her Baptism and in Communion with the people of God, she may lead a life of goodness and service until the day of Jesus Christ. Parents and sponsors, do you promise to fulfill these obligations? If so, please answer, "I do."

#### Prayer

Pastor: Holy God, we give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

By the baptism of his own death and resurrection, your beloved Son, Jesus the Christ, has set us free from the final power of sin and death, and has opened the way to everlasting life. He made water a sign of cleansing and of birth into the family of God. As Jesus' followers, we do as he taught us, making disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit so that Celeste Renee may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as your own sons and daughters, inheritors of your glorious kingdom.

All: Amen.

#### \*Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### The Baptism

#### **Baptismal Prayer**

Pastor: Lord God, we give you thanks for freeing your children from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy washing. Pour your Holy Spirit upon Celeste Renee: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and respect for the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

#### All: Amen.

#### The Mark of Christ

Celeste Renee, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

#### Presentation of the Baptismal Candle

One: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

#### Greeting of the Child by the Congregation

- Pastor: Through Baptism, God has made this sister of ours a member of the ministry of reconciliation we all share in Christ Jesus. May we proclaim the greatness and love of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.
- People: Celeste Renee, we welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly father, and a worker with us in the Kingdom of God. Amen.

Pastor: Peace be with you.

Parents & Sponsors: Peace be with you.

#### Anthem

<i>"Exploration on DEO GRACIAS"</i>	arr. Bill Ingram	
Gloria Dei Bells; Director, Stacey Nordmeyer		(5:00, 8:30, 10:30)
"Prepare the Way"	Price & Besig	(Online, 9:30)
Fellowship Choir; Director, Molly Pufall-Brown; Piano: Janet Day		

**Gospel Acclamation** *"Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"* ELW 512

# Gospel: Mark 11:1-11

As in all the gospels, this story of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem is a turning point. It is the beginning of the end, the start of the journey to the cross for Jesus and the start of Holy Week for us. The whole scene is carefully orchestrated with theatrical and satirical overtones. Every image is a symbol, used to demonstrate to the crowd that the ancient prophesies are being fulfilled in front of them: a savior in the form of a peasant king, riding, not an imperial war-chariot but a donkey.

One: The Gospel according to Mark, the eleventh chapter

# Many: Glory to you O, Lord.

<sup>1</sup>When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" <sup>4</sup>They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup>some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" <sup>6</sup>They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup>Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup>Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! <sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" <sup>11</sup>Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve

One:	The Gospel of the Lord
Many:	Praise to you, O Christ.

Message	"A Wide Lens Perspective"	Sherrie Lorbeck
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# Hymn of the Day & Baptismal Hymn

"Rise, Shine, You People!"	ELW 665	(8:30, 9:30, 10:30)
"Amazing Grace"	ELW 779 vs. 1, 2, 4	(5:00)
"God of the Sparrow"	ELW 740	(Online)

# The Prayers of the People

One:	Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people
	according to their needs.
	(Congregation response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer.")
Pastor:	Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Many:	Amen.

# **Announcements and Offering**

# Offertory Response (as gifts are brought forward) "Change My Heart, O God" ELW 801

#### **Prayer of Thanks**

- One: Let us pray. Gracious God,
- Many: in the abundance of your steadfast love, you call us from death to life, from silence to speech, from idleness to action. With these gifts we offer ourselves to you, and with the Church through all the ages we give thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

- Pastor: The Lord be with you.
- Many: And also with you.
- Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
- Many: We lift them to the Lord.
- Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### **Words of Institution**

#### The Lord's Prayer (traditional)

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#### **Communion Meditation**

"Gentle Shepherd"	arr. Kevin Keil	(5:00, 8:30, 10:30)
"What Wondrous Love is This"	arr. Phillip Keveren	(9:30)

# **Post Communion Blessing**

Spoken Response: Amen.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

- One: Let us pray. Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- Many: Amen.

# Benediction

#### Sending Hymn

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

ELW 344 vs. 1, 3, 5

(All Services)

#### Dismissal

One: Go in peace, serve the Lord! Many: Thanks be to God!

# Postlude

"The King Rides In" "Lift High the Cross " Lani Smith Setting by John Carter (Online, 9:30) (5:00, 8:30, 10:30)

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**Pastor John Retirement Events**: Join us as we celebrate Pastor John and all that we've shared over the last 27 years! We will mark his last two weekends at each campus with vignettes in his honor and time after the services to eat, talk, reminisce, poke a little fun, share a lot of gratitude, and just generally enjoy some time together as we bless him on his way. Receptions will happen:

6:00 pm after the Saturday service on April 6,

9:30 am between services at COL on Sunday, April 7

10:30 am after the Sunday service at CTK on April 14.

We will have giant cards for you to sign, and if you want to make a financial gift in his honor contributions will be shared between the Unity Backyard Fund and the Bread of Healing Clinic's Tooth Fairy Fund for dental services. If you are interested in helping with any of the receptions (set up, decorations, food, greeting, activities, etc) contact Muriel or Sherrie. For all that has been, thank you! For all that will be, YES!

New Member Gatherings will be Thursdays, April 11 and 18, 6:30-8:00pm. We hold periodic gatherings (a.k.a. "classes") for anyone who wants to join in on what we do here at UNITY. The next set of gatherings will be Thursdays, April 11 and April 18. If you already know you want to join as a member, these are for you. If you just want to learn more about the place, these are perfect too. We eat together, learn about Christian and Lutheran practices, and get to know each other in a less hurried environment than, say, the narthex after a worship service. Where possible, attending both sessions is ideal. The April 11 session is at the Cross of Life campus. The April 18 session is at the Christ the King campus. Dinner is provided and child care is available. Oh, and what does "join" actually mean? It's mostly a mutual commitment to be each other's faith community and to invest in the relationships that make that possible. We're a lots-of-opportunities, you come-in-at-your-own-pace congregation that strives to be open, playful, and serious about passing on the faith through learning and serving. If that sounds about right to you, come join us! Contact Anna Jansson ajansson8@gamil.com or cell (414) 882-9608 if you plan to join us at one, or both, of these events.

Meet UNITY's Pastoral Call Team: Nelson Brownell, Melanie R. Varin, Linda Johnson, Davida Kroepfl, Jessica Schrieber, Mary Huss, Logan Kemper, Jim Johnsen, Matt Jolliff, Mark Krause, David Engle. Thanks to all of you who participated in sharing feedback with our Call Team either in-person, via Zoom or through filling out the online survey. That information is immensely valuable and they are working to summarize it all to share with you. The Ministry Site Profile (MSP), which is basically the job posting for the two pastoral positions needed this year has now been sent to the Synod where it will be shared with those who may be interested. You can check it out on our website. Now, we wait and pray for the Spirit to work in lifting up candidates that would be faithful and fun leaders to serve along side us!

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**Time & Talent 2024: Get or stay connected in our UNITY community.** Take a picture or use the QR code reader on your phone to access our Time & Talent document. Once there, hover over any item and an explanation bubble will tell you more. T & T makes it possible for you to contribute your time and talent to Christ's ministries in this place. It also allows you to be included in things like bible studies and groups that can feed your soul. Giving *and* receiving is our collective lifeline as a congregation. Thank you for prayerfully considering your important part in the whole.



**Education Scholarships:** UNITY Church has four (4) \$1,000 education scholarships available for our high school students applying to college or current college students, who are attending a University, College, or Institution of higher education this year. Priority is given to anyone attending a Lutheran college or university, or majoring in nursing or engineering. If you are interested, contact Don Bock (dandcbock@sbcglobal.net), Matt Griepentrog, or any pastor for more information and details. Application deadline is April 1.

#### Sr. High and Young Adults

Contact Sherrie Lorbeck, c:414-477-7762 email: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org

Enjoy Spring Break! Watch for lots to come in April!

#### **Adult Programs**

Contact: Susie Sprecher, c: 262-227-1558 email: <u>wisbadger19@gmail.com</u> or Matt Griepentrog, c: 262-787-8829, e: matt@unitybrookfield.org

**Casting Call Starts NOW for UNITY's Spring Bible Study/Musical: Jesus Karaoke 2024!** Once again UNITY has a spring musical in the works, a new version of last year's Jesus Karaoke show. This year's version will be both written and performed by members, with a 5-week Bible study followed by a 3-week rehearsal and performance run. You can choose to do just the Bible study, just the show, or be part of both. The Bible study will run April and May, and will study the core stories of our faith. Each week's homework will be to describe them in our own words and brainstorm songs that capture their meaning. The class will be Tuesdays, 6pm at Cross of Life or online. Then, we will turn those summaries and songs into this year's Jesus Karaoke script and recruit a cast of singers, readers, and tech support. The cast will do two rehearsals in late May/early June, then perform at all three services June 8th and 9th. There is zero musical talent required to join the cast, it is basically lip synching. You DO need some good energy and a willingness to put yourself out there in front of the world's most supportive audience (it is SO much fun!). Open to 6th grade and up.

Writers Bible Study: Tuesdays April 9 & 30 and May 7, 14 & 21, 6pm at COL or online Cast Rehearsals: Tuesdays May 28 (COL) and June 4 (CTK), 6pm Performance Weekend: June 8/9: 5pm, 8:30am, and 10am services

#### **Children's Education**

Contact Michelle Aprahamian, c: 414-732-8615, email: michelle@unitybrookfield.org

**Join us for Sunday School!** We offer Sunday school at each of our worship times for children PreK-grade 6. ALL are welcome - whether you are a member, prospective member, or visitor! Interested in being part of our program? Register your child at Unitybrookfield.org.

Happy Easter - There is no Sunday school March 30-31. Jesus Christ is risen indeed! Enjoy worship with your families. Happy Easter! We return April 6-7.

# First Communion - Celebrate this special milestone with your family and baptism sponsors the weekend of May 18-19, at the service time of your choice.

Classes are Thursdays, May 9 and May 16, 6:30-7:45pm at COL Campus. If you are in 3rd grade or older and wish to celebrate your first communion, you are invited to join us for two classes to learn more about the sacrament of communion and importance of this family meal. During our time together, your child will also receive acolyte training. Please bring a parent with you to each of the classes. At our first class, your child will create a special chalice. Please bring a stemmed, clear, non-faceted wine glass (no etching or words) to class. Dollar Tree is a great resource for these glasses.

There is no sign up for class or First Communion. Just join us May 9th and 16th for class. If you have any questions, please reach out to Michelle Aprahamian. Watch for further communication via email for more details.

#### Mark your Calendars:

K - Gråde 1 Sleep Under - Friday, April 19, 2024, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Confirmation Bible Camp (for Year 1 Confirmation students) - June 23 - 28, 2024 VBS - June 17- 20, 2024 12:30 - 4:00 p.m. (with aftercare available until 5:00 p.m.) ECRT (for Year 2 Confirmation students) - July 9 - 12, 2024 Confirmation Weekend - September 14-15, 2024

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**UNITY Member Care is always here for you.** You don't have to face life's ups and downs alone. Whether it's an unexpected hospitalization, a recent diagnosis, the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, addiction, anxiety, depression, or virtually anything else, our pastors and Minister of Member Care are only a call, text, or email away. Please never hesitate to reach out -- whether we're the only stop you'll make or just the first step in a longer care process.

**Prayer Place cards-** If you have a prayer request that you would like included in the Prayers for Friends and Family section in the bulletin, there are cards available in the narthex at both campuses. You can fill out the request and pin it to the bulletin board at the COL campus or place it in the basket at the CTK campus, and it will be included in the upcoming bulletin. These prayer requests will stay for 4 weeks and then if you need further prayer, repost as often as needed. Any questions, please contact Nancy by phone or email nancy@unitybrookfield.org

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**Save the Date for Future El Salvador Trips:** July 23-30, 2024: summer relationship-building trip, February 15-22, 2025: February health and wellness clinic trip

#### Meet & Greet for Bread of Healing's Dr. Taylor on April 11

All are invited to a Meet & Greet with Dr. Clifford Taylor, the new Executive Director of the Bread of Healing Clinic, on Thursday, April 11. The evening begins at 5:00 pm with Social Introductions, followed by the Program from 6:00-7:00 pm. The event will be held at Eastbrook Church, located at 5353 N. Green Bay Ave. in Milwaukee. Parking will be available in the main lot and refreshments will be served. RSVP to 414-977-0001 or office@breadofhealing.org. *Please join our partner in welcoming Dr. Taylor!* Our Servant Advocate for BOH is Diane Dressler at ddressler@wi.rr.com.

**Bread of Healing Free Clinic is looking to fill volunteer positions.** See the special page at the end of the March newsletter for lots more details. The brief summary is;

-RN volunteer needed pretty much on any scheduled day in the clinic that works for you. -Social Work volunteers needed to do special projects that would help expedite patient care and free up paid staff.

-Spanish speaking help.

-Dental help (could be paid or volunteers, roughly 2-4 hours a week)

-Medical providers. If any of these are your specialty the clinic is always in need of providers for consultation and occasional appointments for special situations:

Endocrinology, Podiatry, Ophthalmology, and Orthopedic Surgery.

Our patient base is expanding, as patients lose coverage they have had through the pandemic under Badger Care. We need help! If interested in even just a conversation, please contact Barbara Horner-Ibler @ barbara.horner@breadofhealing.org:

**Ongoing Service Opportunities:** UNITY has standing volunteer "shifts" at various partners that we commit to covering as a church. Each one is coordinated by a different Unity member... each one has its own sign up page on the church website... and each one is an opportunity for you!

**Waukesha Food Pantry Food Distribution:** Each month, 4th Saturday, 9am-12pm; 5th Monday 5:45 - 8 pm.

**Serenity Inns Recovery Program Fellowship Dinners:** cook, deliver, or serve meal for 12 residents. Each month, 1st Sunday and 2nd Friday, 6 - 7pm. Kids welcome.

**Monthly Meal Prep for Partners:** Join an all-ages team of UNITY volunteers to mass meal prep for Hebron Housing shelter and Serenity Inns recovery program. Wednesday evenings preceding the second Friday most months of the program year.

#### **Property Needs**

Contact David Koenen, c: 414-559-6974, email: davidkoenen@wi.rr.com

**Snow Shoveling: Help!** We have openings for all of March and April. Will it ever snow again? Probably not, but if you fill in any date, we'll at least know we can call you for help in case we get snow. Go to the sign-ups page on our web site.

Partner we are praying for this month: Cordero de Dios

The altar flowers at COL are given by Mark & Tami Miller in honor and celebration of the many contributions of the Horner-Ibler family to UNITY - Thanks be to God for your gifts!

Thank you to Leslie O'Connell for arranging the altar flowers this weekend

This weekend's communion breads were baked by Diane Kotula

# **Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members**

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

# **Cross of Life Campus**

Don Bock, Debbie Horne, Kay Maas, Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Ardyce Myhre, Paula Dryer, Marlene Jernberg, John Vaughan, Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Alyce Vollan, Barb Purnell, Jenny Cape, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

# Christ the King Campus

Sharon Giessen, Gary Blaschke, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Kevin Nordmeyer, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Ken Schneider, Dave Rau

We give a prayer of thanksgiving for the baptism of: Celeste Renee Carrathers

We pray our prayers of sympathy for family and loved ones as they mourn the death of a loved one:

Ana Elizabeth Chavez, Sister in faith from Rutilio Grande

# **UNITY Prayer Place**

Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.

# March 23-24

Elise & premie son Buchman (in ICU), Niece/great nephew of Karin & Peter Drescher Whitney Adams (breast cancer that has spread), daughter of friend of Lisa Nass Mark Wagner (facing difficult trial ahead), friend of Rebecca & Brian Krier Dawn Harris (recent breast cancer diagnosis & upcoming surgery), aunt of Rebecca Krier Ralph Phillips (lung cancer), uncle of Jolene Epding

# March 16-17

Chuck Kostanski (health concerns), brother of Ken Kostanski Michael Lemke (brain cancer), friend of the Nustad family Sandy Humphrey (breast cancer), aunt of Deborah Nustad Barb & Doug Peterson (health issues), parents of Greg Peterson Donna Funk (bladder cancer/liver issues), daughter of Pearl Haack Chris (cancer diagnosis), friend of Jeff Key Dawn (recovering from a serious infection), friend of Diana and David Koenen Roland Tocups (stage 4 pancreatic cancer, in hospice), friend of Denny Thompson

# March 9-10

Marie Pufall (surgery), mother of Molly Pufall-Brown Marguerite Braun (health concerns), mother of Nancy Kostanski Del Kaatz (surgical procedure recovery), relative of Judy Kolstad David Knuth (surgical procedure recovery), relative of Judy Kolstad Margie Lang (recent cancer diagnosis), friend of Jill Barney and Jack Guenther Jack & Carol Douglass (broken back/health issues), father & his wife of Jane Dowling Mary Iwen (serious medical issues), sister of Karen Hartzler Tom Klug (in ICU), father-in-law of Kim Klug Sandy Madsen (blood cancer, in hospice), aunt of Kevin Grabowski Mike Thesing (serious health issues), cousin-in-law of Jeff Key

# March 2-3

Jack Stagg (serious health concerns), father of Stephanie Stagg Tony Susa (spinal cord injury) brother-in-law of Vivian Clark Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, etc.) overseas and our military personnel:			
Ryan Cengeri, son of Julie Hochuli	Bryce Roland, grandson of Grace Leverenz		
Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz	Caroline Schneider, daughter of Brian & Patty		
Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans	Schneider		
Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers	Billy Thomas, son of Eric & Sally Thomas		
Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson	Mallori Trester, daughter of Dale Trester		
Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank	Kyle Unger, cousin of the Wistrom family		
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Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders:	Cheryl Caraulia, Dennis Horne Jameson Krueger Jeff Key, Dennis Horne Kim Klug TJ Roche Missy Fogltanz, Tim Culhane Cheryl Caraulia Lynn Key Connor Lalor Kris Kern Stark Stacey Nordmeyer

COL 8:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, March 24, 2024
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CTK 9:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, March 24, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders: Nursery:	Peter Grunwald Jane Boorse, Linda Wilson Jane Boorse Janet Day Julie Smith Molly Pufall-Brown
COL 10:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, March 24, 2024
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# This Do In REMEMBRANCE Of Me

# UNITY Lutheran Church Maundy Thursday Worship Seven o'clock in the Evening ~ March 28, 2024

Tonight we celebrate two meals: the Passover seder, a Jewish festival meal which commemorates the liberation of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, and the Last Supper, which commemorates both the last meal Jesus had with his disciples and the first communion meal now repeated in Christian communities around the world. Through story and song we will see how connected the two meals are to each other, and how connected we are to our ancestors in faith throughout the centuries. So find a place at a table, make yourself a name tag, and prepare your hearts for worship...

# **Pre-Service Music**

# Welcome and Sharing of the Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always. Many: And also with you.

# Call to Worship (Responsive)

- One: Tonight is rooted in the deepest history of your people, O God.
- Many: Across thousands of years, our collective memory recalls events from two important nights, two important meals...
- One: "There arose a new Pharaoh who did not know Joseph..."
- Many: Thus began the account of the Exodus, starting with a ruler whose fear turned the helpers of his people into the slaves of his people.
- One: But God heard the cry of the slaves and sent them Moses, "Let my people go!"
- Many: And to this day, your people share in the meal of that night.
- One: Each item a reminder of the bitter taste of their oppression and the sweet flavor of freedom: Passover!

Many: Generations came and went and the meal was eaten again, this time in an upper room...

One: ...one disciple already a betrayer, others soon to deny and flee.

- Many: Jesus, the host of them all, shared the meal knowing their lives depended on it, "Do this in remembrance of me!"
- One: Out of one holy meal, recalling the liberation of their people, is born a new meal, signifying the liberation of all people.

Many: And so we share both this evening.

- One: May we be deeply respectful of the people God rose to defend so long ago in Egypt, our Jewish family in the faith...
- Many: Even as we are deeply honored to share with each other as Jesus did, bread that makes us one Body, wine that recalls Blood shed for all.

One: May it all make real for us our connection to all faiths, humanity's eternal quest for freedom, and our thankfulness for God's deliverance. It's time to begin.

Many: Time to be a family around the table. Time to serve one another. Time to sing...

#### **Opening Hymn** *"Let My People Go (Go Down Moses)"*

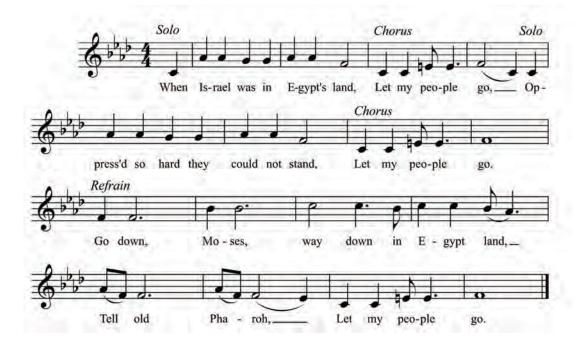
When Israel was in Egypt's land, let my people go; Oppressed so hard they could not stand, let my people go.

**Refrain:** Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land, Tell old Pharaoh: let my people go.

The Lord told Moses what to do, let my people go; To lead the children of Israel through, let my people go. **Refrain** 

As Israel stood by the waterside, let my people go; At God's command it did divide, let my people go. **Refrain** 

When they had reached the other shore, let my people go; They sang the song of triumph o'er, let my people go. **Refrain** 



#### **Prayers for the Evening:**

There are 15 steps to a full seder, of which we'll only experience a few tonight. The first steps are always a series of blessings and prayers, some spoken, some sung. We will share in a few of these blessings now... but first we need to learn how to sing a proper Jewish "amen!"

One: Blessed are you, Adonai our God...

Many: Creator of the universe. May all who are enslaved throughout the world come to know freedom. May all who are free work for the freedom of others. And may all who dwell in the house of God give thanks for our good fortune as we celebrate these rituals of Passover. Amen.

# The Lighting of the Candles:

- Pastor: ♪ Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu, melekh ha'olam, asher kidishanu b'mitz'votav v'tzivanu l'had'lik neir shel Yom Tov. ♪
- Many: SAmen S
- One: Blessed are you, Adonai our God,
- Many: Creator of the universe, who commands us to kindle the light of the Passover festival.

The candlelighter at your table lights the candle.

# Blessing (Kaddesh) Over the Wine

In a full seder, four cups of wine are drunk during the meal (very SMALL cups of wine!) Traditionally, the four cups represent the four biblical promises of redemption: "I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, I will rid you of their slavery, I will redeem you with an outstretched arm, and I will take you to me as my people." According to tradition, your wine is poured for you by the person on your right (aka you pour for the person on your left), symbolic of each person being served, rather than being the servants of the Egyptians. Drink after the blessing.

Pastor: Raise your glasses for the blessing. ♪ Baruch ata Adonai, Eloheinu melech haolam, borei peri ha'gafen ♪

Many: ∫Amen ∫

- One: Blessed are you, Adonai our God,
- Many: Creator of the universe, who created the fruit of the vine. Amen.

(All Drink)

# **Blessing Over the Bread**

Afikomen means "that which comes after" or figuratively, "dessert." Finding of the Afikomen brings the meal to its conclusion, but before it can be found, it has to be created and hid!

- Pastor: JBaruch ata Adonai, Eloheinu melech haolam, ha-motzi lechem min ha-aretz J
- Many: ∫Amen ∫
- One: Blessed are you, Adonai our God,
- Many: Creator of the Universe, who brings forth bread from the earth. Amen.

#### **Creation of the Afikomen**

- Pastor: Why do we eat this Matzah?
- Many: We eat unleavened bread because of what the Eternal One did for us when we came out of Egypt.
- One: As it is written, "They baked the dough that they had brought out of Egypt; it was not leavened, because they were driven out of Egypt and could not wait, nor had they prepared any provision for themselves" (Exodus 12:39).

# Many: In haste did we go out of Egypt.

The Host then goes and hides the half piece of unleavened bread somewhere in the Sanctuary or Narthex. At the end of the meal we will send scouts to find it!

# The Maggid (The Telling of the Story)

# Scripture Exodus 1:8-12

<sup>8</sup>Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. <sup>9</sup>He said to his people, 'Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. <sup>10</sup>Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.' <sup>11</sup>Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. <sup>12</sup>But the more they were oppressed, the more the Israelites multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites.

# Eating of the Charoset ("Mortar")

It is a tasty mix of apples, pecans, raisins and cinnamon blended together as a reminder of the bricks and mortar used in the making of the Egyptian buildings. Use some matzah as a dipper!

# **Scripture** Exodus 1:13, 2:23-25

<sup>13</sup>The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, <sup>14</sup>and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. <sup>23</sup> After a long time the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned under their slavery, and cried out. Out of slavery their cry for help rose up to God. <sup>24</sup>God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. <sup>25</sup>God looked upon the Israelites, and God took notice of them.

# Eating of the Maror (Bitter Herbs)

These are the bitter herbs which bring tears to the eyes to remind us of slavery and oppression. Usually horseradish and romaine lettuce are used. Use some matzah as a dipper, and be careful, this stuff burns!

# Scripture Exodus 3:1, 4, 6-10, 19-20

<sup>3</sup> Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>4</sup>When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' <sup>6</sup>He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. <sup>7</sup> Then the Lord said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, <sup>8</sup>and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. 9The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup>So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.' <sup>19</sup>I know, however, that the king of Egypt will not let you go unless compelled by a mighty hand. <sup>20</sup>So I will stretch out my hand and strike Egypt with all my wonders that I will perform in it; after that he will let you g0.

# **Eating of the Karpas (Parsley)**

Take some Karpas, dip it in the salt water and eat. The saltwater represents the tears and sweat of enslavement, the karpas represents spring and the promise of new life.

# **The Ten Plagues**

Pastor: Three times God sends Moses to Pharaoh. Three times Moses brings a message from God, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Let my people go" Three times Pharaoh refuses, and imposes even harsher punishment on the Israelites. And so God inflicts plague after plague on Egypt, yet Pharaoh would not relent until the tenth plague, the death of the firstborn. Many: Although we celebrate the freeing of our ancestors from slavery, God has instructed us to take no pleasure in the suffering of the Egyptians.

One: To recall their suffering, not unlike our own, each person dips their little finger into their wine and places a drop on their plate as we recite the ten plagues that God brought down on the Egyptians.

*After each plague is pronounced, dip into the cup and then onto your plate:* 

Many: Blood... Frogs... Lice... Wild Beasts... Cattle-plague... Boils... Hail... Locusts... Darkness... Killing of the firstborn

# Dayenu!

(The word means, "it would have been enough." It becomes the joyous response to each line of the following prayer.)

One: Had God brought us out of Egypt but not executed judgment against the Egyptians...

Many: Dayenu!

One: Had God executed judgments against them, but not split the Sea for us...

Many: Dayenu!

One: Had God split the Sea for us, but not led us through it on dry land...

Many: Dayenu!

One: Had God led us through it on dry land, but not provided for our needs in the desert for forty years...

Many: Dayenu!

One: Had God provided for our needs in the desert for forty years, but not fed us the Manna...

# Many: Dayenu!

One: Had God fed us the Manna, but not given us the Sabbath...

Many: Dayenu!

One: Had God given us the Sabbath, but not brought us to Mount Sinai...

Many: Dayenu!

One: Had God brought us to Mount Sinai, but not given us the Torah...

Many: Dayenu!

One: Had God given us the Torah, but not brought us into the promised land...

# Many: Dayenu!

- One: We join together to glorify and bless you, o God, for bringing us out of slavery and bondage; for granting us our freedom and for turning our sorrow into joy. We give You thanks for helping us reach this night so that we may carry out the rituals of the Seder, eating the offerings and symbolic sacrifices, while singing praise for our redemption and freedom.
- Many: Dayenu! Amen!

#### **Song of the Day:** *"Dayenu"*

Translation: If God had only brought us out from Egypt- If God had only given us the Torah- If God had only given us the Sabbath- it would have been enough!

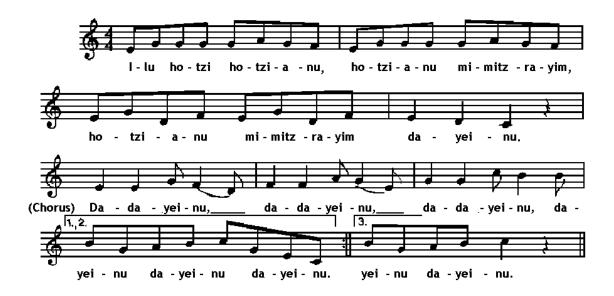
#### **Refrain:**

dai dai-yenu, dai dai-yenu, dai dai-yenu, dai-yenu dai-yenu

Eelu hotzi, hotzi-anu hotzi-anu mi-mitzra-yim hotzi-anu mi-mitzra-yim dai-yenu. **Refrain.** 

Eelu Natan, Natan Lanu Natan Lanu, et ha'Torah Natan Lanu, et ha'Torah dai-yenu. **Refrain.** 

Eelu Natan, Natan Lanu, Natan Lanu, et ha'Shabbat Natan Lanu, et ha'Shabbat dai-yenu. **Refrain.** 



# Scripture: Exodus 12:1, 3, 5-8, 11-14

So many saving acts of God brought the Israelites out of bondage in Egypt and into the promise land: the plagues, the passing over, the parting of the Red Sea, the manna in the wilderness, the gift of the Sabbath, the holy Mount Sinai and the Torah, and finally the promised land. But still of all those miracles, it is the miracle of the sacrifice of the paschal lamb, angel of death passing over, that is most celebrated each year at Passover.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: <sup>3</sup>Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. <sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. <sup>6</sup>You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. <sup>7</sup>They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. <sup>8</sup>They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

<sup>11</sup>This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. <sup>12</sup>For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord. <sup>13</sup>The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

<sup>14</sup> This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Meditation "Enough" Muriel Otto

# Offering

Special Music: "Go to Dark Gethsemane" ~ arr. John Behnke Gloria Dei Handbells Director: Stacey Nordmeyer

#### \*Prayer of Thanks

One: Let us pray. God of abundance,

Many: For centuries your people have gathered around the table. Thank you for all the ways that you feed us, from manna in the wilderness to the bread of life. As we prepare to receive the meal Jesus shared, we are filled with gratitude for your faithfulness from generation to generation. May our hearts overflow, easily sharing that goodness with others. Amen.

# Sharing The Meal

We will all commune simultaneously tonight, after serving one another. So after the Litany of the Meal, host grab a matzah, break off a small piece and offer it to the person on your left saying, "**The body of Christ, given for you.**" Then pour a small amount of wine into their cup, saying, "**The blood of Christ, shed for you.**" When you have served them both elements, pass them the matzah and wine so they can serve the person on their right. When you receive your piece of matzah place it on your plate. <u>We will all eat and drink together when everyone has been served.</u>

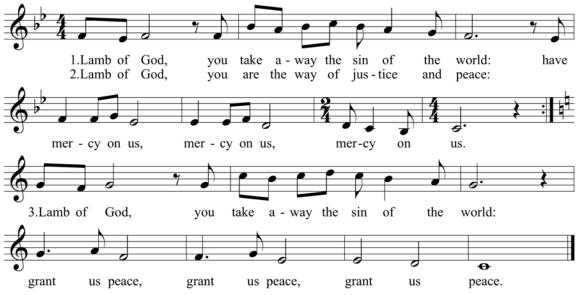
#### Litany of the Meal

- One: In the Passover meal, Jesus and his disciples remembered how God delivered the people from slavery in Egypt.
- Many: The foods they ate reminded them of the story...
- Pastor: The bread that had no time to rise as they fled from Pharaoh's army.
- Many: the lamb whose blood was placed on the doorpost so that death would pass them by.
- One: At his last supper with his friends, Jesus celebrated this meal of deliverance,
- Many: This meal of remembrance.
- Pastor: Tonight, this very night, we mark that first Last Supper. Where Jesus took bread, blessed, broke it, and shared it saying,
- Many: This is my body, given for you. Whenever you eat it, remember me.
- One: And in the same way he took the cup, blessed it, poured it, and shared it saying;
- Many: This is my blood, shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, remember me.
- Pastor: Which we do best in the words of the prayer he taught us;
- Many: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.
- One: The bread, his body.
- Many: The wine, his blood.
- Pastor: His life poured out...
- Many: Grace and mercy for all.

#### **Communion Distribution**

Sharing the Meal

"Lamb of God"



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#### Post Communion Blessing Spoken Response: Amen.

#### Benediction

And like any good seder we must end with ... One: L'shana haba-a bi-Y'rushalayim! Many: Next year in Jerusalem!

# Ministers for Thursday, March 28 - 7:00 p.m

Worship Assistant:	Carole Syse
Worship Musician:	Greg O'Connell
Song Leader:	Stacey Nordmeyer
Reader:	Sharon Giessen, Mary Huss, Kim Klug, Eric Godfrey
Sound	Jeff Key

# **Holy Week Schedule**

Remembrance of the Crucifixion: Good Friday, March 29 at 12:00 PM at CTK and 7:00 PM at COL The In-Between Day: Easter Saturday, March 30 at 5:00 PM at COL Mini Easter Vigil: Saturday March 30 at 6:45 PM at CTK with Easter Egg Hunt Celebration of Resurrection! Easter Sunday, March 31 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 AM at COL 9:30 AM at CTK

# Holy Week Music Schedule

Friday Evening: Gloria Dei Handbells Saturday Evening: Combined Youth Choirs Easter Sunday: 8:00 at COL: Brass Ensemble 9:30 at COL: Brass Ensemble, Fellowship Choir with Gloria Dei Handbells 9:30 at CTK: String Ensemble Easter 11:00 at COL: Fellowship Choir with Gloria Dei Handbells

# UNITY Lutheran Church



# **Good Friday Worship**

March 29, 2024

Christ the King Campus, Noon Cross of Life Campus, 7:00pm Welcome to this Good Friday service.

We call it "good" not because of the events of the day, but because of the unconditional love and forgiveness Jesus shares with us all from the cross.

In Mark's gospel, which we read from this year, there is none of the "higher" theology that develops later in Christianity. That is, no sense that Jesus' death on the cross substitutes as a punishment all of us should have received. That theology would begin with the Apostle Paul. It's great positive was allowing people of all backgrounds and races to know that the Good News of Jesus was open to them. That sense of universal inclusion was Paul's priority. But with it, came a negative subtext that suggests God needs to exact punishment from someone on behalf of everyone. God as judge negates the whole idea of grace. If we are saved by grace (also a Pauline idea), then God has no need to balance the scales. We are set free, not because Jesus dies but because he lives.

Does that then somehow dismiss the importance and centrality of the cross? No! It becomes all the more important to us. Jesus lived love in a way that would not tolerate a God narrowly focused on certain laws (the mistake of the Pharisees). Jesus would not conform to the militaristic Messiah (he rides a donkey on Palm Sunday) nor the materialistic temple (over-turning the tables of the money changers) of his world. Religiously motivated intolerance, religiously-driven violence, and religiously-condoned exploitation were what he most confronted and that led inevitably to the cross.

The love and forgiveness he expresses from the cross amazingly do not point us to a ministry that was against this and that. The power of the cross is that it reminds us of everything Jesus is FOR: His scriptural expression of honesty (My God, my God...), his care for relationships (the words spoken to his mother), his absolute willingness to live what he taught (he preached forgiveness and practiced it on the cross), and his faith-full capacity to leave things in God's hands (It is finished)... these guide us today and always as individuals and as a community of faith. His words and actions are life itself. They mock the negativity of the cross and lift up all that is good and possible in Jesus' name.

This is why we pause before the cross today. With the Roman Centurion, we are stunned not by the power of death but by the life lived upon it. With him, we humbly confess, "Truly, this man was the Son of God." Those words are less a theological doctrine and more a long breath of awe at someone who so fully lived as God longs for each of us so to do. If the man of war could recognize the Prince of Peace, then so can any of us and when we do, then Good Friday recedes and Easter beckons.

But for now, it is Good Friday. It is time to follow him to the cross. If we can carry part of it, we will feel the weight we add to it. If we press in one of the nails, we should not shy away from our own failings. And if at the end, there is darkness, then faith teaches us to wait for the light... even if silence is our companion until the dawn.

# WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

# Good Friday Worship March 29, 2024 Christ the King Campus, Noon Cross of Life Campus, 7:00 pm

Prelude	"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" ~ arr. Shackley
Greeting	
Litany for G	ood Friday
One:	This day. This day we lament and abhor. This day? We seem to repeat it as a human family.
Many:	Lord, have mercy.
One:	This day. A day of power. Abused power by the "religious ones." Neglected power by Pilate. The execution power of the cross. This day? We seem to repeat it as a human family.
Many:	Lord, have mercy.
One:	This day. Good people had the power all along. Peter didn't need to deny Jesus. The crowd didn't need to jeer and gawk. Soldiers can find ways to neglect unjust orders. This day? We seem to repeat it as a human family.
Many:	Lord, have mercy.
One:	This day. Cloak us with your power from on high, Jesus. Human powers can be so self-aggrandizing and so transitory. When people's hearts are really changed, it is an amazing power. It is the power of welcome, the power of respect, the power of reconciliation, the power of love.
Many:	Lord, grant us this power! Grant us your power from on high.
One:	Such a power is easily forsaken in our fear. Easily forgotten when we are at ease. But we will cling to your grace today, Jesus. We will see in you a power unlike any other. We will pray for the faith to make your power our own and when we fail, so see it still in you and for all.
Many:	Lord, have mercy on me. Lord have mercy on us. Lord have mercy on our world.
One:	Today, of all the days in a year, we know that mercy is real and sure and to that the people of God know to say:
Many:	Amen.

**The Congregation Sings** *"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"* ELW 325

# First Reading: Mark 8:31-36

This story is the turning point in Mark's gospel. It takes place prior to holy week, but points us to all that lies ahead. As in those last days, here, most of the disciples fall silent. At least Peter speaks. That he is off course is not just his problem. It is our universal problem as people.

<sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?

#### **Prayer:**

Öne: O God,

Many: to follow you is to give up control over what we think of as life. In giving, we more than receive. When we let go of illusion, you gift us with what is most real and alive. May our minds be on these divine things, we pray. Amen.

**Musical Reflection** 

"Lead Me To Calvary" ~ arr. Lorie Line

# Second Reading: Mark 12:13-17

Jesus is in Jerusalem in the days following Palm Sunday. One group of adversaries after another challenge him. Eventually he will be crucified as if an enemy of Rome. But here he makes clear that his is an enemy-free proclamation.

<sup>13</sup>Then they sent to him some Pharisees and some Herodians to trap him in what he said. <sup>14</sup>And they came and said to him, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality, but teach the way of God in accordance with truth. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not? <sup>15</sup>Should we pay them, or should we not?" But knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, "Why are you putting me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me see it." <sup>16</sup>And they brought one. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to them, "Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." And they were utterly amazed at him.

#### **Prayer:**

One: O God,

Many: we have many allegiances in life. You understand how often the individual *me* and the collective *we* feel torn. Your truth is this: we can be loyal to many things. But you? You in whose image we are made? Give us the discipline and will to be loyal to you first and most. Amen.

**The Congregation Sings** "Go to Dark Gethsemane" ELW 347 vs. 1-2

## Third Reading:Mark 14:43-52

Judas betrays with a kiss. The disciples waver and then flee. One leaves with nothing at all upon him. Who is this young man? Is it the gospel writer? Or is he all of us?

<sup>43</sup>Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. <sup>44</sup>Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard." <sup>45</sup>So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. <sup>46</sup>Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. <sup>47</sup>But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. <sup>48</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? <sup>49</sup>Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled." <sup>50</sup>All of them deserted him and fled.

<sup>51</sup>A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him,<sup>52</sup>but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

#### **Prayer:**

One: O God,

Many: few things are worse than when we betray each other. Forgive us for not honoring and respecting the lives and information we hold so dear. The only thing worse is shame. It is to be exposed as frauds, naked of any defense. When we are finally honest, we are ashamed. Have mercy...

Message: "Running From our Lives"

John Horner-Ibler

## Fourth Reading: Mark 14:66-72

Peter's confidence buckles. Is he really alone in this moment or just not aware of the power of truth?

<sup>66</sup>While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. <sup>67</sup>When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said, "You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth." <sup>68</sup>But he denied it, saying, "I do not know or understand what you are talking about." And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. <sup>69</sup>And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them." <sup>70</sup>But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, "Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean." <sup>71</sup>But he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know this man you are talking about." <sup>72</sup>At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, "Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept.

#### **Prayer:**

Öne: O God,

Many: our tears well up within us and we choke them back. We had such high hopes and then end up so disappointed in ourselves. Forgiving others is a gift, really. Forgiving ourselves? That is a matter of ugly, ugly tears...

The Congregation Sings "Ah Holy Jesus"

#### ELW 349 vs. 1-2

## Fifth Reading:Mark 15:1-16

Pilate's grasp of earthly power seems sure in his hands but ends up slipping through his fingers. Jesus' silence amazes him but the crowd's shouts sway him.

<sup>1</sup>As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. <sup>2</sup>Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so." <sup>3</sup>Then the chief priests accused him of many things. <sup>4</sup>Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." <sup>5</sup>But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

<sup>6</sup>Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. <sup>7</sup>Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. <sup>8</sup>So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. <sup>9</sup>Then he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" <sup>10</sup>For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. <sup>11</sup>But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. <sup>12</sup>Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" <sup>13</sup>They shouted back, "Crucify him!" <sup>14</sup>Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!" <sup>15</sup>So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. <sup>16</sup>Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort.

#### **Prayer:**

Öne: O God,

#### Many: Jesus said nothing because Pilate already knew the truth. For the Pilate in all of us that takes... the crowd-way, the easier-way, the me-way *away* from the goodness for which we should stand, have mercy today. Have mercy.....always. Amen.

The cross enters. Crucifixion lies ahead. Ushers guide us forward. Place your nail in the cross. Push it in so that it leaves it's imprint in your skin. Feel it. Know it's power. Trust it's power is nothing compared to Love.

<b>Musical Reflection</b>	"Via Dolorosa"	~ Sprague/Borop	(12:00)
(Please hold your		/ Lynn Key, Accompanist g with the reflective mood of this service)	
(1 ieuse nota your	"Via Dolorosa"	~ arr. Lorie Line	(7:00)

#### Sixth Reading: Mark 15:17-39

Mocking fills the moment, and then? Jesus quotes a Psalm, a deep lament...and yet one he knew also ends in hope. As all of this transpires, the affirmation to which this entire gospel speeds, rests on the lips of the man most directly responsible for killing Jesus. How amazing are God's ironies, that he is the first to realize that on this cross, there is nothing but Life.

<sup>17</sup>And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. <sup>18</sup>And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" <sup>19</sup>They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. <sup>20</sup>After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

<sup>21</sup>They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. <sup>22</sup>Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). <sup>23</sup>And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. <sup>24</sup>And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

<sup>25</sup>It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. <sup>26</sup>The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." <sup>27</sup>And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left.

<sup>29</sup>Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, <sup>30</sup>save yourself, and come down from the cross!" <sup>31</sup>In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. <sup>32</sup>Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

<sup>33</sup>When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. <sup>34</sup>At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" <sup>35</sup>When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." <sup>36</sup>And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." <sup>37</sup>Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. <sup>38</sup>And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. <sup>39</sup>Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

#### **Prayer:**

One: O God,

Many: flip our worlds upside down, we beseech, thee! Your love and life are a power that we should never hold onto... for when we share it... the world is transformed. Thank you for the centurion. May we, like he, realize we had so much of it wrong, but in you, we can also get so much of it right. This Jesus? Truly, he is God's own, God's beloved, Source of all Good News, teacher of the perfect prayer...

The Lord's Prayer (whispered and slow)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Message: "No	thing But Life"	John Horner-Ibler	
Musical Reflec		~ <i>arr. Linda Lamb</i> ir; Stacey Nordmeyer, Director	(7:00)

#### Epilogue: Mark 15:42-47

Jesus death seemingly surprises Pilate. So soon? Mark's gospel, among other things, is such a gift because it tells us God's love is always zooming ahead of us. Joseph of Arimathea, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of Jesus seem to get what Pilate does not. Jesus will not linger around waiting for us to figure it out. New life beckons. Why wait?

<sup>42</sup>When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, <sup>43</sup>Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. <sup>44</sup>Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. <sup>45</sup>When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. <sup>46</sup>Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. <sup>47</sup>Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

The lights dim more fully. A candle has been extinguished with each reading. Now the Christ candle exits. Only a departure, not an absence of the Light.

The darkness envelopes us. Full and complete.

Silence? One more sound will follow. You know to wait for it. The slam of the door jars us every year. A tomb slammed shut. So final?

God's vindication of Life awaits on Easter, but for tonight there is much to feel and nothing left to say.

Depart in prayerful silence.

Leave your Easter bells quietly at the doors.

Their joy later means all the more because of their silence now.

Note: There is no offering taken as a part of tonight's service. If you wish to support our Lenten appeal for the schools in Rutilio Grande, El Salvador, please leave your gift in the plates at the doors.

# JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD!

Easter Vigil Saturday March 30 at 5:00 pm ~ COL Campus

A special service that moves us away from Good Friday and to the Resurrection!

Abbreviated, outdoor version followed by Easter egg hunt at Christ the King campus, 6:45 pm.

# **Easter Sunday**

Finding Easter Joy at an empty tomb!

# March 31 at 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am ~ COL Campus

Music:

8:00: Brass Ensemble

9:30: Brass Ensemble, Fellowship Choir with Gloria Dei Bells11:00: Fellowship Choir with Gloria Dei Bells

# March 31 at 9:30 am ~ CTK Campus

Music: Strings Ensemble Enjoy coffee, juice and brunch following CTK worship in the Gathering Place

Each service will be a festival celebration of the resurrection!

# 12:00 p.m. Ministers for Friday, March 29

Greeter:	Barb Patterson
Usher:	Ken Kostanski
Worship Assistant:	
	Mary Huss
Visual Projection:	
Musician:	
Song Leader:	Jeff Stark

# 7:00 p.m. Ministers for Friday, March 29

	Sandi John, Nancy Kostanski Cheryl Caraulia
Worship Assistant:	
	Kim Klug
Visual Projection:	
	Jeff Key
Musician:	
	Stacey Nordmeyer
Nursery:	Josi Matel

# EASTER BRINGS

"In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ..."

1 Peter 1:3

# WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



Celebrate. Share. Renew.

#### We're glad you're here today! UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.

- Children. Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- Nursery. Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- Sunday School. All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)
- At UNITY, the Communion Table is:
  - Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
  - Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
  - Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
  - We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
  - Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
  - If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.
- **Pastors.** UNITY is served by three called pastors who are present at both campuses on a rotating basis. Most Saturdays, the weekend preacher is the pastor at that service. On Sundays, the preacher for the weekend travels to both campuses to share the message. Each of the other pastors is then based at one campus or another. This Easter weekend, John Horner-Ibler is at Cross of Life along with Muriel Otto on Sunday. Sherrie Lorbeck is at Cross of Life on Saturday and Christ the King on Sunday.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: <u>unitybrookfield.org</u> for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

**GIVING.** If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the COL narthex and by the bulletin board in the CTK narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay is also accepted. Thank you!

# The Easter Vigil Saturday, March 30, 2024 5:00 pm

Prelude	"Via Dolorosa"

arr. Lorie Line

#### Words of Welcome

The traditional Easter vigil service starts late in the evening of Easter Saturday and runs into the early morning of Easter itself. In this simplified vigil, we will begin with what unfolds on Friday trying to imagine how those closest to Jesus must have felt.. We'll sing and reflect in the darkness, listen to what takes place at day's end and the waiting that happens after. Then, at last, comes the turning point of this service... the reading of the Easter Good News! After that, we are in pure celebration mode: children, flowers, communion, and song!

#### Litany for Good Friday Evening (Responsive)

- One: If you are in an accident or danger, often you remember every detail.
- Many: Certain smells or sounds, the look in someone's eyes, it remains as vivid as the moment it happened.
- One: When we behold the cross, it assaults us with sensations of the deepest sort:
- Many: Fierce-some sounds: The cock crowing. Insults and mocking. The wailing of mourners. The cries of the dying.
- One: The smells of soil, sweat and blood... oils for anointing of the dead...
- Many: The taste of bitter wine... offered to those on the cross, meant to ease the pain, penetrating the cuts on their lips, making it worse.
- One: The crash of the rock into the opening. The darkness of the tomb.
- Many: A final glance back by his burial party... what might have been? What have we done?
- One: Then in the growing night of that first Good Friday... Silence.
- Many: Nothing left to sense. Human deeds done. God's Easter word not yet spoken.
- One: To see it, smell it, hear it, taste it, and touch it...
- Many: is to live it all over again.
- One: The darkness of this night is deep...
- Many: But without the darkness, would we recognize the light?

#### From the Day Now Finished Mark 15:27-39

Imagine the messiness of what follows. The heaviness in carrying the cross. And if the pain of the nails isn't enough, Jesus has to hear the comments from all the onlookers. But instead of saving himself, Jesus remains for something beyond what the eyes will fully grasp. And when that moment comes, the temple curtain is torn in two, symbolizing that now nothing can separate people from their God.

<sup>27</sup>And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>29</sup>Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, 'Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, <sup>30</sup>save yourself, and come down from the cross!' <sup>31</sup>In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. <sup>32</sup>Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.' Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

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#### Song of Lament from Jesus' Followers'

God's People Lament "Were You There?" ELW 353, vs. 5

Imagine the weight that Jesus' followers felt that day. Their loss. Seeing Jesus receive what he didn't deserve. Pain so real. Hopes of who he was and what he'd do all gone. Replaced by confusion, grief and hopelessness. And now at the end of it all, the Sabbath is approaching, so they know there's no time to linger to try to absorb it all and what it now means. But at least, thanks to Joseph, from Arimathea, there is a place secured for Jesus' body to be laid, waiting until the point at which they can return to prepare it for its final burial.

#### Final Arrangements Made:Matthew 27:57-66

<sup>57</sup> When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. <sup>58</sup>He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. <sup>59</sup>So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth <sup>60</sup>and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. <sup>61</sup>Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

<sup>62</sup> The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate <sup>63</sup>and said, "Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' <sup>64</sup>Therefore command that the tomb be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He has been raised from the dead,' and the last deception would be worse than the first." <sup>65</sup>Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can." <sup>66</sup>So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

Message The Added Weight of Waiting

Sherrie Lorbeck

#### Reading of the Easter Saturday Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

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#### **Easter Proclamation:**

One:	O Death, where is thy victory?
<b>Many:</b>	Gone, swallowed up in life!
One:	Christ is risen!
<b>Many:</b>	He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The moment has come! The processional cross is brought in, the light returns, the celebration begins!

Anthem *"Jesus Is Risen! Sing for Joy!"* ~ Dengler Joyful Noise and Celebration Choirs (Preschool-Grade 6) Director: Janet Day; Accompanist: Lynn Key

Children's Message Looking for the Easter word!

#### The Sharing of the Peace

One: The peace of our risen Lord be with you always! Many: And also with you!

 $\sim$  The Easter flowers line the center aisles and encircle the cross in the narthex. Each household is asked to pick up one or two and bring them forward. Enjoy the beauty and smell of the flowers. Talk to each other! There's no master plan, just have fun with it!

#### **Announcements and Offering**

#### **Prayer of Thanks**

- One: Let us pray. God of Grace,
- Many: of all your gifts, this moment reminds us of the one that sustains us forever! Thank you for your grace to us. Thank you for Easter and a faith grounded in hope for the future, forgiveness for all your children, and an eternity secured in your presence. Though we cannot repay you, accept our humble gifts, given in thanks and given with the hope of being your servant people. We ask it all because of him who lives in us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

- Pastor: The Lord be with you.
- Many: And also with you.
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- Many: We lift them to the Lord.
- Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
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#### **Words of Institution**

#### The Lord's Prayer (Ecumenical)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen. Visitors and members alike are welcome our Communion Table. Today, we will serve communion using a continuous flow past two serving stations in the front of the sanctuary, and a third in the narthex (lobby). Follow the usher's directions. When you commune, receive and eat the bread. Then, take an individual cup. The dark liquid is wine; the light is grape juice. Please place your empty cup in the acolyte's tray and return to your seat via the side aisles. We also have gluten free wafers available, please let one of the pastors know if you would prefer this instead.

Young, non-communing children are invited to come to the table for a blessing. Though this is "continuous" communion, do not feel rushed. Receive the meal at a prayerful pace! If you wish to receive communion and are unable to come forward, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.

#### Post Communion Blessing Spoken Response: Amen.

#### Benediction

One: How different this night's ending from its beginning! We started in darkness and end in light! We started in silence and end in singing! We started in mourning and end with great joy, for...

#### Many: The darkness of the cross is vanquished!

One: Now we go forth from the empty tomb, filled with joy by the greatest Good News:

#### Many: Jesus lives!

- One: And so with believers, followers, and saints of every time and place, our hearts sing as we proclaim... Christ is risen!
- Many: He is risen indeed. Alleluia! Amen!

Sending Hymn "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" ELW 365

#### Dismissal

One: Go in peace, serve the risen Lord! Many: Thanks be to God!

**Postlude** "Christ The Lord Is Risen Today" ~ arr. Anna Laura Page

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**El Salvador Summer Trip applications.** Trip is July 23-29. Registration deadline is May 1

**Save the dates for Vacation Bible School.** Afternoons, Mon., June 17 to Thurs., June 20 **First Communion Classes and Weekend.** Classes are Thursdays May 9 and 16.

(6:30-7:45) First Communion services are May 18-19

**New Member Classes.** Thursday evenings, April 11 (COL) and 18 (CTK) 6:30-8:00 pm Dinner served. Child care available.

Partner we are praying for this month: Cordero de Dios

This weekend's communion breads were baked by Nancy Kostanski, Diane Kotula, & Denny Thompson

#### **Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members**

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

#### **Cross of Life Campus**

Bob Rusk, Becki Culhane, Don Bock, Debbie Horne, Kay Maas, Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Ardyce Myhre, Paula Dryer, Marlene Jernberg, John Vaughan, Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Alyce Vollan, Barb Purnell, Jenny Cape, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

#### **Christ the King Campus**

Ann-Marie Bergman, Sharon Giessen, Gary Blaschke, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Kevin Nordmeyer, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Ken Schneider, Dave Rau

> We pray our prayers of sympathy for family and loved ones as they mourn the death of a loved one:

Bob Soerens, husband of Susan (Salani) Soerens

Alleluia<br/>He is-Your co-workers in Christ at UNITY!Jim Ahlquist, Michelle Aprahamian, Madison Arredondo, Janet Day,<br/>Caitlin Dominski, Raven Epding, Matt Griepentrog, Ann Hill,<br/>John Horner-Ibler, Natalie Kamenick, Lynn Key, Nancy Kostanski,<br/>Sherrie Lorbeck, Josi Matel, Muriel Otto, Greg O'Connell,<br/>Stacey Nordmeyer, Molly Pufall-Brown, Leigh Rainer & Denny Thompson

## **UNITY Prayer Place**

Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.

## March 30-31

Linda (health concerns), friend of Lynn & Jeff Key Rev. David & Nancy Sewing, Mark & James (lost home in a fire), parents, brother & nephew of Joy Griepentrog Kain Scott (in NICU), grandson of Patty Zais Greg Mengel (cancer diagnosis & complications), friend of Kelly Shoff & Steve Brewer Tony Susa (spinal cord injury) brother-in-law of Vivian Clark Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

# March 23-24

Elise Buchman & premie son (in ICU), Niece/great nephew of Karin & Peter Drescher Whitney Adams (breast cancer that has spread), daughter of friend of Lisa Nass Mark Wagner (facing difficult trial ahead), friend of Rebecca & Brian Krier Dawn Harris (recent breast cancer diagnosis & upcoming surgery), aunt of Rebecca Krier Ralph Phillips (lung cancer), uncle of Jolene Epding

# March 16-17

Michael Lemke (brain cancer), friend of the Nustad family Sandy Humphrey (breast cancer), aunt of Deborah Nustad Barb & Doug Peterson (health issues), parents of Greg Peterson Donna Funk (bladder cancer/liver issues), daughter of Pearl Haack Chris (cancer diagnosis), friend of Jeff Key Dawn (recovering from a serious infection), friend of Diana and David Koenen Roland Tocups (stage 4 pancreatic cancer, in hospice), friend of Denny Thompson

# March 9-10

Marie Pufall (surgery), mother of Molly Pufall-Brown Marguerite Braun (health concerns), mother of Nancy Kostanski Margie Lang (recent cancer diagnosis), friend of Jill Barney and Jack Guenther Jack & Carol Douglass (broken back/health issues), father & his wife of Jane Dowling Mary Iwen (serious medical issues), sister of Karen Hartzler Tom Klug (in rehab), father-in-law of Kim Klug Sandy Madsen (blood cancer, in hospice), aunt of Kevin Grabowski

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, etc.) overseas and our military personnel:

Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank Bryce Roland, grandson of Grace Leverenz Caroline Schneider, daughter of Brian & Patty Billy Thomas, son of Eric & Sally Thomas Mallori Trester, daughter of Dale Trester Kyle Unger, cousin of the Wistrom family

# Flowers Given In Memory Of ...

Luanne Bengston	Allan Bengston
Luanne Bengston Sara Banks Tiedeman & Shannon Lee Bennett	Lisa Filipek
Jack & Joyce Wussow Marie & Milton Giessen, Joyce Czarnecki & Cliff Schneider	Paul & Lynn Gaworski
Marie & Milton Giessen, Joyce Czarnecki & Cliff Schneider	Sharon Giessen
Richard Graef	Joyce Graef
Gail Mueller	Melissa Graesser
Dorothy, Jack and Kathy Chuminatto, Helen & Bob Harris	Cynthia & Jeff Harris
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Fred Klug. Fred Klug. Howard Aspinwall, Tom Stobbs, Herb & Marge Koenen. Evelyn Miller Great Grandpa & Grandma Houdek, Great Grandma Jane Monsoo Jim Myhre. Jim Timms Frank Backus, Melanie's Dad. Ann Kobs and Richard Cobb	Kimberly Klug
Howard Aspinwall, Tom Stobbs, Herb & Marge Koenen	
Evelyn Miller	Adrienne Krueger
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Jerold Vreeland	Tomo & Louise Zestrong
Gerry & Rita Zastrow, John & Helen Kopp	

# Flowers Given In Honor Of ...

Cody, Karen, Tiego, & Mateo Bruss Family	Sharon Giessen
Our old friends	
Parker & Brecken	
Larry & Carolyn Burns, Nick Klug & Felicia Schober	
The people of UNITY	Sherrie Lorbeck
Our Children: Isabel and Andrew	
Donna Rooney & Denise Backus, our moms	
Charlotte Zortman	Carole Syse
John Horner-Ibler	Michelle Wilkins
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# Flowers Given In Celebration of Our Risen Lord. ..



Melissa Bemus Jane & Rick Boorse David & Jensy Engle Sandi John Paradis Family Linda Wilson



COL 5:00 p.m.	Ministers for Saturday, March 30, 2024	
Worship Coordinator:	Jeff Key	
Greeters:		
Acolyte:	Jameson Krueger	
Ushers:	-	
Worship Assistant:	Carole Syse	
Reader:	Carole Syse	
Communion Assistants:	Cheryl Caraulia, Melissa Grabowski	
ABC:	Cheryl Caraulia	
Musician:	Lynn Key	
Sound:	Jeff Key	
Visual Projection:	Kevin Grabowski	
Song Leader:	Molly Pufall-Brown	
Nursery:	Rachel Manganaro	



# WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH!

#### We're glad you're here today! UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.

- Children. Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- **Nursery.** Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- Sunday School. All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)

# • At UNITY, the Communion Table is:

- Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
- Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
- Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
- We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
- Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
- If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.
- **Pastors.** UNITY is served by three called pastors who are present at both campuses on a rotating basis. Most Saturdays, the weekend preacher is the pastor at that service. On Sundays, the preacher for the weekend travels to both campuses to share the message. Each of the other pastors is then based at one campus or another. This Easter weekend, John Horner-Ibler is at Cross of Life along with Muriel Otto on Sunday. Sherrie Lorbeck is at Cross of Life on Saturday and Christ the King on Sunday.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: <u>unitybrookfield.org</u> for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

**GIVING.** If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the COL narthex and by the bulletin board in the CTK narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay is also accepted. Thank you!

# The Festival Celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord! March 31, 2024

Prelude		
"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"	Brass Ensemble	(8:00, 9:30)
"Jesus Shall Reign"	arr. Ritter	(11:00)

#### **Easter Flower Cross**

One of our Easter traditions is decorating the barren Good Friday cross with fresh flowers. Everyone of every age should put a flower on the cross!

Flowers for the cross will be in buckets. At the 8:00 am service we will decorate the cross as we come up to communion. At the 9:30 service, the cross will be in the narthex prior to the service. As you arrive, pick a flower from a bucket and place it anywhere on the cross, but especially in the places that aren't yet covered. Did you walk past it? Go back! It needs a flower from you! The 11:00 service could go either way depending on how quickly we can re-set.

As we sing our final hymn, the cross will be raised: a colorful, living sign of what we sing: Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds!

We will have a third communion spot in the narthex. Follow usher instructions to either the front or rear serving locations.

**Easter Bells:** Each person should have received a bell for today's service. Ring your bell whenever you hear the Easter word of rejoicing, "Alleluia!"

#### Words of Welcome

#### **Sharing the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of the risen Lord Jesus Christ be with you always.

Many: And also with you.

#### Litany for the Resurrection of our Lord

One: At least the women showed up. At the cross...

- Many: ...on Easter morning too. Mark's gospel kept the Easter story simple... the women showed up...
- One: But there no guards are mentioned, no earthquake. Just an open, empty tomb.
- Many: Oh, and the angel.
- One: Maybe. The being waiting there for them is described as a "young man."
- Many: An angel! A messenger of God!

One: Maybe, but in Mark's sparse style, it doesn't even say that. Maybe, just maybe, he's there as a symbol for any of us when we finally begin to comprehend this day.

Many: "Fear not!" he says first.

One: "Go and tell!" he says next.

- Many: Those were his words to the women... and by extension to any of us in our losses and griefs.
- One: And of course the women then did what?
- Many: They left in fear and told no one! No one? Really?
- One: Good News can take a while to sink in.
- Many: Those women in their shock, that "young man" in being further down the road of grief...
- One: Together, they allow the story to be ours. For in all our hurts there is fear and silence, but there are also seeds waiting to bloom!
- Many: Seeds of hope and resurrection!
- One: Ready to germinate in us today...
- Many: ... and bear fruit on the morrow. Hey! As interesting as this litany is, let's hurry to the end so we can get started!
- One Get started with Easter! Get started with life! Get started with the great Good News of this day. Christ is risen!
- Many: He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen!

**Opening Hymn** "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" ELW 365 vs. 1, 2, 4

# **Children's Message**

# **Greeting and Prayer for Easter morning**

- Pastor: The grace of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- Many: And also with you.

One: Let us pray. Source of every burst forward in our human lives,

Many: All Lent, we imagined what it's like to bloom. First, think seeds. Do they land in good soil? Do they germinate? And if they do, then is there growth, flowers and fruit? Is there abundance and a future? Jesus' answer to all that is YES! A thousand... million... billion times over, YES! Easter is our burst open and bloom day! It is our day to know that the lost are found, that living is done even in our dying, and that your Spirit sprays seeds of life all around. O living God, because Jesus lives, we bloom! Alleluia! Amen.

## First Lesson Acts 28:11-16, 30-31

Of the four gospels, Luke's is the only one to have a sequel, formally called the Acts of the Apostles but "Acts" for short. Acts traces the spread of the Gospel from Jerusalem all the way to the center of the Roman empire. These verses, with their references to Roman history and towns, represent the end of Luke's 52 chapters; a low-key cliffhanger with the Apostle Paul under arrest but free to proclaim the Good News of Jesus.

<sup>11</sup>Three months later we set sail on a ship that had wintered at the island, an Alexandrian ship with the Twin Brothers as its figurehead. <sup>12</sup>We put in at Syracuse and stayed there for three days; <sup>13</sup>then we weighed anchor and came to Rhegium. After one day there a south wind sprang up, and on the second day we came to Puteoli. <sup>14</sup>There we found believers and were invited to stay with them for seven days. And so we came to Rome. <sup>15</sup>The believers from there, when they heard of us, came as far as the Forum of Appius and Three Taverns to meet us. On seeing them, Paul thanked God and took courage. <sup>16</sup>When we came into Rome, Paul was allowed to live by himself, with the soldier who was guarding him.

<sup>30</sup>He lived there two whole years at his own expense and welcomed all who came to him, <sup>31</sup>proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.

One: The Word of the Lord!

#### Many: Thanks be to God

- Anthem *"Easter Bells, Set Free Your Music"* ~ arr. Harris/Nordmeyer (9:30 & 11:00) Fellowship Choir, Directed by Molly Pufall-Brown; Lynn Key, accompanist with Gloria Dei Handbells
- Gospel Acclamation"Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia"ELW 369Christ the Lord is ris'n today; AlleluiaGod and sinners reconciled, AlleluiaChrist the Lord is ris'n on high, AlleluiaNow he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

#### Reading of the Good News Mark 16:1-8

Mark's gospel has the shortest of Easter stories. The brevity is typical of Mark's fast pace and no-holds challenge to all who read it. The essence of it all is clear: the tomb is empty, what will YOU say and do next?

One: The Gospel according to Mark, the sixteenth chapter. Many: Glory to you O, Lord. <sup>1</sup>When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

One: The Easter Gospel of the Lord! Many: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message "Hurrying Up To Get To The End, a.k.a, The Start" John Horner-Ibler

Hymn of the Day "Oh Sing to God Above" ELW 555

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#### **Communion Meditation**

"Alleluia"

~ Lorie Line

#### **Prayer after Communion**

- One: Let us pray. Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.
- Many: Amen.

#### **Easter Blessing**

- One: For the person who's here every week and for the person who isn't.
- Many: Welcome!
- One: For the person who hurts and for the one who is whole. For the person everyone knows and for the one off to the side.

#### Many: Welcome!

One: For the hungry 5,000 and the children the disciples shushed. For the rich tax collector and the poor widow. For the criminal on the cross and for the shepherds at his birth.

#### Many: Welcome!

One: Our mission is clear, people of God. Go! Shine some light. Heal the world. Make peace no matter what the war. And in so doing...

## Many: Welcome: Everyone. Always. No exceptions. And, do it with Great Joy!

- One: Filled to overflowing, our words simply tumble out. Christ is risen!
- Many: Welcome to the celebration! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Sending Hymn "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" ELW 367 vs. 1, 2, 4

#### Dismissal

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**Sr. High Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction.** Mark your calendars for Friday, April 28th - 5:00-7:00 pm at COL. The Fellowship Hall is transformed and our Youth will serve you and your guests a delicious Italian meal, at a *fraction* of the cost if you go anywhere else! You'll also have the opportunity to bid on unique and fabulous silent auction items. All proceeds will benefit our Sr. High Summer Trip to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this July! Have something that you'd be willing to donate? Let us know and drop it off in Matt Griepentrog's *old* office. Thank you!

El Salvador Summer Trip applications. Trip is July 23-29. Registration deadline is May 1

Save the dates for Vacation Bible School. Afternoons, Mon., June 17 to Thurs., June 20

**First Communion Classes and Weekend.** Classes are Thursdays May 9 and 16. (6:30-7:45) First Communion services are May 18-19

**New Member Classes.** Thursday evenings, April 11 (COL) and 18 (CTK) 6:30-8:00 pm Dinner served. Child care available.

Partner we are praying for this month: Cordero de Dios This weekend's communion breads were baked by Nancy Kostanski, Diane Kotula, & Denny Thompson

## **Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members**

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

#### **Cross of Life Campus**

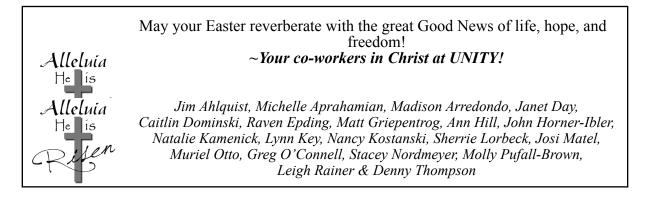
Bob Rusk, Becki Culhane, Don Bock, Debbie Horne, Kay Maas, Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Ardyce Myhre, Paula Dryer, Marlene Jernberg, John Vaughan, Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Alyce Vollan, Barb Purnell, Jenny Cape, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

#### **Christ the King Campus**

Ann-Marie Bergman, Sharon Giessen, Gary Blaschke, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Kevin Nordmeyer, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Ken Schneider, Dave Rau

> We pray our prayers of sympathy for family and loved ones as they mourn the death of a loved one:

Bob Soerens, husband of Susan (Salani) Soerens



# **UNITY Prayer Place**

Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.

# March 30-31

Linda (health concerns), friend of Lynn & Jeff Key Rev. David & Nancy Sewing, Mark & James (lost home in a fire), parents, brother & nephew of Joy Griepentrog Kain Scott (in NICU), grandson of Patty Zais Greg Mengel (cancer diagnosis with complications), friend of Kelly Shoff & Steve Brewer Tony Susa (spinal cord injury) brother-in-law of Vivian Clark Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

## March 23-24

Elise & premie son Buchman (in ICU), Niece/great nephew of Karin & Peter Drescher Whitney Adams (breast cancer that has spread), daughter of friend of Lisa Nass Mark Wagner (facing difficult trial ahead), friend of Rebecca & Brian Krier Dawn Harris (recent breast cancer diagnosis & upcoming surgery), aunt of Rebecca Krier Ralph Phillips (lung cancer), uncle of Jolene Epding

# March 16-17

Michael Lemke (brain cancer), friend of the Nustad family Sandy Humphrey (breast cancer), aunt of Deborah Nustad Barb & Doug Peterson (health issues), parents of Greg Peterson Donna Funk (bladder cancer/liver issues), daughter of Pearl Haack Chris (cancer diagnosis), friend of Jeff Key Dawn (recovering from a serious infection), friend of Diana and David Koenen Roland Tocups (stage 4 pancreatic cancer, in hospice), friend of Denny Thompson

# March 9-10

Marie Pufall (surgery), mother of Molly Pufall-Brown Marguerite Braun (health concerns), mother of Nancy Kostanski Margie Lang (recent cancer diagnosis), friend of Jill Barney and Jack Guenther Jack & Carol Douglass (broken back/health issues), father & his wife of Jane Dowling Mary Iwen (serious medical issues), sister of Karen Hartzler Tom Klug (in rehab), father-in-law of Kim Klug Sandy Madsen (blood cancer, in hospice), aunt of Kevin Grabowski

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, etc.) overseas and our military personnel: Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank

# Flowers Given In Memory Of ...

Luanne Bengston Sara Banks Tiedeman & Shannon Lee Bennett Jack & Joyce Wussow Marie & Milton Giessen, Joyce Czarnecki & Cliff Schneider	Paul & Lynn Gaworski Sharon Giessen
Richard Graef	Joyce Graef
Richard Graef Gail Mueller Dorothy, Jack and Kathy Chuminatto, Helen & Bob Harris Hank Suttle & Elaine Key	Cynthia & Jeff Harris
Fred Klug	Kimberly Klug
Fred Klug Howard Aspinwall, Tom Stobbs, Herb & Marge Koenen Evelyn Miller Great Grandpa & Grandma Houdek, Great Grandma Jane Monsoor	David & Diana Koenen Adrienne Krueger
Great Grandpa & Grandma Houdek, Great Grandma Jane Monsoon	rJessica Loomis
Jim Myhre Jim Timms Frank Backus, Melanie's Dad	Ardyce Myhre Kevin & Stacey Nordmeyer
Frank Backus, Melanie's Dad	
Ann Kobs and Richard Cobb	
Mabel Burke & Pauline Syse	
Ann Kobs and Richard Cobb My mom Mabel Burke & Pauline Syse Jay Tichelaar Joleen, K	Kendra, Zach & Celia Tichelaar
John VanSlyke Jerold Vreeland	Diana VanSlyke
Gerry & Rita Zastrow, John & Helen Kopp	

# Flowers Given In Honor Of ...

Cody, Karen, Tiego, & Mateo Bruss Family Our old friends	Sharon Giessen
Our old friends	
Parker & Brecken	
Larry & Carolyn Burns, Nick Klug & Felicia Schober The people of UNITY	Kimberly Klug
The people of UNITY	Sherrie Lorbeck
Our Children: Isabel and Andrew	Mike & Sarah Ocampo
Donna Rooney & Denise Backus, our moms	
Charlotte Zortman	Carole Syse
Charlotte Zortman John Horner-Ibler	Michelle Wilkins

# Flowers Given In Celebration of Our Risen Lord...



Melissa Bemus Jane & Rick Boorse David & Jensy Engle Sandi John Paradis Family Linda Wilson



COL 8:00 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, March 31, 2024
Worship Coordinator:	Jeff Key Dick & Diane Dressler
Greeters:	Dick & Diane Dressler
Acolyte:	
Ushers:	Duane Maas, Jan Constable
Worship Assistant:	
	Duane Maas
Communion Assistants:	Dick & Diane Dressler
	Dave Meissner
Musician:	Lynn Key
Sound:	Jeff Key
Visual Projection:	Tim Culhane
Song Leader:	
Nursery:	Josi Matel
Coffee:	

COL 9:30 a.m.

## Ministers for Sunday, March 31, 2024

Worship Coordinator: Greeters:	
Acolyte:	Isaac Bemus, Greta Brown, Britta Brown
Ushers: Worship Assistant:	Marge Henes
Worship Assistant:	Leslie O'Connell
	Nancy Kostanski
Communion Assistants:	Jenny Hauser, Cheryl Caraulia, Mary Huss,
	Mary Johnsen, Sandi John
	Cheryl Caraulia
Musician:	Lynn Key
Sound:	Kevin Nordmever
Visual Projection:	David Kapitan
Song Leader:	Nicole Groehler
Visual Projection: Song Leader: Nursery:	Josi Matel
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### COL 11:00 a.m.

## Ministers for Sunday, March 31, 2024

Worship Coordinator:	
Greeters:	Kathy Grunwald, Nancy Kostanski William Register, Luke Jolliff, Jack Swain Dennis Horne, Al Bredemus
Acolyte:	William Register, Luke Jolliff, Jack Swain
Ushers:	Dennis Horne, Al Bredemus
Worship Assistant: Reader:	Carole Syse
Reader:	Melanie Rooney
Communion Assistants:	Dawn Conlin, Joy Czarnik, Kristin & Matt Jolliff
ABC:	Jeff Key
Musician: Sound:	Lynn Key
Sound:	Jeff Key
Visual Projection:	•
Song Leader:	Molly Pufall-Brown
Nursery:	Molly Pufall-Brown Josi Matel



# The Second Weekend in Easter

# April 6-7, 2024

Saturday, April 6, 2024 5:00 pm COL

Sunday, April 7, 2024 8:30 am COL 10:30 am COL

## Online Worship anytime after 5:00 pm each Saturday

unitybrookfield.org

Cross of Life Campus 20700 W. North Avenue Brookfield, WI 53045 Christ the King Campus 4600 Pilgrim Road Brookfield, WI 53005

(262) 781-7600

#### WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH!

#### We're glad you're here today! UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.

- Children. Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- **Nursery.** Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- Sunday School. All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)

#### • At UNITY, the Communion Table is:

- Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
- Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
- Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
- We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
- Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
- If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.
- **Pastors.** UNITY is served by three called pastors who are present at both campuses on a rotating basis. Most Saturdays, the weekend preacher is the pastor at that service. On Sundays, the preacher for the weekend travels to both campuses to share the message. Each of the other pastors is then based at one campus or another. This weekend, John Horner-Ibler, Muriel Otto and Sherrie Lorbeck are at Cross of Life. Jim Ahlquist is at Christ the King on Sunday.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: <u>unitybrookfield.org</u> for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

**GIVING.** If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the COL narthex and by the bulletin board in the CTK narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay is also accepted. Thank you!

Prelude	"For All That You Have Done"	Praise Band	(5:00, 8:30, 10:30)
Words of W	Velcome		
Sharing the Pastor: Many:	The peace of the Lord be with you	always.	
Call to Wor One: Many: One:	rship (responsive, based on today's C If you walked out those doors and w that would be seven miles. Think of all you would pass in seve Hospital Hill	walked all the way to en miles! The highes	o the Milwaukee Zoo t point in Brookfield on
Many:	(from which you can see the cross atop this church, by the way)		
One: <b>Many:</b>			
One: Many:	(yes we counted). Anyways, it would take a while, right? Even if you're not held up by a train!		
One:	And what if, when you finally reached the zoo, you realized you needed to keep going		
Many:	and walk all the way back to where you started.		
One: Many:	Life is like that, hey? We all end up right back where we started. <b>But- never the same person we started.</b>		
One:	Because chances are, at some point they change us.	, we meet some peo	ple on the road, and
Many:			
One:	8		
Many:			
One:			
Many:	the courage to keep walking beyo awareness of the people around u ahead,	nd what lies behind s excitement and	d us greater I JOY for what lies
One: Many:	and an overwhelming desire to shar Jesus lives again, earth can breat abound!		vord around, loaves

**Opening Hymn** "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" ELW 674 (Barb H-I selection)

Children's Message

#### Greeting and Prayer of the Day

- Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- Many: And also with you.
- One: Let us pray. O God of the Way,
- Many: We are all on the road to somewhere. Some stretches are easier than others. Many paths are winding. All endings are beginnings.

On any road, it helps to not walk alone. Thank you for any good companion we have ever had. Forgive us for all the times we fail to recognize you, especially in each other. When our hearts burn within us, may we recognize the call to set a new course.

Walk with us always, Jesus. And for all the ways you teach us, feed us, and resurrect us- Alleluia! Praise God! Amen.

Anthem"This Is My Father's World"arr. Bill Ingram(10:30)Hosanna Handbell Choir, Directed by Stacey Nordmeyer

Gospel Acclamation "Shine, Jesus, Shine" ELW 671 vs. 1 (David H-I selection)

#### Gospel: Luke 24:28-35

Not the Gospel assigned to this particular year, but a John H-I favorite and appropriate to this day. The "Road to Emmaus" story is often read just after Easter, as it is set on the evening of the first Easter Sunday, and tells of Jesus' first reappearance after his death and resurrection. Two travelers think their journey is nearing the end, only to find out it is just the beginning. Just one of the two travelers is named, a detail likely meant to beckon us into this story in the role of Cleopas's co-traveler.

One: The Gospel according to Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter. Many: Glory to you O, Lord.

<sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

One: The Gospel of the Lord!

Many: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message "The End of the Road?" John Horner-Ibler, Sherrie Lorbeck, Muriel Otto

#### **Announcements and Offering**

#### **Presentation of Gifts**

#### Laying on of Hands

#### Litany of Blessing:

cany of Dr	cosing.
One:	For (approximately) 23,717 feet of pacing this aisle
Many:	DONE!
One:	For 641 sermons, 459 children's messages, and 198 vignettes
Many:	DONE!
One:	For 81 weddings, 108 funerals, and 162 baptisms
Many:	DONE!
One:	For 560 miles paddled, 32 flights to El Salvador, and 980 hours in busses
	and vans
Many:	DONE!
One:	For 3 generations raised and 2 churches made 1
Many:	DONĔ!
One:	For every bag of trash you ever hauled, every late-night hospital call,
One:	For every time you made us squeeze through that cave on the East Coast
	Road Trip
Many:	DONE!
One:	For all the ladders climbed, grapes canned, and budgets passed
One:	For all the hands held, tears witnessed, and foreheads kissed
Many:	For sharing of yourself and your family
One:	your knowledge, your heart, and your extremely detailed weather
	predictions
One:	For 27 years of trying your best to follow Jesus, and inviting us to do it with
	you,
Many:	Done, done, done.
(moi	nent of quiet to reflect on all we 've received from each other and God)
One:	All these things are love, and love lasts forever.
One:	You will always be part of this place, and we of you. And so we bless you on

- One: You will always be part of this place, and we of you. And so we bless you on your way, easily able to say, for all these things, and so many more...
- One: our gratitude to you and to God FOR you will never be...
- Many: DOŇE!

#### **Prayer of Thanks**

- One: Let us pray. Merciful Father,
- Many: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us... ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

- Pastor: The Lord be with you.
- Many: And also with you.
- Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
- Many: We lift them to the Lord.
- Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### Words of Institution

#### The Lord's Prayer (Ecumenical)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Communion Meditation	"10,000 Reasons"	Praise Band

#### **Post Communion Blessing**

Spoken Response: Amen.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

- One: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
- Many: Amen.

#### Benediction

Sending Hymn	"We are Marching in the Light"	WOV 866 (Michael H-I selection)
	verse 3 sung a cappella and 'pray	verfully'

#### Dismissal / Special Sending Blessing for Pastor John

#### Many: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

John: Thanks be to God!

Postlude	"Goodness, Love and Mercy"	Praise Band	(5:00, 8:30, 10:30)
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### Special Note from Pastor John

Hopewell Reformed Church, Hopewell Junction, NY (Youth and Children's Ministry) and Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, New Holstein, WI (Pastor) were my two previous congregational ministries. They couldn't have been more different, but I loved them both and pray I ended well with each of them. Since people from both places still talk to me, I'm hoping that's a good sign.

Though nothing at all on scale with a birth or death, the end of a pastorate is cut from the same sort of cloth. It becomes a holy moment where past and future merge and you can really be immersed in the moment. And then, the Spirit blows and we move forward to an eternity of next things...

In this holy moment, it's so important to me that you know how deeply thankful I am for anyone who joined, left, or still is a part of UNITY. My failures and omissions in ministry are many but I hope you can trust that none were intentional. The biggest enemy was always time... never enough of it to follow up or slow down to be with all of you as much as your lives deserve. As for worship? All of you, especially the Saturday night crowd, got a lot of off-track sermons from me over the years, but I was always trying.

The hardest thing about closure in ministry, I think, is gratitude. I feel it so deeply to so many of you, but as soon as I mention one name, I should mention a thousand and that literally would not be enough.

I guess maybe the one group I will single out is the 800-900 confirmation students who came through our program in my time, nearly all of whom had to appear in one Lenten vignette, presentation, or another. There may be no harder time in life to be vulnerable than middle school, and yet every one of you got up there and gave it a shot. And perhaps the congregation which always applauded you is the thing you should remember from that: a community of love is never disappointed when one of its members risks on behalf of the whole.

My other gratitude is for your care of the Horner-Ibler family. You never expected Barb to be whatever a "pastor's spouse" is supposed to be in so many churches. You let David and Michael grow up here like all the other kids; you valued their unique situation without imposing a standard of perfection. And, you supported our family-wide passion for the science-faith-healing link. No child of God should be separated from the best possible spiritual and medical help in their time of need. This, we are quite sure, is a Jesus-thing for any and all.

I leave you in such caring and amazing pastoral hands; Muriel in the short term, Sherrie for the longer term. To me, both embody THE attributes most essential in a pastor: get your hands dirty, travel with the people, and hold what members share with you in love and deepest confidentiality. As you look forward to your next pastors, Muriel for a season and Sherrie for several, will be the glue that embodies those essential traits.

And, it's a wrap! Valuing the past, we dive into the future, held together by our two great celebrations, Christmas and Easter. We are a loved and purposed people, sent forward to add our lives to what the angels are shouting still: Jesus is born! Christ is risen! Good News! Great Joy! For all the people! ~*john* 

#### **UNITY Highlights**

John Farewell This Weekend and Next: Join us as we celebrate Pastor John and all that we've shared over the last 27 years! We will mark his last two weekends at each campus with vignettes in his honor, in-worship blessings, and time after the services to eat, talk, poke a little fun, share a lot of gratitude, and just generally enjoy some time together. Receptions will happen:

6:00 pm after the Saturday service on April 6,

9:30 am between services at COL on Sunday, April 7

10:30 am after the Sunday service at CTK on April 14.

We will have food, cards for you to sign, a "Who Wore It Best" John Photo Booth, John Trivia, and if you want to make a financial gift in his honor contributions will be split between the Unity Backyard Fund and the Bread of Healing Clinic's Tooth Fairy Fund for dental services.

**Time & Talent 2024: Get or stay connected in our UNITY community.** Take a picture or use the QR code reader on your phone to access our Time & Talent document. Once there, hover over any item and an explanation bubble will tell you more. T & T makes it possible for you to contribute your time and talent to Christ's ministries in this place. It also allows you to be included in things like bible studies and groups that can feed your soul. Giving and receiving is our collective lifeline as a congregation. Thank you for prayerfully considering your important part in the whole.



**New Member Gatherings will be Thursdays, April 11 and 18, 6:30-8:00pm**. We hold periodic gatherings (a.k.a. "classes") for anyone who wants to join in on what we do here at UNITY. The next set of gatherings will be Thursdays, April 11 and April 18. If you already know you want to join as a member, these are for you. If you just want to learn more about the place, these are perfect too. We eat together, learn about Christian and Lutheran practices, and get to know each other in a less hurried environment than, say, the narthex after a worship service. Where possible, attending both sessions is ideal. The April 11 session is at the Cross of Life campus. The April 18 session is at the Christ the King campus. Dinner is provided and child care is available. Oh, and what does "join" actually mean? It's mostly a mutual commitment to be each other's faith community and to invest in the relationships that make that possible. We're a lots-of-opportunities, you come-in-at-your-own-pace congregation that strives to be open, playful, and serious about passing on the faith through learning and serving. If that sounds about right to you, come join us! Contact Anna Jansson ajansson8@gamil.com or cell (414) 882-9608 if you plan to join us at one, or both, of these events.

#### Update from UNITY's Pastoral Call Team: Nelson Brownell, Melanie R. Varin, Linda Johnson, Davida Kroepfl, Jessica Schrieber, Mary Huss, Logan Kemper, Jim Johnsen, Matt Jolliff, Mark Krause, David Engle.

As you know, we spent some time in March gathering feedback from the congregation about our priorities in worship, Christian education, service ministries, and general topics. We asked what you would like to see more of, see less of, and continue to offer as a congregation. Thank you to the many folks who attended meetings in person, on Zoom, and completed surveys. Your input was extremely helpful!

-Our Congregational Input sub-committee is analyzing and summarizing your input, and we will share those findings during forums Sunday, April 21, 9:30am at Cross of Life and 10:30am at Christ the King. The good news is that the Call Committee was pretty in tune with sentiments shared, so your input was consistent with where we were headed.

-The Ministry Site Profile (MSP) sub-committee used your input to complete the document required by the Synod. It was shared with the Call Committee, and a few minor tweaks were made before

submitting to the Council. The Council also added some suggested edits and approved the MSP wholeheartedly. Subsequently, the MSP was submitted to the ELCA Milwaukee Synod. This will start the process of making our needs, wants, and wishes known to prospective candidates. You can check it out on our website.

-To better understand and fully appreciate the process, Kristin Nielsen of the Milwaukee Synod will be meeting with the Call Committee in April. We will also meet to develop our interviewing strategies, so we fully and consistently vet each candidate who comes our way.

Thank you for your continued prayers for each member of the Call Committee, for prospective pastoral candidates, and for the process, in general. We feel your support!

**Thank You for Supporting This Year's Lent Offering.** Total Raised: \$13,789.60. UNITY's 2024 Lent offerings will go toward two school projects in Rutilio Grande, one of our El Salvador partners. We ended up just shy of our ambitious \$15,000 goal, with a total of \$13,789.60 (got to love the 60 cents!) The first \$8,000 should be enough to reroof the (leaking) elementary school, with the rest funding almost half of their \$14,000 project to create a safe fenced-in area around the preschool. The funds will be sent out in the synod's April 15 wire transfer, and Rutilio hopes to finish the roof before the rainy season begins. What a gift to be part of such a concrete blessing (literally, in the case of the fence!). We celebrate Rutilio's commitment to making life better for their kids. Thank you for being part of it!

**Spring Flower Sale Starts To** *Bloom*! - Our Sr. High are once again taking orders for spring flowers that will benefit their summer trip to the ELCA National Youth Gathering. Beautiful hanging baskets, porch pots, annuals, and perennials are available. Go to the flower picture on our home page and order on-line or pick up an order form in the narthex. Thank you! Place orders by April 16. Flower pickup will take place at CTK on Friday, May 17 from 5-7:30pm, and Saturday, May 18 from 9-11am.

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Enjoy a concert by Brookfield-native singer-songwriter and UNITY Lutheran member NORA COLLINS on Thursday, April 18, 2024, at the Elm Grove Woman's Club, 13885 Watertown Plank Road, Elm Grove. Social Hour starts at 6:00 pm, and food and beverages are available for purchase on-site. Concert starts at 7:00 pm. Tickets are available at egwc.org or through this link: https://www.egwc.org/events/nora-collins. Adults \$22, Students (6-17) \$12, and Children under 6 free. All proceeds benefit the Elm Grove Woman's Club.

#### **Adult Programs**

Contact: Susie Sprecher, c: 262-227-1558 email: <u>wisbadger19@gmail.com</u> or Matt Griepentrog, c: 262-787-8829, e: matt@unitybrookfield.org

#### Save the dates for these upcoming forum events:

- April 14 9:30am @ COL Authoring a Book: The Process from Planning to Producing to Publishing! Have you ever considered authoring a book but don't know how to go about it? Melanie Varin will share her story of how her book "Ignite Topline Growth" came to be!
- April 21 9:30am @ COL, 10:30am @ CTK- Call Team Update: They will share:

- Summarized feedback from the recent congregational input sessions and survey
- An overview of the Ministry Site Profile (MSP)
- An overview of the process to date and what is expected in the near future.

It will be a great time to hear the latest Call Committee news and to ask questions. Please encourage any and all to come join us!

#### **Calling All Twenty and Thirty Somethings**:

Join us this month as we celebrate whatever age you are with a Birthday Extravaganza on **Friday**, **April 12th at BelAir Cantina in The Corners of Brookfield at 6:00 p.m.** RSVP to Matt Griepentrog, (262) 787-882 or Matt@unitybrookfield.org, so we can plan for our Taco Bar meal. Cost is \$25. You can also bring a "white elephant" gift (no more than \$20.) to exchange as we celebrate everyone's special day. It can be something practical or funny or something you are looking to pass on that you no longer need! (Stealing will also be allowed during this part of the evening!) Help us spread the word and pass this invite on to anyone you think might be interested. In addition, we are working to collect contact info from this group so that we can reach out and help them connect in ways they may be looking for at this stage of life. Pass on their name and cell phone to Matt so they can be added to our list!

Jesus Karaoke Bible Study starts Tuesday, April 9, <u>7:30pm at Cross of Life</u>. Once again UNITY has a spring musical in the works, a new version of last year's Jesus Karaoke show. This year's version will be both written and performed by members, with a 5-week Bible study followed by a 3-week rehearsal and performance run. You can choose to do just the Bible study, just the show, or be part of both. The Bible study will run April and May, and will study the core stories of our faith. Each week's homework will be to describe them in our own words and brainstorm songs that capture their meaning. The class will be **Tuesdays**, **7:30pm at Cross of Life or listen after the fact on our podcast**. Then, we will turn those summaries and songs into this year's Jesus Karaoke script and recruit a cast of singers, readers, and tech support. The cast will do two rehearsals in late May/ early June, then perform at all three services June 8th and 9th. There is zero musical talent required to join the cast, it is basically lip synching. You DO need some good energy and a willingness to put yourself out there in front of the world's most supportive audience (it is SO much fun!). Open to 6th grade and up.

Writers Bible Study: Tuesdays April 9 & 30 and May 7, 14 & 21, 7:30pm at COL or online

Cast Rehearsals: Tuesdays May 28 (COL) and June 4 (CTK), 6pm Performance Weekend: June 8/9: 5pm, 8:30am, and 10am services

#### **Children's Education**

Contact Michelle Aprahamian, c: 414-732-8615, email: michelle@unitybrookfield.org

**Join us for Sunday School!** We offer Sunday school at each of our worship times for children PreK-grade 6. ALL are welcome - whether you are a member, prospective member, or visitor! Interested in being part of our program? Register your child at Unitybrookfield.org.

**Registration is LIVE for Vacation Bible School, June 17-20, 12:30-4:00pm** (with aftercare available until 5:00pm). Sign up online to be part of this year's VBS program: Primero Dios, Pasaporte Por El Salvador! It's another Playful with a Purpose VBS as we learn all about our partners in El Salvador. We will play, sing, eat, laugh, learn, craft, and pray. Invite your friends, neighbors, cousins, grandkids!

BE A VBS KID- completed a year of preschool through Grade 5 BE A CREW LEADER - completed Grade 6 through Sr. High BE A SITE WORKER - college age through adults

Registration is on the church website under Sign Ups.

First Communion for 3rd Graders this May: Classes May 9&16, Services May 18&19.

Celebrate this special milestone with your family and baptism sponsors the weekend of May 18-19, at the service time of your choice. Classes are Thursdays, May 9 and May 16, 6:30-7:45pm at COL Campus. If you are in 3rd grade or older and wish to celebrate your first communion, you are invited to join us for two classes to learn more about the sacrament of communion and importance of this family meal. During our time together, your child will also receive acolyte training. Please bring a parent with you to each of the classes. At our first class, your child will create a special chalice. Please bring a stemmed, clear, non-faceted wine glass (no etching or words) to class. Dollar Tree is a great resource for these glasses. There is no sign up for class or First Communion. Just join us May 9th and 16th for class. If you have any questions, please reach out to Michelle Aprahamian. Watch for further communication via email for more details.

#### Mark your Calendars: K - Grade 1 Sleep Under - Friday, April 19, 2024, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Confirmation Bible Camp (for Year 1 Confirmation students) - June 23 - 28, 2024 VBS - June 17- 20, 2024 12:30 - 4:00 p.m. (with aftercare available until 5:00 p.m.) ECRT (for Year 2 Confirmation students) - July 9 - 12, 2024 Confirmation Weekend - September 14-15, 2024

#### **Servant Ministries**

Contact Jackie Herington, c: 262-501-6138, e: jackieswan10@icloud.com or Muriel Otto, e: muriel@unitybrookfield.org

Support Residents in Recovery at Aspen Center this April, May, June: Along with the weather (hopefully) warming up soon, so are our events with Aspen clients! As the seasons change, we enjoy the warmth, sunshine, and flowers blooming - lots for which to be grateful. On April 28th, we'll meet at Aspen from 12-1:30 for a craft project and then start working on gratitude journals. Ideas for prompts on what to write about and different types of journaling will be provided. During April and May, we'd LOVE to help Aspen with something that they requested last year - construction of two raised bed gardens in their back yard. And in early June, we'll be getting our hands dirty with our Aspen friends by planting pots of flowers and some veggies in those new garden beds! If you're interested in helping with ANY of these events/projects, please contact Cindy Boyd (dcboyd1985@sbcglobal.net or 262-424-3610) or talk to Pastor Muriel.

Applications for Summer El Salvador Trip Live and Due May 1. Trip Dates: July 23-30, 2024. This is our yearly "relationship-building trip," which folks have described as part Vacation Bible School, part summer camp, part cultural immersion- type feel. We visit both our El Salvador partners, the urban Lutheran community Cordero de Dios and the rural Catholic community Rutilio Grande. We travel with great translators so Spanish is not required though of course is awesome. Backgrounds in camp ministry, education, youth, music or sports are especially helpful, but anyone is welcome to apply. Application is on our church website under signups and is due May 1. The trip is strenuous and not for everyone, but a big impact both directions if it is right for you. UNITY members will just pay their airfare and church will cover the rest of your expenses as a thank you for your service, otherwise cost is airfare + \$500 for food, lodging, transportation. Need-based scholarships always available. Always good to have a mix of first-time and returning travelers- talk to us if you could use help thinking it through!

# Save the Date for Next February's El Salvador Health and Wellness Clinic Trip: February 15-22, 2025

**Bread of Healing Free Clinic is looking to fill volunteer positions.** See the special page at the end of the March newsletter for lots more details. The brief summary is;

-RN volunteer needed pretty much on any scheduled day in the clinic that works for you.

-Social Work volunteers needed to do special projects that would help expedite patient care and free up paid staff.

-Spanish speaking help.

-Dental help (could be paid or volunteers, roughly 2-4 hours a week)

-Medical providers. If any of these are your specialty the clinic is always in need of providers for consultation and occasional appointments for special situations:

Endocrinology, Podiatry, Ophthalmology, and Orthopedic Surgery.

Our patient base is expanding, as patients lose coverage they have had through the pandemic under Badger Care. We need help! If interested in even just a conversation, please contact Barbara Horner-Ibler @ barbara.horner@breadofhealing.org:

**Ongoing Service Opportunities:** UNITY has standing volunteer "shifts" at various partners that we commit to covering as a church. Each one is coordinated by a different Unity member... each one has its own sign up page on the church website... and each one is an opportunity for you!

**Waukesha Food Pantry Food Distribution:** Each month, 4th Saturday, 9am-12pm; 5th Monday 5:45 - 8 pm.

**Serenity Inns Recovery Program Fellowship Dinners:** cook, deliver, or serve a meal for 12 residents. Each month,1st Sunday and 2nd Friday, 6 - 7pm. Kids welcome.

**Monthly Meal Prep for Partners:** Join an all-ages team of UNITY volunteers to mass meal prep for Hebron Housing shelter and Serenity Inns recovery program. Wednesday evenings preceding the second Friday most months of the program year.

#### **Property Needs**

Contact David Koenen, c: 414-559-6974, email: davidkoenen@wi.rr.com

Spring Outdoor Cleanups will be Saturday, April 20th, from 9 am-noon at BOTH our COL &

**CTK campuses.** Many hands are needed to help us rake, clear planting beds, and get our grounds ready for the season. We'll have lots of tools on site, but if you have them, please bring along pruners, rakes and wheelbarrows. Have a trailer for hauling brush? At CTK we need patio furniture taken out and water hoses ready for use. At COL we need landscape preparation after winter damage and stump grinding that took place. If you have questions, contact David Koenen at davidkoenen@wi.rr.com. Thanks! Please join us if you can.

Thank you to all of our Snow Shovelers this Winter... any bets on whether we'll ask for SNOW shovelers or GRASS mowers now that we're in April?!?... let's hope our luck holds and the snow doesn't stick any more!

Attention Lawn Mowers: The mowing season is almost here! Please use our online signup, and let's get the roster full. Our mowers have been serviced, blades have been sharpened, and they are ready to go. All we need is "U"! If you need a tutorial or have any questions, contact Property Chair, David Koenen.

Partner we are praying for this month: Red Cross Blood Drives The altar flowers at COL are given by Paul & Tracy Karrels in honor of Natalie Karrels' 21st birthday

Thank you to Jane Dowling for arranging the altar flowers this weekend

This weekend's communion breads were baked by Kelsey Morrison

#### **Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members**

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

#### **Cross of Life Campus**

Bob Rusk, Becki Culhane, Debbie Horne, Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Ardyce Myhre, Paula Dryer, Marlene Jernberg, John Vaughan, Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Alyce Vollan, Barb Purnell, Jenny Cape, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

#### **Christ the King Campus**

Ann-Marie Bergman, Sharon Giessen, Gary Blaschke, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Kevin Nordmeyer, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Ken Schneider, Dave Rau

We give a prayer of thanksgiving for the renewed health of:

Kay Maas & Don Bock

We give a prayer of thanksgiving for the birth of: Orin Joseph Brucker, grandson of Debbie & Frank Riederer

We pray our prayers of sympathy for family and loved ones as they mourn the death of a loved one:

Bob Soerens, husband of Susan (Salani) Soerens

#### **UNITY Prayer Place**

Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.

#### April 6-7

Erika Foss (Brain & lung cancer), cousin of Karen Anderson Nancy Foss (Ovarian cancer), cousin of Karen Anderson Nicole (surgery recovery after cancer diagnosis), friend of Sara & Phil Roemaat Marguerite Braun (health concerns), mother of Nancy Kostanski

#### March 30-31

Linda (health concerns), friend of Lynn & Jeff Key Rev. David & Nancy Sewing, Mark & James (lost home in a fire), parents, brother & nephew of Joy Griepentrog Kain Scott (in NICU), grandson of Patty Zais Greg Mengel (cancer diagnosis with complications), friend of Kelly Shoff & Steve Brewer Tony Susa (spinal cord injury) brother-in-law of Vivian Clark Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

#### March 23-24

Elise & premie son Buchman (hospitalized), Niece/great nephew of Karin & Peter Drescher Whitney Adams (breast cancer that has spread), daughter of friend of Lisa Nass Mark Wagner (facing difficult trial ahead), friend of Rebecca & Brian Krier Dawn Harris (recent breast cancer diagnosis & upcoming surgery), aunt of Rebecca Krier Ralph Phillips (lung cancer), uncle of Jolene Epding

#### March 16-17

Michael Lemke (brain cancer), friend of the Nustad family Sandy Humphrey (breast cancer), aunt of Deborah Nustad Barb & Doug Peterson (health issues), parents of Greg Peterson Donna Funk (bladder cancer/liver issues), daughter of Pearl Haack Chris (cancer diagnosis), friend of Jeff Key Dawn (recovering from a serious infection), friend of Diana and David Koenen Roland Tocups (stage 4 pancreatic cancer, in hospice), friend of Denny Thompson

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, etc.) overseas and our military personnel: Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank

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COL 5:00 p.m.	Ministers for Saturday, April 6, 2024
Worship Coordinator:	Marv Wunder
Greeters:	Mary Jo & Jim Eggert
Acolyte:	Betty Bredemus, Maxwell Fogltanz
Ushers:	Judie McGhee
Worship Assistant:	Jeff Key
Reader:	Melissa Grabowski
Communion Assistants:	Kim Urchell, Leslie O'Connell
ABC:	Kim Urchell
Musician:	Praise Band
Sound:	Kevin Nordmeyer
Visual Projection:	Kevin Grabowski
Song Leader:	Praise Band
Sunday School Leaders:	Phil Roemaat
Nursery:	Rachel Manganaro

COL 8:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, April 7, 2024
Worship Coordinator:	Denny Thompson
Greeters:	Tracy & Paul Karrels
Acolyte:	Charlotte Quinnell, Lucas Conway
Ushers:	Art Keup, Nelson Brownell
Worship Assistant:	David Kapitan
Reader:	Kiley Keup
	Tracy Karrels, Jenny Hauser, Jan & Darcy Constable
	Jan Constable
Musician:	Praise Band
Sound:	Kevin Nordmeyer
Visual Projection:	
Song Leader:	
	Colleen King, Becky Conway
	Josi Matel
	Tracy Karrels

## COL 10:30 a.m.

## Ministers for Sunday, April 7, 2024

Worship Coordinator:	
Greeters:	Fred Varin
Acolyte:	Mackenzie Kiefer, Austin Alft
Ushers:	Patricia & Jeff Pelzel
Worship Assistant:	
Reader:	Melanie Varin
Communion Assistants:	Joy Czarnik, Jeff Stark
ABC:	-
Musician:	Praise Band
Sound:	Kevin Nordmeyer
Visual Projection:	Trent Reay
Song Leader:	Praise Band
Sunday School Leaders:	Kelly Shoff
Nursery:	Josi Matel



# The Second Weekend in Easter

# Sunday, April 7, 2024

# 9:30 am CTK

## Online Worship anytime after 5:00 pm each Saturday

unitybrookfield.org

Cross of Life Campus 20700 W. North Avenue Brookfield, WI 53045 Christ the King Campus 4600 Pilgrim Road Brookfield, WI 53005

(262) 781-7600

#### WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH!

#### We're glad you're here today! UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.

- Children. Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- **Nursery.** Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- Sunday School. All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)

#### • At UNITY, the Communion Table is:

- Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
- Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
- Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
- We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
- Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
- If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.
- **Pastors.** UNITY is served by three called pastors who are present at both campuses on a rotating basis. Most Saturdays, the weekend preacher is the pastor at that service. On Sundays, the preacher for the weekend travels to both campuses to share the message. Each of the other pastors is then based at one campus or another. This weekend, John Horner-Ibler, Muriel Otto and Sherrie Lorbeck are at Cross of Life. Jim Ahlquist is at Christ the King on Sunday.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: <u>unitybrookfield.org</u> for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

**GIVING.** If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the COL narthex and by the bulletin board in the CTK narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay is also accepted. Thank you!

Prelude	"Joyful, Joyful"	arr. Lorie Line	9:30		
Words of Welcome					
Pastor:	<ul><li>Sharing the Peace</li><li>Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.</li><li>Many: And also with you.</li></ul>				
Call to Worship One: Christ is risen!Many: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!Many: That still sounds greatalthough I miss the little bells we ring on Easter.Many: Not to mention everything else that goes with that greatest of celebrations.One: We miss it less though, when we live it.Many: Easter! Lived whenever we are a good news people in a bad news world.One: Easter! Lived whenever we open ourselves to joy about the simplest of					
Many:	blessings. Easter! Lived when sinners like us are welcomed and graced.				
One: <b>Many:</b>	Easter! Lived when mourning Easter! Lived when the lost	gives way to hope. are found and no one is left behim	ıd.		
One: <b>Many:</b>	Oh people of God, in Jesus, w We have our rough edges he	e are loved when unloveable. aled and our wounds bound.			
One:	Christ is risen!	never hold it in. Let the Good New	s burst forth:		
Many:	He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!	! Amen!			
<b>Opening Hymn</b> "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia" ELW 364					

#### Children's Message

#### Greeting and Prayer of the Day

- Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- Many: And also with you.
- One: Let us pray. God, you can't be grasped or named or image-d,
- Many: and that can frustrate us human beings. We like to hold and define and see things. Of course, you defy those things because you are not us! You are God! Help us, we pray, to put aside what we demand of you and be open to what you ask of us...trust, heart, and mind dedicated to loving neighbor as you love us. May we aspire to these, the highest and best of standards! Amen.

#### First Lesson 1 John 1:5–2:2

In the simplest of Greek, this First Letter of John expresses truths so concisely that the first portion became the confession of sin Christians have used for years in worship.

<sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup>but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

<sup>2:1</sup>My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; <sup>2</sup>and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

One: The Word of the Lord!

Many: Thanks be to God

**Gospel Acclamation** *"Shine, Jesus Shine"* ELW 671 vs. 1

#### Gospel: John 20:19-23, 30-31

Jesus "shows up" Easter evening, moving the disciples from fear to peace. He then breathes on them with the Holy Spirit to be sent out and share the Good News.

One: The Gospel according to John, the twentieth chapter.

#### Many: Glory to you O, Lord.

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

One: The Gospel of the Lord!

Many: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message "Farewell Words: Easter is Never Done" Jim Ahlquist

Hymn of the Day "God is Here" ELW 526

#### **Announcements and Offering**

#### **Prayer of Thanks**

One: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

Many: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us... ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

- Pastor: The Lord be with you.
- Many: And also with you.
- Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
- Many: We lift them to the Lord.
- Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### Words of Institution

#### The Lord's Prayer (Ecumenical)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Communion Meditation "Alleluia" Lorie Line

#### **Post Communion Blessing**

Spoken Response: Amen.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

- One: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
- Many: Amen.

#### Benediction

Sending Hymn	"Jesus Shall Reign"	ELW 434 vs. 1-3
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#### Dismissal

One: Go in peace, serve the Lord! Many: Thanks be to God!

Postlude "Jesus Shall Reign" Franklin Ritter

#### **UNITY Highlights**

John Farewell This Weekend and Next: Join us as we celebrate Pastor John and all that we've shared over the last 27 years! We will mark his last two weekends at each campus with vignettes in his honor, in-worship blessings, and time after the services to eat, talk, poke a little fun, share a lot of gratitude, and just generally enjoy some time together. Receptions will happen:

6:00 pm after the Saturday service on April 6,

9:30 am between services at COL on Sunday, April 7

10:30 am after the Sunday service at CTK on April 14.

We will have food, cards for you to sign, a "Who Wore It Best" John Photo Booth, John Trivia, and if you want to make a financial gift in his honor contributions will be split between the Unity Backyard Fund and the Bread of Healing Clinic's Tooth Fairy Fund for dental services.

Time & Talent 2024: Get or stay connected in our UNITY community. Take a picture or use the QR code reader on your phone to access our Time & Talent document. Once there, hover over any item and an explanation bubble will tell you more. T & T makes it possible for you to contribute your time and talent to Christ's ministries in this place. It also allows you to be included in things like bible studies and groups that can feed your soul. Giving and receiving is our collective lifeline as a congregation. Thank you for prayerfully considering your important part in the whole.



**New Member Gatherings will be Thursdays, April 11 and 18, 6:30-8:00pm**. We hold periodic gatherings (a.k.a. "classes") for anyone who wants to join in on what we do here at UNITY. The next set of gatherings will be Thursdays, April 11 and April 18. If you already know you want to join as a member, these are for you. If you just want to learn more about the place, these are perfect too. We eat together, learn about Christian and Lutheran practices, and get to know each other in a less hurried environment than, say, the narthex after a worship service. Where possible, attending both sessions is ideal. The April 11 session is at the Cross of Life campus. The April 18 session is at the Christ the King campus. Dinner is provided and child care is available. Oh, and what does "join" actually mean? It's mostly a mutual commitment to be each other's faith community and to invest in the relationships that make that possible. We're a lots-of-opportunities, you come-in-at-your-own-pace congregation that strives to be open, playful, and serious about passing on the faith through learning and serving. If that sounds about right to you, come join us! Contact Anna Jansson ajansson8@gamil.com or cell (414) 882-9608 if you plan to join us at one, or both, of these events.

# Update from UNITY's Pastoral Call Team: Nelson Brownell, Melanie R. Varin, Linda Johnson, Davida Kroepfl, Jessica Schrieber, Mary Huss, Logan Kemper, Jim Johnsen, Matt Jolliff, Mark Krause, David Engle.

As you know, we spent some time in March gathering feedback from the congregation about our priorities in worship, Christian education, service ministries, and general topics. We asked what you would like to see more of, see less of, and continue to offer as a congregation. Thank you to the many folks who attended meetings in person, on Zoom, and completed surveys. Your input was extremely helpful!

-Our Congregational Input sub-committee is analyzing and summarizing your input, and we will share those findings during forums Sunday, April 21, 9:30am at Cross of Life and 10:30am at Christ the King. The good news is that the Call Committee was pretty in tune with sentiments shared, so your input was consistent with where we were headed. -The Ministry Site Profile (MSP) sub-committee used your input to complete the document required by the Synod. It was shared with the Call Committee, and a few minor tweaks were made before submitting to the Council. The Council also added some suggested edits and approved the MSP wholeheartedly. Subsequently, the MSP was submitted to the ELCA Milwaukee Synod. This will start the process of making our needs, wants, and wishes known to prospective candidates. You can check it out on our website.

-To better understand and fully appreciate the process, Kristin Nielsen of the Milwaukee Synod will be meeting with the Call Committee in April. We will also meet to develop our interviewing strategies, so we fully and consistently vet each candidate who comes our way. Thank you for your continued prayers for each member of the Call Committee, for prospective pastoral candidates, and for the process, in general. We feel your support!

Thank You for Supporting This Year's Lent Offering. Total Raised: \$13,789.60.

UNITY's 2024 Lent offerings will go toward two school projects in Rutilio Grande, one of our El Salvador partners. We ended up just shy of our ambitious \$15,000 goal, with a total of \$13,789.60 (got to love the 60 cents!) The first \$8,000 should be enough to reroof the (leaking) elementary school, with the rest funding almost half of their \$14,000 project to create a safe fenced-in area around the preschool. The funds will be sent out in the synod's April 15 wire transfer, and Rutilio hopes to finish the roof before the rainy season begins. What a gift to be part of something such a concrete blessing (literally, in the case of the fence!). We celebrate Rutilio's commitment to making life better for their kids. Thank you for being part of it!

**Spring Flower Sale Starts To** *Bloom!* - Our Sr. High are once again taking orders for spring flowers that will benefit their summer trip to the ELCA National Youth Gathering. Beautiful hanging baskets, porch pots, annuals, and perennials are available. Go to the flower picture on our home page and order on-line or pick up an order form in the narthex. Thank you! Place orders by April 16. Flower pickup will take place at CTK on Friday, May 17 from 5-7:30pm, and Saturday, May 18 from 9-11am.

**Sr. High Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction.** Mark your calendars for Friday, April 26th - 5:00-7:00 pm at COL. The Fellowship Hall is transformed and our Youth will serve you and your guests a delicious Italian meal, at a fraction of the cost if you go anywhere

else! You'll also have the opportunity to bid on unique and fabulous silent auction items. All proceeds will benefit our Sr. High Summer Trip to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this July! Have something that you'd be willing to donate? Let us know and drop it off in Matt Griepentrog's old office. Thank you!

**Enjoy a concert by Brookfield-native singer-songwriter and UNITY Lutheran member NORA COLLINS on Thursday, April 18, 2024**, at the Elm Grove Woman's Club, 13885 Watertown Plank Road, Elm Grove. Social Hour starts at 6:00 pm, and food and beverages are available for purchase on-site. Concert starts at 7:00 pm. Tickets are available at egwc.org or through this link: https://www.egwc.org/events/nora-collins. Adults \$22, Students (6-17) \$12, and Children under 6 free. All proceeds benefit the Elm Grove Woman's Club.

#### **Adult Programs**

Contact: Susie Sprecher, c: 262-227-1558 email: <u>wisbadger19@gmail.com</u> or Matt Griepentrog, c: 262-787-8829, e: matt@unitybrookfield.org

Save the dates for these upcoming forum events:

- April 14 9:30am @ COL Authoring a Book: The Process from Planning to Producing to Publishing! Have you ever considered authoring a book but don't know how to go about it? Melanie Varin will share her story of how her book "Ignite Topline Growth" came to be!
- April 21 9:30am @ COL, 10:30am @ CTK- Call Team Update: They will share:
  - Summarized feedback from the recent congregational input sessions and survey
  - An overview of the Ministry Site Profile (MSP)
  - An overview of the process to date and what is expected in the near future.

It will be a great time to hear the latest Call Committee news and to ask questions. Please encourage any and all to come join us!

#### Calling All Twenty and Thirty Somethings:

Join us this month as we celebrate whatever age you are with a Birthday Extravaganza on **Friday, April 12th at BelAir Cantina in The Corners of Brookfield at 6:00 p.m.** RSVP to Matt Griepentrog, (262) 787-882 or Matt@unitybrookfield.org, so we can plan for our Taco Bar meal. Cost is \$25. You can also bring a "white elephant" gift (no more than \$20.) to exchange as we celebrate everyone's special day. It can be something practical or funny or something you are looking to pass on that you no longer need! (Stealing will also be allowed during this part of the evening!) Help us spread the word and pass this invite on to anyone you think might be interested. In addition, we are working to collect contact info from this group so that we can reach out and help them connect in ways they may be looking for at this stage of life. Pass on their name and cell phone to Matt so they can be added to our list!

Jesus Karaoke Bible Study starts Tuesday, April 9, <u>7:30pm at Cross of Life</u>. Once again UNITY has a spring musical in the works, a new version of last year's Jesus Karaoke show. This year's version will be both written and performed by members, with a 5-week Bible study followed by a 3-week rehearsal and performance run. You can choose to do just the Bible study, just the show, or be part of both. The Bible study will run April and May, and will study the core stories of our faith. Each week's homework will be to describe them in our own words and brainstorm songs that capture their meaning. The class will be **Tuesdays, 7:30pm at Cross of Life or listen after the fact on our podcast**. Then, we will

turn those summaries and songs into this year's Jesus Karaoke script and recruit a cast of singers, readers, and tech support. The cast will do two rehearsals in late May/early June, then perform at all three services June 8th and 9th. There is zero musical talent required to join the cast, it is basically lip synching. You DO need some good energy and a willingness to put yourself out there in front of the world's most supportive audience (it is SO much fun!). Open to 6th grade and up.

Writers Bible Study: Tuesdays April 9 & 30 and May 7, 14 & 21, 7:30pm at COL or online

Cast Rehearsals: Tuesdays May 28 (COL) and June 4 (CTK), 6pm Performance Weekend: June 8/9: 5pm, 8:30am, and 10am services

#### **Children's Education**

Contact Michelle Aprahamian, c: 414-732-8615, email: michelle@unitybrookfield.org

**Join us for Sunday School!** We offer Sunday school at each of our worship times for children PreK-grade 6. ALL are welcome - whether you are a member, prospective member, or visitor! Interested in being part of our program? Register your child at Unitybrookfield.org.

**Registration is LIVE for Vacation Bible School, June 17-20, 12:30-4:00pm** (with aftercare available until 5:00pm). Sign up online to be part of this year's VBS program: Primero Dios, Pasaporte Por El Salvador! It's another Playful with a Purpose VBS as we learn all about our partners in El Salvador. We will play, sing, eat, laugh, learn, craft, and pray. Invite your friends, neighbors, cousins, grandkids! BE A VBS KID- completed a year of preschool through Grade 5 BE A CREW LEADER - completed Grade 6 through Sr. High BE A SITE WORKER - college age through adults Registration is on the church website under Sign Ups.

**First Communion for 3rd Graders this May: Classes May 9&16, Services May 18&19.** Celebrate this special milestone with your family and baptism sponsors the weekend of May 18-19, at the service time of your choice.Classes are Thursdays, May 9 and May 16, 6:30-7:45pm at COL Campus. If you are in 3rd grade or older and wish to celebrate your first communion, you are invited to join us for two classes to learn more about the sacrament of communion and importance of this family meal. During our time together, your child will also receive acolyte training. Please bring a parent with you to each of the classes. At our first class, your child will create a special chalice. Please bring a stemmed, clear, non-faceted wine glass (no etching or words) to class. Dollar Tree is a great resource for these glasses.

There is no sign up for class or First Communion. Just join us May 9th and 16th for class. If you have any questions, please reach out to Michelle Aprahamian. Watch for further communication via email for more details.

#### Mark your Calendars:

K - Grade 1 Sleep Under - Friday, April 19, 2024, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Confirmation Bible Camp (for Year 1 Confirmation students) - June 23 - 28, 2024 VBS - June 17- 20, 2024 12:30 - 4:00 p.m. (with aftercare available until 5:00 p.m.) ECRT (for Year 2 Confirmation students) - July 9 - 12, 2024 Confirmation Weekend - September 14-15, 2024

#### **UNITY Member Care**

Contact: Jim Ahlquist, Minister of Member Care, e: <u>jim@unitybrookfield.org</u>, c: 715-210-2245

UNITY Member Care is always here for you. You don't have to face life's ups and downs alone. Whether it's an unexpected hospitalization, a recent diagnosis, the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, addiction, anxiety, depression, or virtually anything else, our pastors and Minister of Member Care are only a call, text, or email away. Please never hesitate to reach out -- whether we're the only stop you'll make or just the first step in a longer care process.

Prayer Place cards- If you have a prayer request that you would like included in the Prayers for Friends and Family section in the bulletin, there are cards available in the narthex at both campuses. You can fill out the request and pin it to the bulletin board at the COL campus or place it in the basket at the CTK campus, and it will be included in the upcoming bulletin. These prayer requests will stay for 4 weeks and then if you need further prayer, repost as often as needed. Any questions, please contact Nancy by phone or email nancy@unitybrookfield.org

**Servant Ministries** 

Contact Jackie Herington, c: 262-501-6138, e: jackieswan10@icloud.com or Muriel Otto, e: muriel@unitybrookfield.org

Support Residents in Recovery at Aspen Center this April, May, June: Along with the weather (hopefully) warming up soon, so are our events with Aspen clients! As the seasons change, we enjoy the warmth, sunshine, and flowers blooming - lots for which to be grateful. On April 28th, we'll meet at Aspen from 12-1:30 for a craft project and then start working on gratitude journals. Ideas for prompts on what to write about and different types of journaling will be provided.

During April and May, we'd LOVE to help Aspen with something that they requested last year - construction of two raised bed gardens in their back yard. And in early June, we'll be getting our hands dirty with our Aspen friends by planting pots of flowers and some veggies in those new garden beds! If you're interested in helping with ANY of these events/ projects, please contact Cindy Boyd (dcboyd1985@sbcglobal.net or 262-424-3610) or talk to Pastor Muriel.

Applications for Summer El Salvador Trip Live and Due May 1. Trip Dates: July 23-30, 2024. This is our yearly "relationship-building trip," which folks have described as part Vacation Bible School, part summer camp, part cultural immersion- type feel. We visit both our El Salvador partners, the urban Lutheran community Cordero de Dios and the rural Catholic community Rutilio Grande. We travel with great translators so Spanish is not required though of course is awesome. Backgrounds in camp ministry, education, youth, music or sports are especially helpful, but anyone is welcome to apply. Application is on our church website under signups and is due May 1. The trip is strenuous and not for everyone, but a big impact both directions if it is right for you. UNITY members will just pay their airfare and church will cover the rest of your expenses as a thank you for your service, otherwise cost is airfare + \$500 for food, lodging, transportation. Need-based scholarships always available. Always good to have a mix of first-time and returning travelers- talk to us if you could use help thinking it through!

# Save the Date for Next February's El Salvador Health and Wellness Clinic Trip: February 15-22, 2025

**Bread of Healing Free Clinic is looking to fill volunteer positions.** See the special page at the end of the March newsletter for lots more details. The brief summary is;

-RN volunteer needed pretty much on any scheduled day in the clinic that works for you.

-Social Work volunteers needed to do special projects that would help expedite patient care and free up paid staff.

-Spanish speaking help.

-Dental help (could be paid or volunteers, roughly 2-4 hours a week)

-Medical providers. If any of these are your specialty the clinic is always in need of providers for consultation and occasional appointments for special situations:

Endocrinology, Podiatry, Ophthalmology, and Orthopedic Surgery.

Our patient base is expanding, as patients lose coverage they have had through the pandemic under Badger Care. We need help! If interested in even just a conversation, please contact Barbara Horner-Ibler @ barbara.horner@breadofhealing.org:

**Ongoing Service Opportunities:** UNITY has standing volunteer "shifts" at various partners that we commit to covering as a church. Each one is coordinated by a different Unity member... each one has its own sign up page on the church website... and each one is an opportunity for you!

**Waukesha Food Pantry Food Distribution:** Each month, 4th Saturday, 9am-12pm; 5th Monday 5:45 - 8 pm.

**Serenity Inns Recovery Program Fellowship Dinners:** cook, deliver, or serve a meal for 12 residents. Each month, 1st Sunday and 2nd Friday, 6 - 7pm. Kids welcome.

**Monthly Meal Prep for Partners:** Join an all-ages team of UNITY volunteers to mass meal prep for Hebron Housing shelter and Serenity Inns recovery program. Wednesday evenings preceding the second Friday most months of the program year.

#### **Property Needs**

Contact David Koenen, c: 414-559-6974, email: davidkoenen@wi.rr.com

Thank you to all of our Snow Shovelers this Winter... any bets on whether we'll ask for SNOW shovelers or GRASS mowers now that we're in April?!?... let's hope our luck holds and the snow doesn't stick any more!

Attention Lawn Mowers: The mowing season is almost here! Please use our online signup, and let's get the roster full. Our mowers have been serviced, blades have been sharpened, and they are ready to go. All we need is "U"! If you need a tutorial or have any questions, contact Property Chair, David Koenen.

**Spring Outdoor Cleanups will be Saturday, April 20th, from 9 am-noon at BOTH our COL & CTK campuses.** Many hands are needed to help us rake, clear planting beds, and get our grounds ready for the season. We'll have lots of tools on site, but if you have them, please bring along pruners, rakes and wheelbarrows. Have a trailer for hauling brush? At CTK we need patio furniture taken out and water hoses ready for use. At COL we need landscape preparation after winter damage and stump grinding that took place. If you have questions, contact David Koenen at davidkoenen@wi.rr.com. Thanks! Please join us if you can.

Partner we are praying for this month: Red Cross Blood Drives The altar flowers at COL are given by Paul & Tracy Karrels in honor of Natalie Karrels' 21st birthday

Thank you to Jane Dowling for arranging the altar flowers this weekend

This weekend's communion breads were baked by Kelsey Morrison

#### **Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members**

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

#### **Cross of Life Campus**

Bob Rusk, Becki Culhane, Debbie Horne, Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Ardyce Myhre, Paula Dryer, Marlene Jernberg, John Vaughan, Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Alyce Vollan, Barb Purnell, Jenny Cape, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

#### **Christ the King Campus**

Ann-Marie Bergman, Sharon Giessen, Gary Blaschke, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Kevin Nordmeyer, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Ken Schneider, Dave Rau

We give a prayer of thanksgiving for the renewed health of:

Kay Maas & Don Bock

We give a prayer of thanksgiving for the birth of: Orin Joseph Brucker, grandson of Debbie & Frank Riederer

We pray our prayers of sympathy for family and loved ones as they mourn the death of a loved one:

Bob Soerens, husband of Susan (Salani) Soerens

#### **UNITY Prayer Place**

Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.

#### April 6-7

Erika Foss (Brain & lung cancer), cousin of Karen Anderson Nancy Foss (Ovarian cancer), cousin of Karen Anderson Nicole (surgery recovery after cancer diagnosis), friend of Sara & Phil Roemaat Marguerite Braun (health concerns), mother of Nancy Kostanski

#### March 30-31

Linda (health concerns), friend of Lynn & Jeff Key Rev. David & Nancy Sewing, Mark & James (lost home in a fire), parents, brother & nephew of Joy Griepentrog Kain Scott (in NICU), grandson of Patty Zais Greg Mengel (cancer diagnosis with complications), friend of Kelly Shoff & Steve Brewer Tony Susa (spinal cord injury) brother-in-law of Vivian Clark Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

#### March 23-24

Elise & premie son Buchman (hospitalized), Niece/great nephew of Karin & Peter Drescher Whitney Adams (breast cancer that has spread), daughter of friend of Lisa Nass Mark Wagner (facing difficult trial ahead), friend of Rebecca & Brian Krier Dawn Harris (recent breast cancer diagnosis & upcoming surgery), aunt of Rebecca Krier Ralph Phillips (lung cancer), uncle of Jolene Epding

#### March 16-17

Michael Lemke (brain cancer), friend of the Nustad family Sandy Humphrey (breast cancer), aunt of Deborah Nustad Barb & Doug Peterson (health issues), parents of Greg Peterson Donna Funk (bladder cancer/liver issues), daughter of Pearl Haack Chris (cancer diagnosis), friend of Jeff Key Dawn (recovering from a serious infection), friend of Diana and David Koenen Roland Tocups (stage 4 pancreatic cancer, in hospice), friend of Denny Thompson

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, etc.) overseas and our military personnel: Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank

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CTK 9:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, April 6, 2024
Greeters:	Marge & Jerry Kipp
Acolyte:	Davy Allar, Ali Allar
	David Koenen, Melanie Stuber
Worship Assistant:	
	Nancy Kostanski
	Barb Patterson, Jane Boorse
	Jane Boorse
Musician:	Lynn Key
Visual Projection:	
Song Leader:	
	Korrin Gumieny, John Allar
	Robin Nordstrom
	Mary Huss
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The Third Weekend in Easter

# April 13-14, 2024

Saturday, April 13, 2024 5:00 pm COL

Sunday, April 14, 2024 8:30 am COL 10:30 am COL

## Online Worship anytime after 5:00 pm each Saturday

unitybrookfield.org

Cross of Life Campus 20700 W. North Avenue Brookfield, WI 53045 Christ the King Campus 4600 Pilgrim Road Brookfield, WI 53005

(262) 781-7600

#### WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH!

#### We're glad you're here today! UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.

- Children. Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- **Nursery.** Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- Sunday School. All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)

#### • At UNITY, the Communion Table is:

- Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
- Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
- Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
- We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
- Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
- If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.
- **Pastors.** UNITY is served by three called pastors who are present at both campuses on a rotating basis. Most Saturdays, the weekend preacher is the pastor at that service. On Sundays, the preacher for the weekend travels to both campuses to share the message. Each of the other pastors is then based at one campus or another. This weekend, John Horner-Ibler, Muriel Otto and Sherrie Lorbeck are at Cross of Life. Jim Ahlquist is at Christ the King on Sunday.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: <u>unitybrookfield.org</u> for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

**GIVING.** If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the COL narthex and by the bulletin board in the CTK narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay is also accepted. Thank you!

"Think About His Love" Ha

Harrah/arr. Hayes

#### Words of Welcome

#### **Sharing the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

#### Many: And also with you.

#### **Call to Worship**

- One: Christ is risen!
- Many: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!
- One: That *still* sounds great...although I miss the little bells we ring on Easter.
- Many: Not to mention everything else that goes with that greatest of celebrations.
- One: We miss it less though, when we live it.

Many: Easter! Lived whenever we are a good news people in a bad news world.

- One: Easter! Lived whenever we open ourselves to joy about the simplest of blessings.
- Many: Easter! Lived when sinners like us are welcomed and graced.
- One: Easter! Lived when mourning gives way to hope.
- Many: Easter! Lived when the lost are found and no one is left behind.
- One: Oh people of God, in Jesus, we are loved when unloveable.
- Many: We have our rough edges healed and our wounds bound.
- One: Oh people of God, we should never hold it in. Let the Good News burst forth: Christ is risen!

#### Many: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia! Amen!

**Opening Hymn** *"Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"* ELW 364 vs. 1-3 (5:00, 8:30, 10:30) *"With High Delight Let Us Unite"* ELW 368 (Online)

#### Children's Message

#### Greeting and Prayer of the Day

- Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- Many: And also with you.
- One: Let us pray. God, you can't be grasped or named or image-d,
- Many: and that can frustrate us human beings. We like to hold and define and see things. Of course, you defy those things because you are not us! You are God! Help us, we pray, to put aside what we demand of you and be open to what you ask of us...trust, heart, and mind dedicated to loving neighbor as you love us. May we aspire to these, the highest and best of standards! Amen.

#### Gospel: John 20:19-23, 30-31

Jesus "shows up" Easter evening, moving the disciples from fear to peace. He then breathes on them with the Holy Spirit to be sent out and share the Good News.

One: The Gospel according to John, the twentieth chapter. Many: Glory to you O, Lord.

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

One:	The Gospel of the Lord!
Many:	Praise to you, O Christ.

Message"Grace and Growth"Muriel Otto	
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Hymn of the Day "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" ELW 836 (Online, 5:00, 8:30, 10:30)

#### The Prayers of the People

One:	Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people
	according to their needs.
	(Congregation response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer.")
Pastor:	Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your
	mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Many:	Amen.

#### **Announcements and Offering**

#### **Offertory Response** (as gifts are brought forward) "Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks" ELW 671

#### **Prayer of Thanks**

One: Let us pray. Blessed are you,

Many: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

- Pastor: The Lord be with you.
- Many: And also with you.
- Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
- Many: We lift them to the Lord.
- Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### Words of Institution

#### The Lord's Prayer (traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

<b>Communion Meditation</b>	"Create in Me A Clean Heart"	arr. Hayes
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#### **Post Communion Blessing**

#### Spoken Response: Amen.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

One: Let us pray. O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Many: Amen.

#### Benediction

Sending Hymn "Jesus Shall Reign" ELW 434 vs. 1-3 (Online, 5:00, 8:30, 10:30)

#### Dismissal

One: Go in peace, serve the Lord! Many: Thanks be to God!

Postlude "Lift High the Cross" arr. Shackley

#### **UNITY Highlights**

John Farewell This Weekend at CTK: Join us as we celebrate Pastor John and all that we've shared over the last 27 years! Thank you to everyone who made John's celebrations last week so meaningful! Joy, laughter, tears, blessing... all things you do as a church so well. This week we will do a similar service and celebration at the Christ the King campus: a vignette in his honor, in-worship blessings, and time after the service to eat, talk, poke a little fun, share a lot of gratitude, and just generally enjoy some time together. Reception will happen after the 9:30 service. We will have food, cards for you to sign, a "Who Wore It Best" John Photo Booth, John Trivia, and if you want to make a financial gift in his honor contributions will be split between the Unity Backyard Fund and the Bread of Healing Clinic's Tooth Fairy Fund for dental services. John will be teaching his last night of confirmation on April 17th and then in and out as long as it takes to clear out that epic office! We appreciate all you are doing to bless him into this new adventure.

Forum This Sunday, April 14 - 9:30am @ COL - Authoring a Book: The Process from Planning to Producing to Publishing! Have you ever considered authoring a book but don't know how to go about it? Melanie Varin will share her story of how her book "Ignite Topline Growth" came to be! Join us in the North Fellowship Hall between services.

**Spring Flower Sale Starts To** *Bloom!* - Our Sr. High are once again taking orders for spring flowers that will benefit their summer trip to the ELCA National Youth Gathering. Beautiful hanging baskets, porch pots, annuals, and perennials are available. Go to the flower picture on our home page and order on-line or pick up an order form in the narthex. Thank you! **Place orders by April 16.** Flower pickup will take place at CTK on Friday, May 17 from 5-7:30pm, and Saturday, May 18 from 9-11am.

Sr. High Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction. Mark your calendars for Friday, April 26th - 5:00-7:00 pm at COL. The Fellowship Hall is transformed and our Youth will serve you and your guests a delicious Italian meal, at a fraction of the cost if you go anywhere else! You'll also have the opportunity to bid on unique and fabulous silent auction items. All proceeds will benefit our Sr. High Summer Trip to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this July! Have something that you'd be willing to donate? Let us know and drop it off in Matt Griepentrog's old office. Thank you!

**Next New Member Gathering will be Thursday, April 18, 6:30-8:00pm.** We hold periodic gatherings (a.k.a. "classes") for anyone who wants to join in on what we do here at UNITY. Our next gathering will be Thursday, April 18. If you already know you want to join as a member, this is for you. If you just want to learn more about the place, these are perfect too. We eat together, learn about Christian and Lutheran practices, and get to know each other in a less hurried environment than, say, the narthex after a worship service. The April 18 session is at the Christ the King campus. Dinner is provided and child care is available. Oh, and what does "join" actually mean? It's mostly a mutual commitment to be each other's faith community and to invest in the relationships that make that possible. We're a lots-of-opportunities, you come-in-at-your-own-pace congregation that strives to be open, playful, and serious about passing on the faith through learning and serving. If that sounds about right to you, come join us! Contact Anna Jansson ajansson8@gamil.com or cell (414) 882-9608 if you plan to join us at this event.

**Field Trip to St. John Armenian Orthodox Church, Sunday April 21.** Anyone interested in experiencing an orthodox service is welcome to join our confirmation students on a field trip to St. John Armenian Orthodox Church at 76th and Layton on Sunday the 21st. Arriving St. John at 11am for the end of their liturgy service and a tour to follow. Our thanks to Michelle and Mike Aprahamian for the connection and invitation! If interested, please RSVP in advance to Michelle (michelle@unitybrookfield.org).

## Update from UNITY's Pastoral Call Team: Nelson Brownell, Melanie R. Varin, Linda Johnson, Davida Kroepfl, Jessica Schrieber, Mary Huss, Logan Kemper, Jim Johnsen, Matt Jolliff, Mark Krause, David Engle.

As you know, we spent some time in March gathering feedback from the congregation about our priorities in worship, Christian education, service ministries, and general topics. We asked what you would like to see more of, see less of, and continue to offer as a congregation. Thank you to the many folks who attended meetings in person, on Zoom, and completed surveys. Your input was extremely helpful!

-Our Congregational Input sub-committee is analyzing and summarizing your input, and we will share those findings during forums Sunday, April 21, 9:30am at Cross of Life and 10:30am at Christ the King. The good news is that the Call Committee was pretty in tune with sentiments shared, so your input was consistent with where we were headed.

-The Ministry Site Profile (MSP) sub-committee used your input to complete the document required by the Synod. It was shared with the Call Committee, and a few minor tweaks were made before submitting to the Council. The Council also added some suggested edits and approved the MSP wholeheartedly. Subsequently, the MSP was submitted to the ELCA Milwaukee Synod. This will start the process of making our needs, wants, and wishes known to prospective candidates. You can check it out on our website.

-To better understand and fully appreciate the process, Kristin Nielsen of the Milwaukee Synod met with the Call Committee in April. We are now working to develop our interviewing strategies, so we fully and consistently vet each candidate. After we do a practice "mock" interview we will be ready to begin receiving names as they come available.

Thank you for your continued prayers for each member of the Call Committee, for prospective pastoral candidates, and for the process, in general. We feel your support!

Lent Offering: We made our goal and then some! Goal was \$15,000. Updated giving amount is \$16,115. Thank you! It was an ambitious goal and last week we were pleased to report even having gotten close. That makes it even more fun to report we've ended up exceeding the goal as additional contributions flowed in. UNITY's 2024 Lent offering is designated toward two school projects in Rutilio Grande, one of our El Salvador partners. The first \$8,000 is enough to reroof the (leaking) elementary school roof, with the rest funding almost half of their \$14,000 project to create a safe fenced-in area around the preschool. The funds will be sent out in the synod's April 15 wire transfer, and Rutilio hopes to finish the roof before the rainy season begins. What a gift to be part of something that is such a concrete blessing (literally, in the case of the fence!). We celebrate Rutilio's commitment to making life better for their kids. Thank you for being part of it!

**Enjoy a concert by Brookfield-native singer-songwriter and UNITY Lutheran member NORA COLLINS on Thursday, April 18, 2024**, at the Elm Grove Woman's Club, 13885 Watertown Plank Road, Elm Grove. Social Hour starts at 6:00 pm, and food and beverages are available for purchase on-site. Concert starts at 7:00 pm. Tickets are available at egwc.org or through this link: https://www.egwc.org/events/nora-collins. Adults \$22, Students (6-17) \$12, and Children under 6 free. All proceeds benefit the Elm Grove Woman's Club.

#### Time & Talent 2024: Get or stay connected in our UNITY community.

Take a picture or use the QR code reader on your phone to access our Time & Talent document. Once there, hover over any item and an explanation bubble will tell you more. T & T makes it possible for you to contribute your time and talent to Christ's ministries in this place. It also allows you to be included in things like bible studies and groups that can feed your soul. Giving and receiving is our collective lifeline as a congregation. Thank you for prayerfully considering your important part in the whole.



#### Sr. High and Young Adults

Contact Sherrie Lorbeck, c:414-477-7762 email: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org

This Sunday, April 14th, from 6:00 - 7:30pm at COL: We will be doing a fan favorite with expectation of nicer weather - the photo scavenger hunt around Brookfield. Parent drivers are needed for the Scavenger Hunt so please volunteer. Parents in these events tend to make the difference in teams winning and losing so bring your A-game. If your child does not want you to come, come anyway and have fun with their friends instead! To let us know you can drive, email Pastor Sherrie. Thank you!

Sunday, April 21st, from 6:00 - 7:30pm at COL: We will be doing some sort of out of church activity along the lines of Game Show Competition, laser tag, or Whirlyball. Parent drivers are also needed for this event.

#### **Adult Programs**

Contact: Susie Sprecher, c: 262-227-1558 email: <u>wisbadger19@gmail.com</u> or Matt Griepentrog, c: 262-787-8829, e: matt@unitybrookfield.org

#### Save the dates for these upcoming forum events:

- April 21 9:30am @ COL, 10:30am @ CTK- Call Team Update: They will share:
  - Summarized feedback from the recent congregational input sessions and survey
  - An overview of the Ministry Site Profile (MSP)

• An overview of the process to date and what is expected in the near future. It will be a great time to hear the latest Call Committee news and to ask questions. Please encourage any and all to come join us!

• May 5th, 9:30am @ COL - Allen Krueger will share with us all about computer safety and how we can guard our information and identity.

UNITY's Moms Group Meets Next Week, Switching to Spring/Summer Schedule. Third Thursdays in the backyard at Christ the King. 5:30-7pm, dinner and childcare provided. Moms of all ages and stages welcome as we talk, eat, laugh, cry, support, pray. Kids can be in the backyard or in the nursery with sitters. Spring/summer dates: April 18, May 16, June 20 (after VBS family dinner), July 18, August 15.

Jesus Karaoke Bible Study Runs Tuesdays late April and May. Once again UNITY has a spring musical in the works, a new version of last year's Jesus Karaoke show. This year's version will be both written and performed by members, with a 5-week Bible study followed by a 3-week rehearsal and performance run. You can choose to do just the Bible study, just the show, or be part of both. The Bible study will run April and May, and will study the core stories of our faith. Each week's homework will be to describe them in our own words and brainstorm songs that capture their meaning. The class will be **Tuesdays**, **7:30pm at Cross of Life or listen after the fact on our podcast.** Then, we will turn those summaries and songs into this year's Jesus Karaoke script and recruit a cast of singers, readers, and tech support. The cast will do two rehearsals in late May/early June, then perform at all three services June 8th and 9th. There is zero musical talent required to join the cast, it is basically lip synching. You DO need some good energy and a willingness to put yourself out there in front of the world's most supportive audience (it is SO much fun!). Open to 6th grade and up.

# Writers Bible Study: Tuesdays April 30 and May 7, 14 & 21, 7:30pm at COL or online Cast Rehearsals: Tuesdays May 28 (COL) and June 4 (CTK), 6pm Performance Weekend: June 8/9: 5pm, 8:30am, and 10am services

Men's Third Saturday Breakfast next Saturday, April 20, 7:30-9:00 am at COL campus. We get together, survive our own cooking and talk about the readings used in worship that weekend. Never tried it out? Been part of it for years? Either way, how about next Saturday?

#### **Children's Education**

Contact Michelle Aprahamian, c: 414-732-8615, email: michelle@unitybrookfield.org

**Join us for Sunday School!** We offer Sunday school at each of our worship times for children PreK-grade 6. ALL are welcome - whether you are a member, prospective member, or visitor! Interested in being part of our program? Register your child at Unitybrookfield.org.

**Registration is LIVE for Vacation Bible School, June 17-20, 12:30-4:00pm** (with aftercare available until 5:00pm). Sign up online to be part of this year's VBS program: Primero Dios, Pasaporte Por El Salvador! It's another Playful with a Purpose VBS as we learn all about our partners in El Salvador. We will play, sing, eat, laugh, learn, craft, and pray. Invite your friends, neighbors, cousins, grandkids! BE A VBS KID- completed a year of preschool through Grade 5 BE A CREW LEADER - completed Grade 6 through Sr. High BE A SITE WORKER - college age through adults Registration is on the church website under Sign Ups. **First Communion for 3rd Graders this May: Classes May 9&16, Services May 18&19.** Celebrate this special milestone with your family and baptism sponsors the weekend of May 18-19, at the service time of your choice. **Classes are Thursdays, May 9 and May 16, 6:30-7:45pm at COL Campus.** If you are in 3rd grade or older and wish to celebrate your first communion, you are invited to join us for two classes to learn more about the sacrament of communion and importance of this family meal. During our time together, your child will also receive acolyte training. Please bring a parent with you to each of the classes. At our first class, your child will create a special chalice. Please bring a stemmed, clear, non-faceted wine glass (no etching or words) to class. Dollar Tree is a great resource for these glasses.

There is no sign up for class or First Communion. Just join us May 9th and 16th for class. If you have any questions, please reach out to Michelle Aprahamian. Watch for further communication via email for more details.

#### Mark your Calendars:

K - Grade 1 Sleep Under - Friday, April 19, 2024, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Confirmation Bible Camp (for Year 1 Confirmation students) - June 23 - 28, 2024 VBS - June 17- 20, 2024 12:30 - 4:00 p.m. (with aftercare available until 5:00 p.m.) ECRT (for Year 2 Confirmation students) - July 9 - 12, 2024 Confirmation Weekend - September 14-15, 2024

#### **Servant Ministries**

Contact Jackie Herington, c: 262-501-6138, e: jackieswan10@icloud.com or Muriel Otto, e: muriel@unitybrookfield.org

Help with Aspen Center's "Manly" Craft Project, April 28, 12-1:30pm: Along with the weather (hopefully) warming up soon, so are our events with Aspen clients! On April 28th, we'll meet at Aspen from 12-1:30 for a craft project and then start working on gratitude journals. Ideas for prompts on what to write about and different types of journaling will be provided. During April and May, we'd LOVE to help Aspen with something that they requested last year - construction of two raised bed gardens in their backyard. And in early June, we'll be getting our hands dirty with our Aspen friends by planting pots of flowers and some veggies in those new garden beds! If you're interested in helping with ANY of these events/projects, please contact Cindy Boyd (dcboyd1985@sbcglobal.net or 262-424-3610) or talk to Pastor Muriel.

Applications for Summer El Salvador Trip Due May 1. Trip Dates: July 23-30, 2024. This is our yearly "relationship-building trip," which folks have described as part Vacation Bible School, part summer camp, part cultural immersion- type feel. We visit both our El Salvador partners, the urban Lutheran community Cordero de Dios and the rural Catholic community Rutilio Grande. We travel with great translators so Spanish is not required though of course is awesome. Backgrounds in camp ministry, education, youth, music or sports are especially helpful, but anyone is welcome to apply. Application is on our church website under signups and is due May 1. The trip is strenuous and not for everyone, but a big impact both directions if it is right for you. UNITY members will just pay their airfare and church will cover the rest of your expenses as a thank you for your service, otherwise cost is airfare + \$500 for food, lodging, transportation. Need-based scholarships always available. Always good to have a mix of first-time and returning travelers- talk to us if you could use help thinking it through! Save the Date for Next February's El Salvador Health and Wellness Clinic Trip: February 15-22, 2025.

**Bread of Healing Free Clinic is looking to fill volunteer positions.** See the special page at the end of the March newsletter for lots more details. The brief summary is RNs, social work volunteers, Spanish speakers, dental help, medical providers and specialists. Our patient base is expanding, as patients lose coverage they have had through the pandemic under Badger Care. We need help! If interested in even just a conversation, please contact Barbara Horner-Ibler @ barbara.horner@breadofhealing.org.

**Garden Work Party at Cross Lutheran, May 4th from 9am - Noon.** Help us shovel mulch, turn over beds, and get our partner church Cross Lutheran's community garden ready for the growing season... all while eating hot dogs and getting to know some of the members at this fascinating, multi-cultural, and always-history-making congregation! The perfect project for those who are looking to serve beyond their local community. Interested in going? Contact John Allar at johnallar@gmail.com. All ages welcome.

Save the Date for our next Blood Drive, Saturday, June 1, 7am-noon. Sign up is live on the church website.

**Ongoing Service Opportunities:** UNITY has standing volunteer "shifts" at various partners that we commit to covering as a church. Each one is coordinated by a different Unity member... each one has its own sign up page on the church website... and each one is an opportunity for you!

**Waukesha Food Pantry Food Distribution:** Each month, 4th Saturday, 9am-12pm; 5th Monday 5:45 - 8 pm.

**Serenity Inns Recovery Program Fellowship Dinners:** cook, deliver, or serve a meal for 12 residents. Each month, 1st Sunday and 2nd Friday, 6 - 7pm. Kids welcome.

**Monthly Meal Prep for Partners:** Join an all-ages team of UNITY volunteers to mass meal prep for Hebron Housing shelter and Serenity Inns recovery program. Wednesday evenings preceding the second Friday most months of the program year.

#### **Property Needs**

Contact David Koenen, c: 414-559-6974, email: davidkoenen@wi.rr.com

Spring Outdoor Cleanups will be Saturday, April 20th, from 9 am-noon at BOTH our COL & CTK campuses. Many hands are needed to help us rake, clear planting beds, and get our grounds ready for the season. We'll have lots of tools on site, but if you have them, please bring along pruners, rakes and wheelbarrows. Have a trailer for hauling brush? At CTK we need patio furniture taken out and water hoses ready for use. At COL we need landscape preparation after winter damage and stump grinding that took place. If you have questions, contact David Koenen at davidkoenen@wi.rr.com. Thanks! Please join us if you can.

Attention Lawn Mowers: The mowing season is almost here! Please use our online signup, live on the website, and let's get the roster full. Our mowers have been serviced, blades have been sharpened, and they are ready to go. All we need is "U"! If you need a tutorial or have any questions, contact Property Chair, David Koenen.

#### **UNITY Member Care**

Contact: Jim Ahlquist, Minister of Member Care, e: <u>jim@unitybrookfield.org</u>, c: 715-210-2245

**UNITY Member Care is always here for you.** You don't have to face life's ups and downs alone. Whether it's an unexpected hospitalization, a recent diagnosis, the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, addiction, anxiety, depression, or virtually anything else, our pastors and Minister of Member Care are only a call, text, or email away. Please never hesitate to reach out -- whether we're the only stop you'll make or just the first step in a longer care process.

**Prayer Place cards-** If you have a prayer request that you would like included in the Prayers for Friends and Family section in the bulletin, there are cards available in the narthex at both campuses. You can fill out the request and pin it to the bulletin board at the COL campus or place it in the basket at the CTK campus, and it will be included in the upcoming bulletin. These prayer requests will stay for 4 weeks and then if you need further prayer, repost as often as needed. Any questions, please contact Nancy by phone or email nancy@unitybrookfield.org

#### Worship & Music Opportunities

Children's Choirs, Contact Janet Day, c: 414-975-0286, e: janet@unitybrookfield.org Fellowship Choir, Contact Molly Pufall-Brown, c: 920-265-6881, e: mpufall@gmail.com Handbells & Praise Band, Contact Stacey Nordmeyer, c: 414-617-7673, e: staceynordmeyer72@icloud.com

All-Music Tuesdays at the COL campus. ALL are Welcome! Every Tuesday is our All-Music Group Rehearsal night. There are no auditions, come jump in! This is a great time to come and see what it's like. All the kids and adult vocal choirs meet in the Fellowship Hall. The Bell choirs meet in the Sanctuary. Rehearsals run through May 14, before we break for the summer.

6:00 pm to 6:30 pm JOYFUL NOISE MUSIC MAKERS - PreK-Grade 1

6:30 pm to 7:15 pm CELEBRATION CHOIR - Grades 2-6

7:15 pm to 8:15 pm HOSANNA BELLS - Beginning to intermediate Ringers

7:15 pm to 8:15 pm FELLOWSHIP CHOIR - Grade 7 – Adult

6:15 pm to 7:15 pm GLORIA DEI BELLS - Late Intermediate to Advanced Ringers

Partner we are praying for this month: American Red Cross Blood Drives

This weekend's communion breads were baked by Cathy Buck

#### **Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members**

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

#### **Cross of Life Campus**

Bob Rusk, Becki Culhane, Debbie Horne, Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Ardyce Myhre, Paula Dryer, Marlene Jernberg, John Vaughan, Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Alyce Vollan, Barb Purnell, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

#### **Christ the King Campus**

Ann-Marie Bergman, Sharon Giessen, Gary Blaschke, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Kevin Nordmeyer, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Ken Schneider, Dave Rau

> We pray our prayers of sympathy for family and loved ones as they mourn the death of a loved one:

> > **Cross of Life Campus** Ekkehard Drescher, father of Peter Drescher

#### **UNITY Prayer Place**

Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.

#### April 13-14

Eric (non Hodgkins lymphoma treatments), nephew of Diana Koenen Jim LaViolette (open heart surgery), brother of Jane Boorse Donna Funk (bladder cancer/liver issues), daughter of Pearl Haack Chris (cancer diagnosis), friend of Jeff Key Dawn (recovering from a serious infection), friend of Diana and David Koenen Roland Tocups (stage 4 pancreatic cancer, in hospice), friend of Denny Thompson

#### April 6-7

Erika Foss (Brain & lung cancer), cousin of Karen Anderson Nancy Foss (Ovarian cancer), cousin of Karen Anderson Nicole (surgery recovery after cancer diagnosis), friend of Sara & Phil Roemaat Marguerite Braun (health concerns), mother of Nancy Kostanski

#### March 30-31

Linda (health concerns), friend of Lynn & Jeff Key Rev. David & Nancy Sewing, Mark & James (lost home in a fire), parents, brother & nephew of Joy Griepentrog Kain Scott (in NICU), grandson of Patty Zais Greg Mengel (cancer diagnosis with complications), friend of Kelly Shoff & Steve Brewer Tony Susa (spinal cord injury) brother-in-law of Vivian Clark Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

#### March 23-24

Elise & premie son Buchman (hospitalized), Niece/great nephew of Karin & Peter Drescher Whitney Adams (breast cancer that has spread), daughter of friend of Lisa Nass Mark Wagner (facing difficult trial ahead), friend of Rebecca & Brian Krier Dawn Harris (recent breast cancer diagnosis & upcoming surgery), aunt of Rebecca Krier Ralph Phillips (lung cancer), uncle of Jolene Epding

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, etc.) overseas and our military personnel: Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank Ketter Structure Struct

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## COL 5:00 p.m.

### Ministers for Saturday, April 13, 2024

Worship Coordinator:	Lynn Key
Greeters:	Jamie Niederbaumer, Don Bock
Acolyte:	
	Jill Barney, Jack Guenther
Worship Assistant:	Jeff Key
	Kay Koepsel-Benning
Communion Assistants:	Dawn Conlin, Tim Culhane
	Lynn & Jeff Key
Musician:	
Sound:	Connor Lalor
Visual Projection:	Lynn Key
Song Leader:	Becki Culhane
Sunday School Leaders:	
Nursery:	Samantha James

COL 8:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, April 14, 2024
Worship Coordinator:	Fonda Kapitan
Greeters:	Colleen & Jason King
Acolyte:	Addison Kahle, Lily Bell
Ushers:	Dan Bell
Worship Assistant:	David Kapitan
Reader:	Eric Thomas
Communion Assistants:	Diane Dressler, Sandi John, Erica Pergande, Tim Herman
ABC:	Sandi John
Musician:	Janet Day
Sound:	Ryan King
Visual Projection:	Mike Aprahamian
Song Leader:	Natalie Schneider
Sunday School Leaders:	Becky & Nick Van Deraa, Joanne Rentmeester, Becky Conway Josi Matel

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## Ministers for Sunday, April 14, 2024

Worship Coordinator:	Greg Hoesly
Greeters:	Tara Sanicola, Laura Dressler
Acolyte:	Keira Kroepfl, Dexter Welch
	Tiffany & Scott Reay
Worship Assistant:	Jeff Stark
	TJ Roche
	Jen Nowak, Joe Herington
	Jen Nowak
Musician:	Janet Day
	Trent Reay
Visual Projection:	Clyde Reay
Song Leader:	
Sunday School Leaders:	Davida Kroepfl, Julie Miesfeld
Nursery:	Josi Matel



## The Third Weekend in Easter

## April 14, 2024

Sunday, April 14, 2024 9:30 am CTK

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#### WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH!

#### We're glad you're here today! UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.

- Children. Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- **Nursery.** Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- Sunday School. All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)

#### • At UNITY, the Communion Table is:

- Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
- Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
- Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
- We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
- Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
- If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.
- **Pastors.** UNITY is served by three called pastors who are present at both campuses on a rotating basis. Most Saturdays, the weekend preacher is the pastor at that service. On Sundays, the preacher for the weekend travels to both campuses to share the message. Each of the other pastors is then based at one campus or another. This weekend, John Horner-Ibler, Muriel Otto and Sherrie Lorbeck are at Cross of Life. Jim Ahlquist is at Christ the King on Sunday.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: <u>unitybrookfield.org</u> for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

**GIVING.** If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the COL narthex and by the bulletin board in the CTK narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay is also accepted. Thank you!

Prelude	"For All That You Have Done"	Praise Band
Words of V	Welcome	
Sharing the Pastor: Many:	The peace of the Lord be with you always.	
Call to Wo	orship (responsive, based on today's Gospel and	opening hymn)
One: <b>Many:</b>	If you walked out those doors and walked all t <b>that would be seven miles.</b>	the way to the Milwaukee Zoo
One: Many:	You could walk a ways down Pilgrim cut across Elm Grove, and eventually end u	p on Bluemound Road.
One: Many:	Think of all you would pass in seven miles! Several hills, multiple schools, not one but t	wo sets of train tracks
One: Many:	It would take a while, right? Even if you're not held up by a train!	
One:	Right! And what if, when you finally reached to keep going	the zoo, you realized you needed
Many:	and walk all the way back to where you sta	rted.
One: Many:	Life is like that, hey? We all end up right back <b>But- never the same person we started.</b>	where we started.
One:	Because chances are, at some point, we meet s they change us.	
Many:	And chances are, at some point, we meet Je changes us too.	sus along the way. That
One:	If we're lucky, Jesus explains EVERYTHING understand NONE of it,	to us. And then, when we
Many:	8	
One:	If grace is real- and it is- that meal gives us whon our own:	hat we could never make happen
Many:	the courage to keep walking beyond what li awareness of the people around us excite ahead of us	
One: Many:	and an overwhelming desire to share it all, for Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, J abound!	

**Opening Hymn** "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" ELW 674 (Barb H-I selection)

#### **Children's Message**

#### Greeting and Prayer of the Day

- Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- Many: And also with you.
- One: Let us pray. O God of the Way,
- Many: We are all on the road to somewhere. Some stretches are easier than others. Many paths are winding. All endings are beginnings.

On any road, it helps to not walk alone. Thank you for any good companion we have ever had. Forgive us for all the times we fail to recognize you, especially in each other. When our hearts burn within us, may we recognize the call to set a new course.

Walk with us always, Jesus. And for all the ways you teach us, feed us, and resurrect us- Alleluia! Praise God! Amen.

Anthem *"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"* arr. Thomas Simpson Gloria Dei Handbell Choir, Directed by Stacey Nordmeyer

<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	"Shine, Jesus, Shine"	ELW 671 vs. 1 (David H-I selection)	
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#### **Gospel:** Luke 24:28-35

Not the Gospel assigned to this particular year, but a John H-I favorite and appropriate to this day. The "Road to Emmaus" story is often read just after Easter, as it is set on the evening of the first Easter Sunday, and tells of Jesus' first reappearance after his death and resurrection. Two travelers think their journey is nearing the end, only to find out it is just the beginning. Just one of the two travelers is named, a detail likely meant to beckon us into this story in the role of Cleopas's co-traveler.

One: The Gospel according to Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter. **Many:** Glory to you O, Lord.

<sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

One: The Gospel of the Lord!

Many: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message "The End of the Road?" John Horner-Ibler, Sherrie Lorbeck, Muriel Otto

Hymn of the Day "Sing of the Lord's Goodness"

R211 (John H-I selection)

#### Announcements and Offering

#### **Presentation of Gifts**

#### Laying on of Hands

#### Litany of Blessing:

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One: <b>Many:</b>	For (approximately) 23,717 feet of pacing around the sanctuary <b>DONE!</b>
One: <b>Many:</b>	For 641 sermons, 459 children's messages, and 198 vignettes DONE!
One: <b>Many:</b>	For 81 weddings, 108 funerals, and 162 baptisms DONE!
One: <b>Many:</b>	For every Vision Team meeting and Backyard planning session DONE!
One: <b>Many:</b>	For 3 generations raised and 2 churches made 1 DONE!
One: <b>Many:</b>	For every bag of trash you ever hauled, every late-night hospital call, <b>DONE!</b>
One: <b>Many:</b>	For all the hands held, tears witnessed, and foreheads kissed For sharing of yourself and your family, your knowledge, your heart
One:	For 27 years of trying your best to follow Jesus, and inviting us to do it with
Many:	you, Done, done.
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- One: All these things are love, and love lasts forever. You will always be part of this place, and we of you. And so we bless you on your way, easily able to say, for all these things, and so many more, our gratitude to you and to God FOR you will never be...
- Many: DONE!

#### **Prayer of Thanks**

- One: Let us pray. Blessed are you,
- Many: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
Many: And also with you.
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
Many: We lift them to the Lord.
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### Words of Institution

#### The Lord's Prayer (Ecumenical)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

**Communion Meditation** *"10,000 Reasons"* 

Praise Band

#### **Post Communion Blessing**

Spoken Response: Amen.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

- One: Let us pray. O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- Many: Amen.

#### Benediction

**Sending Hymn** *"We are Marching in the Light"* WOV 866 *(Michael H-I selection) verse 3 sung a cappella and 'prayerfully'* 

#### **Dismissal / Special Sending Blessing for Pastor John**

- Many: Go in peace, serve the Lord!
- John: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

"Goodness, Love and Mercy" Praise Band

#### Special Note from Pastor John

Hopewell Reformed Church, Hopewell Junction, NY (Youth and Children's Ministry) and Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, New Holstein, WI (Pastor) were my two previous congregational ministries. They couldn't have been more different, but I loved them both and pray I ended well with each of them. Since people from both places still talk to me, I'm hoping that's a good sign.

Though nothing at all on scale with a birth or death, the end of a pastorate is cut from the same sort of cloth. It becomes a holy moment where past and future merge and you can really be immersed in the moment. And then, the Spirit blows and we move forward to an eternity of next things...

In this holy moment, it's so important to me that you know how deeply thankful I am for anyone who joined, left, or still is a part of UNITY. My failures and omissions in ministry are many but I hope you can trust that none were intentional. The biggest enemy was always time... never enough of it to follow up or slow down to be with all of you as much as your lives deserve. As for worship? All of you, especially the Saturday night crowd, got a lot of off-track sermons from me over the years, but I was always trying.

The hardest thing about closure in ministry, I think, is gratitude. I feel it so deeply to so many of you, but as soon as I mention one name, I should mention a thousand and that literally would not be enough.

I guess maybe the one group I will single out is the 800-900 confirmation students who came through our program in my time, nearly all of whom had to appear in one Lenten vignette, presentation, or another. There may be no harder time in life to be vulnerable than middle school, and yet every one of you got up there and gave it a shot. And perhaps the congregation which always applauded you is the thing you should remember from that: a community of love is never disappointed when one of its members risks on behalf of the whole.

My other gratitude is for your care of the Horner-Ibler family. You never expected Barb to be whatever a "pastor's spouse" is supposed to be in so many churches. You let David and Michael grow up here like all the other kids; you valued their unique situation without imposing a standard of perfection. And, you supported our family-wide passion for the science-faith-healing link. No child of God should be separated from the best possible spiritual and medical help in their time of need. This, we are quite sure, is a Jesus-thing for any and all.

I leave you in such caring and amazing pastoral hands; Muriel in the short term, Sherrie for the longer term. To me, both embody THE attributes most essential in a pastor: get your hands dirty, travel with the people, and hold what members share with you in love and deepest confidentiality. As you look forward to your next pastors, Muriel for a season and Sherrie for several, will be the glue that embodies those essential traits.

And, it's a wrap! Valuing the past, we dive into the future, held together by our two great celebrations, Christmas and Easter. We are a loved and purposed people, sent forward to add our lives to what the angels are shouting still: Jesus is born! Christ is risen! Good News! Great Joy! For all the people! ~*john* 

#### **UNITY Highlights**

John Farewell This Weekend at CTK: Join us as we celebrate Pastor John and all that we've shared over the last 27 years! Thank you to everyone who made John's celebrations last week so meaningful! Joy, laughter, tears, blessing... all things you do as a church so well. This week we will do a similar service and celebration at the Christ the King campus: a vignette in his honor, in-worship blessings, and time after the service to eat, talk, poke a little fun, share a lot of gratitude, and just generally enjoy some time together. Reception will happen after the 9:30 service. We will have food, cards for you to sign, a "Who Wore It Best" John Photo Booth, John Trivia, and if you want to make a financial gift in his honor contributions will be split between the Unity Backyard Fund and the Bread of Healing Clinic's Tooth Fairy Fund for dental services. John will be teaching his last night of confirmation on April 17th and then in and out as long as it takes to clear out that epic office! We appreciate all you are doing to bless him into this new adventure.

Forum This Sunday, April 14 - 9:30am @ COL - Authoring a Book: The Process from Planning to Producing to Publishing! Have you ever considered authoring a book but don't know how to go about it? Melanie Varin will share her story of how her book "Ignite Topline Growth" came to be! Join us in the North Fellowship Hall between services.

**Spring Flower Sale Starts To** *Bloom!* - Our Sr. High are once again taking orders for spring flowers that will benefit their summer trip to the ELCA National Youth Gathering. Beautiful hanging baskets, porch pots, annuals, and perennials are available. Go to the flower picture on our home page and order on-line or pick up an order form in the narthex. Thank you! **Place orders by April 16.** Flower pickup will take place at CTK on Friday, May 17 from 5-7:30pm, and Saturday, May 18 from 9-11am.

**Sr. High Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction. Mark your calendars for Friday, April 26th -5:00-7:00 pm at COL.** The Fellowship Hall is transformed and our Youth will serve you and your guests a delicious Italian meal, at a fraction of the cost if you go anywhere else! You'll also have the opportunity to bid on unique and fabulous silent auction items. All proceeds will benefit our Sr. High Summer Trip to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this July! Have something that you'd be willing to donate? Let us know and drop it off in Matt Griepentrog's old office. Thank you!

**Next New Member Gathering will be Thursday, April 18, 6:30-8:00pm.** We hold periodic gatherings (a.k.a. "classes") for anyone who wants to join in on what we do here at UNITY. Our next gathering will be Thursday, April 18. If you already know you want to join as a member, this is for you. If you just want to learn more about the place, these are perfect too. We eat together, learn about Christian and Lutheran practices, and get to know each other in a less hurried environment than, say, the narthex after a worship service. The April 18 session is at the Christ the King campus. Dinner is provided and child care is available. Oh, and what does "join" actually mean? It's mostly a mutual commitment to be each other's faith community and to invest in the relationships that make that possible. We're a lots-of-opportunities, you come-in-at-your-own-pace congregation that strives to be open, playful, and serious about passing on the faith through learning and serving. If that sounds about right to you, come join us! Contact Anna Jansson ajansson8@gamil.com or cell (414) 882-9608 if you plan to join us at this event.

**Field Trip to St. John Armenian Orthodox Church, Sunday April 21.** Anyone interested in experiencing an orthodox service is welcome to join our confirmation students on a field trip to St. John Armenian Orthodox Church at 76th and Layton on Sunday the 21st. Arriving St. John at 11am for the end of their liturgy service and a tour to follow. Our thanks to Michelle and Mike Aprahamian for the connection and invitation! If interested, please RSVP in advance to Michelle (michelle@unitybrookfield.org).

#### Update from UNITY's Pastoral Call Team: Nelson Brownell, Melanie R. Varin, Linda Johnson, Davida Kroepfl, Jessica Schrieber, Mary Huss, Logan Kemper, Jim Johnsen, Matt Jolliff, Mark Krause, David Engle.

As you know, we spent some time in March gathering feedback from the congregation about our priorities in worship, Christian education, service ministries, and general topics. We asked what you would like to see more of, see less of, and continue to offer as a congregation. Thank you to the many folks who attended meetings in person, on Zoom, and completed surveys. Your input was extremely helpful!

-Our Congregational Input sub-committee is analyzing and summarizing your input, and we will share those findings during forums Sunday, April 21, 9:30am at Cross of Life and 10:30am at Christ the King. The good news is that the Call Committee was pretty in tune with sentiments shared, so your input was consistent with where we were headed.

-The Ministry Site Profile (MSP) sub-committee used your input to complete the document required by the Synod. It was shared with the Call Committee, and a few minor tweaks were made before submitting to the Council. The Council also added some suggested edits and approved the MSP wholeheartedly. Subsequently, the MSP was submitted to the ELCA Milwaukee Synod. This will start the process of making our needs, wants, and wishes known to prospective candidates. You can check it out on our website.

-To better understand and fully appreciate the process, Kristin Nielsen of the Milwaukee Synod met with the Call Committee in April. We are now working to develop our interviewing strategies, so we fully and consistently vet each candidate. After we do a practice "mock" interview we will be ready to begin receiving names as they come available.

Thank you for your continued prayers for each member of the Call Committee, for prospective pastoral candidates, and for the process, in general. We feel your support!

Lent Offering: We made our goal and then some! Goal was \$15,000. Updated giving amount is \$16,115. Thank you! It was an ambitious goal and last week we were pleased to report even having gotten close. That makes it even more fun to report we've ended up exceeding the goal as additional contributions flowed in. UNITY's 2024 Lent offering is designated toward two school projects in Rutilio Grande, one of our El Salvador partners. The first \$8,000 is enough to reroof the (leaking) elementary school roof, with the rest funding almost half of their \$14,000 project to create a safe fenced-in area around the preschool. The funds will be sent out in the synod's April 15 wire transfer, and Rutilio hopes to finish the roof before the rainy season begins. What a gift to be part of something that is such a concrete blessing (literally, in the case of the fence!). We celebrate Rutilio's commitment to making life better for their kids. Thank you for being part of it!

**Enjoy a concert by Brookfield-native singer-songwriter and UNITY Lutheran member NORA COLLINS on Thursday, April 18, 2024**, at the Elm Grove Woman's Club, 13885 Watertown Plank Road, Elm Grove. Social Hour starts at 6:00 pm, and food and beverages are available for purchase on-site. Concert starts at 7:00 pm. Tickets are available at egwc.org or through this link: https://www.egwc.org/events/nora-collins. Adults \$22, Students (6-17) \$12, and Children under 6 free. All proceeds benefit the Elm Grove Woman's Club.

**Time & Talent 2024: Get or stay connected in our UNITY community.** Take a picture or use the QR code reader on your phone to access our Time & Talent document. Once there, hover over any item and an explanation bubble will tell you more. T & T makes it possible for you to contribute your time and talent to Christ's ministries in this place. It also allows you to be included in things like bible studies and groups that can feed your soul. Giving and receiving is our collective lifeline as a congregation. Thank you for prayerfully considering your important part in the whole.



#### Sr. High and Young Adults

Contact Sherrie Lorbeck, c:414-477-7762 email: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org

This Sunday, April 14th, from 6:00 - 7:30pm at COL: We will be doing a fan favorite with expectation of nicer weather - the photo scavenger hunt around Brookfield. Parent drivers are needed for the Scavenger Hunt so please volunteer. Parents in these events tend to make the difference in teams winning and losing so bring your A-game. If your child does not want you to come, come anyway and have fun with their friends instead! To let us know you can drive, email Pastor Sherrie. Thank you!

Sunday, April 21st, from 6:00 - 7:30pm at COL: We will be doing some sort of out of church activity along the lines of Game Show Competition, laser tag, or Whirlyball. Parent drivers are also needed for this event.

#### **Adult Programs**

Contact: Susie Sprecher, c: 262-227-1558 email: <u>wisbadger19@gmail.com</u> or Matt Griepentrog, c: 262-787-8829, e: matt@unitybrookfield.org

#### Save the dates for these upcoming forum events:

- April 21 9:30am @ COL, 10:30am @ CTK- Call Team Update: They will share:
  - Summarized feedback from the recent congregational input sessions and survey
  - An overview of the Ministry Site Profile (MSP)
  - An overview of the process to date and what is expected in the near future.

It will be a great time to hear the latest Call Committee news and to ask questions. Please encourage any and all to come join us!

• May 5th, 9:30am @ COL - Allen Krueger will share with us all about computer safety and how we can guard our information and identity.

**UNITY's Moms Group Meets Next Week, Switching to Spring/Summer Schedule. Third Thursdays in the backyard at Christ the King. 5:30-7pm, dinner and childcare provided.** Moms of all ages and stages welcome as we talk, eat, laugh, cry, support, pray. Kids can be in the backyard or in the nursery with sitters. Spring/summer dates: April 18, May 16, June 20 (after VBS family dinner), July 18, August 15.

Jesus Karaoke Bible Study Runs Tuesdays late April and May. Once again UNITY has a spring musical in the works, a new version of last year's Jesus Karaoke show. This year's version will be both written and performed by members, with a 5-week Bible study followed by a 3-week rehearsal and performance run. You can choose to do just the Bible study, just the show, or be part of both. The Bible study will run April and May, and will study the core stories of our faith. Each week's homework will be to describe them in our own words and brainstorm songs that capture their meaning. The class will be **Tuesdays, 7:30pm at Cross of Life or listen after the fact on our podcast.** Then, we will turn those summaries and songs into this year's Jesus Karaoke script and recruit a cast of singers, readers, and tech support. The cast will do two rehearsals in late May/early June, then perform at all three services June 8th and 9th. There is zero musical talent required to join the cast, it is basically lip synching. You DO need some good energy and a willingness to put yourself out there in front of the world's most supportive audience (it is SO much fun!). Open to 6th grade and up.

Writer's Bible Study: Tuesdays April 30 and May 7, 14 & 21, 7:30pm at COL or online

Cast Rehearsals: Tuesdays May 28 (COL) and June 4 (CTK), 6pm Performance Weekend: June 8/9: 5pm, 8:30am, and 10am services Men's Third Saturday Breakfast next Saturday, April 20, 7:30-9:00 am at COL campus. We get together, survive our own cooking and talk about the readings used in worship that weekend. Never tried it out? Been part of it for years? Either way, how about next Saturday?

#### **Children's Education**

Contact Michelle Aprahamian, c: 414-732-8615, email: michelle@unitybrookfield.org

**Join us for Sunday School!** We offer Sunday school at each of our worship times for children PreK-grade 6. ALL are welcome - whether you are a member, prospective member, or visitor! Interested in being part of our program? Register your child at Unitybrookfield.org.

**Registration is LIVE for Vacation Bible School, June 17-20, 12:30-4:00pm** (with aftercare available until 5:00pm). Sign up online to be part of this year's VBS program: Primero Dios, Pasaporte Por El Salvador! It's another Playful with a Purpose VBS as we learn all about our partners in El Salvador. We will play, sing, eat, laugh, learn, craft, and pray. Invite your friends, neighbors, cousins, grandkids!

BE A VBS KID- completed a year of preschool through Grade 5 BE A CREW LEADER - completed Grade 6 through Sr. High BE A SITE WORKER - college age through adults Registration is on the church website under Sign Ups.

#### First Communion for 3rd Graders this May: Classes May 9&16, Services May 18&19.

Celebrate this special milestone with your family and baptism sponsors the weekend of May 18-19, at the service time of your choice. Classes are Thursdays, May 9 and May 16, 6:30-7:45pm at COL Campus. If you are in 3rd grade or older and wish to celebrate your first communion, you are invited to join us for two classes to learn more about the sacrament of communion and importance of this family meal. During our time together, your child will also receive acolyte training. Please bring a parent with you to each of the classes. At our first class, your child will create a special chalice. Please bring a stemmed, clear, non-faceted wine glass (no etching or words) to class. Dollar Tree is a great resource for these glasses.

There is no sign up for class or First Communion. Just join us May 9th and 16th for class. If you have any questions, please reach out to Michelle Aprahamian. Watch for further communication via email for more details.

#### Mark your Calendars:

K - Grade 1 Sleep Under - Friday, April 19, 2024, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Confirmation Bible Camp (for Year 1 Confirmation students) - June 23 - 28, 2024 VBS - June 17- 20, 2024 12:30 - 4:00 p.m. (with aftercare available until 5:00 p.m.) ECRT (for Year 2 Confirmation students) - July 9 - 12, 2024 Confirmation Weekend - September 14-15, 2024

Servant Ministries

Contact Jackie Herington, c: 262-501-6138, e: jackieswan10@icloud.com or Muriel Otto, e: muriel@unitybrookfield.org

**Help with Aspen Center's "Manly" Craft Project, April 28, 12-1:30pm:** Along with the weather (hopefully) warming up soon, so are our events with Aspen clients! On April 28th, we'll meet at Aspen from 12-1:30 for a craft project and then start working on gratitude journals. Ideas for prompts on what to write about and different types of journaling will be provided. **During April** 

#### and May, we'd LOVE to help Aspen with something that they requested last year -

**construction of two raised bed gardens in their backyard.** And in early June, we'll be getting our hands dirty with our Aspen friends by planting pots of flowers and some veggies in those new garden beds! If you're interested in helping with ANY of these events/projects, please contact Cindy Boyd (dcboyd1985@sbcglobal.net or 262-424-3610) or talk to Pastor Muriel.

Applications for Summer El Salvador Trip Due May 1. Trip Dates: July 23-30, 2024. This is our yearly "relationship-building trip," which folks have described as part Vacation Bible School, part summer camp, part cultural immersion- type feel. We visit both our El Salvador partners, the urban Lutheran community Cordero de Dios and the rural Catholic community Rutilio Grande. We travel with great translators so Spanish is not required though of course is awesome. Backgrounds in camp ministry, education, youth, music or sports are especially helpful, but anyone is welcome to apply. Application is on our church website under signups and is due May 1. The trip is strenuous and not for everyone, but a big impact both directions if it is right for you. UNITY members will just pay their airfare and church will cover the rest of your expenses as a thank you for your service, otherwise cost is airfare + \$500 for food, lodging, transportation. Need-based scholarships always available. Always good to have a mix of first-time and returning travelers- talk to us if you could use help thinking it through! Save the Date for Next February's El Salvador Health and Wellness Clinic Trip: February 15-22, 2025.

**Bread of Healing Free Clinic is looking to fill volunteer positions.** See the special page at the end of the March newsletter for lots more details. The brief summary is RNs, social work volunteers, Spanish speakers, dental help, medical providers and specialists. Our patient base is expanding, as patients lose coverage they have had through the pandemic under Badger Care. We need help! If interested in even just a conversation, please contact Barbara Horner-Ibler @ barbara.horner@breadofhealing.org.

**Garden Work Party at Cross Lutheran, May 4th from 9am - Noon.** Help us shovel mulch, turn over beds, and get our partner church Cross Lutheran's community garden ready for the growing season... all while eating hot dogs and getting to know some of the members at this fascinating, multi-cultural, and always-history-making congregation! The perfect project for those who are looking to serve beyond their local community. Interested in going? Contact John Allar at johnallar@gmail.com. All ages welcome.

Save the Date for our next Blood Drive, Saturday, June 1, 7am-noon. Sign up is live on the church website.

**Ongoing Service Opportunities:** UNITY has standing volunteer "shifts" at various partners that we commit to covering as a church. Each one is coordinated by a different Unity member... each one has its own sign up page on the church website... and each one is an opportunity for you!

**Waukesha Food Pantry Food Distribution:** Each month, 4th Saturday, 9am-12pm; 5th Monday 5:45 - 8 pm.

**Serenity Inns Recovery Program Fellowship Dinners:** cook, deliver, or serve a meal for 12 residents. Each month,1st Sunday and 2nd Friday, 6 - 7pm. Kids welcome.

**Monthly Meal Prep for Partners:** Join an all-ages team of UNITY volunteers to mass meal prep for Hebron Housing shelter and Serenity Inns recovery program. Wednesday evenings preceding the second Friday most months of the program year.

#### **Property Needs**

Contact David Koenen, c: 414-559-6974, email: davidkoenen@wi.rr.com

**Spring Outdoor Cleanups will be Saturday, April 20th, from 9 am-noon at BOTH our COL & CTK campuses.** Many hands are needed to help us rake, clear planting beds, and get our grounds ready for the season. We'll have lots of tools on site, but if you have them, please bring along pruners, rakes and wheelbarrows. Have a trailer for hauling brush? At CTK we need patio furniture taken out and water hoses ready for use. At COL we need landscape preparation after winter damage and stump grinding that took place. If you have questions, contact David Koenen at davidkoenen@wi.rr.com. Thanks! Please join us if you can.

Attention Lawn Mowers: The mowing season is almost here! Please use our online signup, live on the website, and let's get the roster full. Our mowers have been serviced, blades have been sharpened, and they are ready to go. All we need is "U"! If you need a tutorial or have any questions, contact Property Chair, David Koenen.

#### **UNITY Member Care**

Contact: Jim Ahlquist, Minister of Member Care, e: jim@unitybrookfield.org, c: 715-210-2245

**UNITY Member Care is always here for you.** You don't have to face life's ups and downs alone. Whether it's an unexpected hospitalization, a recent diagnosis, the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, addiction, anxiety, depression, or virtually anything else, our pastors and Minister of Member Care are only a call, text, or email away. Please never hesitate to reach out -- whether we're the only stop you'll make or just the first step in a longer care process.

**Prayer Place cards-** If you have a prayer request that you would like included in the Prayers for Friends and Family section in the bulletin, there are cards available in the narthex at both campuses.

You can fill out the request and pin it to the bulletin board at the COL campus or place it in the basket at the CTK campus, and it will be included in the upcoming bulletin. These prayer requests will stay for 4 weeks and then if you need further prayer, repost as often as needed. Any questions, please contact Nancy by phone or email nancy@unitybrookfield.org

#### Worship & Music Opportunities

Children's Choirs, Contact Janet Day, c: 414-975-0286, e: janet@unitybrookfield.org Fellowship Choir, Contact Molly Pufall-Brown, c: 920-265-6881, e: <u>mpufall@gmail.com</u> Handbells & Praise Band, Contact Stacey Nordmeyer, c: 414-617-7673, e: staceynordmeyer72@icloud.com

All-Music Tuesdays at the COL campus. ALL are Welcome! Every Tuesday is our All-Music Group Rehearsal night. There are no auditions, come jump in! This is a great time to come and see what it's like. All the kids and adult vocal choirs meet in the Fellowship Hall. The Bell choirs meet in the Sanctuary. Rehearsals run through May 14, before we break for the summer. 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm JOYFUL NOISE MUSIC MAKERS - PreK–Grade 1 6:30 pm to 7:15 pm CELEBRATION CHOIR - Grades 2-6 7:15 pm to 8:15 pm HOSANNA BELLS - Beginning to intermediate Ringers 7:15 pm to 8:15 pm FELLOWSHIP CHOIR - Grade 7 – Adult 6:15 pm to 7:15 pm GLORIA DEI BELLS - Late Intermediate to Advanced Ringers

Partner we are praying for this month: American Red Cross Blood Drives

This weekend's communion breads were baked by Cathy Buck

#### **Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members**

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

#### **Cross of Life Campus**

Bob Rusk, Becki Culhane, Debbie Horne, Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Ardyce Myhre, Paula Dryer, Marlene Jernberg, John Vaughan, Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Alyce Vollan, Barb Purnell, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

#### **Christ the King Campus**

Ann-Marie Bergman, Sharon Giessen, Gary Blaschke, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Kevin Nordmeyer, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Ken Schneider, Dave Rau

> We pray our prayers of sympathy for family and loved ones as they mourn the death of a loved one:

#### **Cross of Life Campus**

Ekkehard Drescher, father of Peter Drescher

#### **UNITY Prayer Place**

Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.

#### April 13-14

Eric (non Hodgkins lymphoma treatments), nephew of Diana Koenen Donna Funk (bladder cancer/liver issues), daughter of Pearl Haack Chris (cancer diagnosis), friend of Jeff Key Dawn (recovering from a serious infection), friend of Diana and David Koenen Roland Tocups (stage 4 pancreatic cancer, in hospice), friend of Denny Thompson

#### April 6-7

Erika Foss (Brain & lung cancer), cousin of Karen Anderson Nancy Foss (Ovarian cancer), cousin of Karen Anderson Nicole (surgery recovery after cancer diagnosis), friend of Sara & Phil Roemaat Marguerite Braun (health concerns), mother of Nancy Kostanski

#### March 30-31

Linda (health concerns), friend of Lynn & Jeff Key Rev. David & Nancy Sewing, Mark & James (lost home in a fire), parents, brother & nephew of Joy Griepentrog Kain Scott (in NICU), grandson of Patty Zais Greg Mengel (cancer diagnosis with complications), friend of Kelly Shoff & Steve Brewer Tony Susa (spinal cord injury) brother-in-law of Vivian Clark Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

#### March 23-24

Elise & premie son Buchman (hospitalized), Niece/great nephew of Karin & Peter Drescher Whitney Adams (breast cancer that has spread), daughter of friend of Lisa Nass Mark Wagner (facing difficult trial ahead), friend of Rebecca & Brian Krier Dawn Harris (recent breast cancer diagnosis & upcoming surgery), aunt of Rebecca Krier Ralph Phillips (lung cancer), uncle of Jolene Epding

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, etc.) overseas and our military personnel: Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank Kender Structure Struct

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Anna Jansson	
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## The Fourth Weekend in Easter

## April 20-21, 2024

Saturday, April 20, 2024 5:00 pm COL

Sunday, April 21, 2024 8:30 am COL 9:30 am CTK 10:30 am COL

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#### WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH!

#### We're glad you're here today! UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.

- Children. Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- **Nursery.** Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- Sunday School. All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)

#### • At UNITY, the Communion Table is:

- Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
- Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
- Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
- We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
- Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
- If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.
- **Pastors.** UNITY is served by two called pastors who are present at both campuses on a rotating basis. Most Saturdays, the weekend preacher is the pastor at that service. On Sundays, the preacher for the weekend travels to both campuses to share the message. Each of the other pastors is then based at one campus or another. This weekend Muriel Otto is at Christ the King and Sherrie Lorbeck is at Cross of Life.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: <u>unitybrookfield.org</u> for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

**GIVING.** If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the COL narthex and by the bulletin board in the CTK narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay is also accepted. Thank you!

#### Prelude

*"When in Our Music God is Glorified" "Because He Lives"*  arr. Lani Smith William Gaither (5:00, 8:30, 10:30) (Online, 9:30)

#### Words of Welcome

#### **Sharing the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Many: And also with you.

#### Call to Worship (Responsive)

- One: Something feels different this week. I don't know whether I can even focus on worship right now. Something is nagging at me.
- Many: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.
- One: Life is busy. There seems to be no end to the things I have to do. I can't even relax.
- Many: He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside quiet waters.
- One: I have painful memories. I am hurting inside, but I don't know how that will ever change.

#### Many: He restores my soul.

- One: I struggle with sin. The good I want to do, I do not do. The evil I do, I do not want to do. Who will rescue me from this body of death?
- Many: He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- One: I am getting older and may soon die. Someone I love may soon die.

Many: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

- One: My fellow workers look down on me. My boss gives me a hard time. I have few friends at school.
- Many: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.
- One: Life is full of troubles. My health is not as it should be. Where can I find meaningful work?
- Many: You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- One: I am worried about the future. Will I find what I'm looking for? Can I repay my debts? Is my business going to fail? Will my marriage last?
- Many: Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life. And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

**Opening Hymn** *"The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing"* ELW 531 (All Services)

#### Children's Message

#### Greeting and Prayer of the Day

- Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!
- Many: And also with you.
- One: Let us Pray. Loving Shepherd,

Many: You know our names. You care for us. When we face darkness and uncertainty and endings, walk beside us. When we hunger for your love, fill us with your presence. When we are fearful, feed us at your table. May we dwell in the house of goodness and mercy all the days of our lives. Amen.

Anthem"This Little Light of Mine"arr. Helgen(Online, 5:00, 8:30, 10:30)Fellowship Choir; Molly Pufall-Brown, Director; Lynn Key, Accompanist"Klarinetten-Konzert nr. 3 Mvt II"C. Stamitz(9:30)Corynn Nordstrom, Clarinet; Greg O'Connell, Accompanist

**Gospel Acclamation** *"Shine, Jesus Shine"* ELW 671 vs. 1

#### Reading of the Good News John 10:11-18

In language that recalls the 23rd Psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is not only willing to die for them, but able to overcome death for them.

One: The Gospel according to John, the tenth chapter.

#### Many: Glory to you O, Lord.

[Jesus said:] <sup>11</sup>"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

One: The Gospel of the Lord!

Many: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

"Watch Out for the Wolves"	Sherrie Lorbeck	(5:00, 8:30, 10:30)
"Love is a Verb"	Muriel Otto	(9:30)

#### Hymn of the Day

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"	ELW 502 vs. 1, 2, 3, 6	(5:00, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30)
"Shepherd Me, O God"	ELW 780 vs. 1, 3, 5	(Online)

#### The Prayers of the People

One:	Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people
	according to their needs.
	(Congregation response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer.")
Pastor:	Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your
	mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Many:	Amen.

#### **Announcements and Offering**

**Offertory Response** (as gifts are brought forward) "Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks" ELW 671

#### **Prayer of Thanks**

One: Let us pray. Merciful God,

Many: in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you embrace our lives with your great love for humanity. With joy and gladness we ask that these gifts may be for many a sign of that love, and that we may continue to share in your divine life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

- Pastor: The Lord be with you.
- Many: And also with you.
- Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
- Many: We lift them to the Lord.
- Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### Words of Institution

#### The Lord's Prayer (traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### **Communion Meditation**

"Be Still and Know / Be Still, My Soul"	arr. Hayes	(5:00, 8:30, 10:30)
"Softly and Tenderly"	arr. Keveren	(9:30)

#### **Post Communion Blessing**

Spoken Response: Amen.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

- One: Let us pray. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- Many: Amen.

#### Benediction

#### Sending Hymn "Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises" ELW 535 (5:00, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30)"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" ELW 545 (Online) Dismissal Go in peace, serve the Lord! One: **Thanks be to God!** Many: Postlude "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" Setting by John Carter (5:00, 8:30, 10:30)"He's Everything to Me" Ralph Carmichael (Online, 9:30)

#### **UNITY Highlights**

Forum This Sunday, April 21 - 9:30am @ COL, 10:30am @ CTK - Update from UNITY's Pastoral Call Team: Nelson Brownell, Melanie R. Varin, Linda Johnson, Davida Kroepfl, Jessica Schrieber, Mary Huss, Logan Kemper, Jim Johnsen, Matt Jolliff, Mark Krause, David Engle.

They will share with you:

Summarized feedback from the recent congregational input sessions and survey.

An overview of the Ministry Site Profile (MSP)

An overview of the process to date and what is expected in the near future.

In addition, Bishop Paul Erickson and/or Pastor Kristin Nielsen may also be with us to hear more from our Call team and be available to answer any questions as well. Please plan to attend to hear more from our Call Team and ask questions! Thank you for all your prayers for this team, our Synod staff, and any potential candidates who will be discerning in the coming weeks and months.

**Spring Flower Sale EXTENDED through Sunday, April 21!** - Our Sr. High spring flower sale to benefit the summer trip to the ELCA National Youth Gathering has been extended through the weekend! Beautiful hanging baskets, porch pots, annuals, and perennials are available. Go to the flower picture on our home page and order on-line or pick up an order form in the narthex. Thank you! Flower pickup will take place at CTK on Friday, May 17 from 5-7:30pm, and Saturday, May 18 from 9-11am.

**Sr. High Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction. Mark your calendars for THIS Friday, April 26th - 5:00-7:00 pm at COL.** The Fellowship Hall is transformed and our Youth will serve you and your guests a delicious Italian meal, at a fraction of the cost if you go anywhere else! You'll also have the opportunity to bid on unique and fabulous silent auction items. All proceeds will benefit our Sr. High Summer Trip to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this July! Have something that you'd be willing to donate? Let us know and drop it off in Matt Griepentrog's old office. Thank you!

#### Time & Talent 2024: Get or stay connected in our UNITY community.

Take a picture or use the QR code reader on your phone to access our Time & Talent document. Once there, hover over any item and an explanation bubble will tell you more. T & T makes it possible for you to contribute your time and talent to Christ's ministries in this place. It also allows you to be included in things like bible studies and groups that can feed your soul. Giving and receiving is our collective lifeline as a congregation. Thank you for prayerfully considering your important part in the whole.



**Sponsors Needed each week for Altar Flowers at both campuses!** All the details you need are on the SignUp Genius and the 2024 calendar is available on our webpage. This is a convenient way to choose a weekend and campus at any time, and the cost is only \$25 (payable by check or online). We have several volunteers who are responsible for arranging a beautiful vase of flowers on your given weekend. You can take flowers home at the end of the weekend's last service, but please return the vase as soon as you can. Keep them watered and you can enjoy them another week or two!

# Sr. High and Young Adults

Contact Sherrie Lorbeck, c:414-477-7762 email: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org

This Sunday, April 21st, join us for a night of Laser Tag at iCOMBAT in Waukesha. Meet at church at 5:30 p.m. so we can carpool over. We expect to get back around 7:45. Cost is \$20.00 and we'll cover the rest! Friends are always welcome, but if you can, text Ryan Johnson, (262) 825-7331 so he can make sure we have a ticket and seat for you! (Ryan is our UNITY College Student who's been helping out because he SO loved the impact of being in Sr. High and connecting with friends and getting to know adults). We still are in NEED of Drivers too! Text him if you're willing and your ticket is covered so you can join in too if you want!

# Adult Programs

Contact: Susie Sprecher, c: 262-227-1558 email: <u>wisbadger19@gmail.com</u> or Matt Griepentrog, c: 262-787-8829, e: matt@unitybrookfield.org

# Save the dates for this upcoming forum event:

• May 5th, 9:30am @ COL - Allen Krueger will share with us all about computer safety and how we can guard our information and identity.

Jesus Karaoke Bible Study Runs Tuesdays late April and May. Once again UNITY has a spring musical in the works, a new version of last year's Jesus Karaoke show. This year's version will be both written and performed by members, with a 5-week Bible study followed by a 3-week rehearsal and performance run. You can choose to do just the Bible study, just the show, or be part of both. The Bible study will run April and May, and will study the core stories of our faith. Each week's homework will be to describe them in our own words and brainstorm songs that capture their meaning. The class will be **Tuesdays**, **7:30pm at Cross of Life or listen after the fact on our podcast.** Then, we will turn those summaries and songs into this year's Jesus Karaoke script and recruit a cast of singers, readers, and tech support. The cast will do two rehearsals in late May/early June, then perform at all three services June 8th and 9th. There is zero musical talent required to join the cast, it is basically lip synching. You DO need some good energy and a willingness to put yourself out there in front of the world's most supportive audience (it is SO much fun!). Open to 6th grade and up.

# Writers Bible Study: Tuesdays April 30 and May 7, 14 & 21, 7:30pm at COL or online

Cast Rehearsals: Tuesdays May 28 (COL) and June 4 (CTK), 6pm Performance Weekend: June 8/9: 5pm, 8:30am, and 10am services

#### **Children's Education**

Contact Michelle Aprahamian, c: 414-732-8615, email: michelle@unitybrookfield.org

**Join us for Sunday School!** We offer Sunday school at each of our worship times for children PreK-grade 6. ALL are welcome - whether you are a member, prospective member, or visitor! Interested in being part of our program? Register your child at Unitybrookfield.org.

**Registration is LIVE for Vacation Bible School, June 17-20, 12:30-4:00pm** (with aftercare available until 5:00pm). Sign up online to be part of this year's VBS program: Primero Dios, Pasaporte Por El Salvador! It's another Playful with a Purpose VBS as we learn all about our partners in El Salvador. We will play, sing, eat, laugh, learn, craft, and pray. Invite your friends, neighbors, cousins, grandkids! BE A VBS KID- completed a year of preschool through Grade 5 BE A CREW LEADER - completed Grade 6 through Sr. High BE A SITE WORKER - college age through adults Registration is on the church website under Sign Ups.

**First Communion for 3rd Graders this May: Classes May 9&16, Services May 18&19.** Celebrate this special milestone with your family and baptism sponsors the weekend of May 18-19, at the service time of your choice.**Classes are Thursdays, May 9 and May 16, 6:30-7:45pm at COL Campus.** If you are in 3rd grade or older and wish to celebrate your first communion, you are invited to join us for two classes to learn more about the sacrament of communion and importance of this family meal. During our time together, your child will also receive acolyte training. Please bring a parent with you to each of the classes. At our first class, your child will create a special chalice. Please bring a stemmed, clear, non-faceted wine glass (no etching or words) to class. Dollar Tree is a great resource for these glasses.

There is no sign up for class or First Communion. Just join us May 9th and 16th for class. If you have any questions, please reach out to Michelle Aprahamian. Watch for further communication via email for more details.

# Mark your Calendars:

Confirmation Bible Camp (for Year 1 Confirmation students) - June 23 - 28, 2024 VBS - June 17- 20, 2024 12:30 - 4:00 p.m. (with aftercare available until 5:00 p.m.) ECRT (for Year 2 Confirmation students) - July 9 - 12, 2024 Confirmation Weekend - September 14-15, 2024

#### **Servant Ministries**

Contact Jackie Herington, c: 262-501-6138, e: jackieswan10@icloud.com or Muriel Otto, e: muriel@unitybrookfield.org

Help with Aspen Center's "Manly" Craft Project, April 28, 12-1:30pm: Along with the weather (hopefully) warming up soon, so are our events with Aspen clients! On April 28th, we'll meet at Aspen from 12-1:30 for a craft project and then start working on gratitude journals. Ideas for prompts on what to write about and different types of journaling will be provided. During April and May, we'd LOVE to help Aspen with something that they requested last year - construction of two raised bed gardens in their backyard. And in early June, we'll be getting our hands dirty with our Aspen friends by planting pots of flowers and some veggies in those new garden beds! If you're interested in helping with ANY of these events/projects, please contact Cindy Boyd (dcboyd1985@sbcglobal.net or 262-424-3610) or talk to Pastor Muriel.

**Applications for Summer El Salvador Trip Due May 1.** Trip Dates: July 23-30, 2024. This is our yearly "relationship-building trip," which folks have described as part Vacation Bible School, part summer camp, part cultural immersion- type feel. We visit both our El Salvador partners, the urban Lutheran community Cordero de Dios and the rural Catholic community Rutilio Grande. We travel with great translators so Spanish is not required though of course is awesome. Backgrounds in camp ministry, education, youth, music or sports are especially helpful, but anyone is welcome to apply. Application is on our church website under signups and is due May 1. The trip is strenuous and not for everyone, but a big impact both directions if it is right for you. UNITY members will just pay their airfare and church will cover the rest of your expenses as a thank you for your service, otherwise cost is airfare + \$500 for food, lodging, transportation. Need-based scholarships always available. Always good to have a mix of first-time and returning travelers- talk to us if you could use help thinking it through! Save the Date for Next February's El Salvador Health and Wellness Clinic Trip: February 15-22, 2025.

**Garden Work Party at Cross Lutheran, May 4th from 9am - Noon.** Help us shovel mulch, turn over beds, and get our partner church Cross Lutheran's community garden ready for the growing season... all while eating hot dogs and getting to know some of the members at this fascinating, multi-cultural, and always-history-making congregation! The perfect project for those who are looking to serve beyond their local community. Interested in going? Contact John Allar at johnallar@gmail.com. All ages welcome.

**Food Pantry Fundraiser on May 18 in CTK's Backyard: Come as an Attendee or Help us Host!** Join us as we help host a fundraiser for the Food Pantry as they celebrate 46 years of serving Waukesha County! Themed, "The Breakfast Club," the event is to raise awareness and financial support for the food pantry. Saturday May 18, 10am-noon in the CTK Backyard. Catered by Tuscan Hall. \$50 per person, with an online auction opening May 3. We are also looking for your help hosting: Friday, May 17: 4 pm: Event Set Up. Saturday, May 18: 9-10 am: Set Up. 11:30-12:30: Clean Up. To RSVP, volunteer at the event, or **donate a Silent Auction item**, please contact Ellen or Ron Vermillion at evermill61@gmail.com. Thanks for supporting this long-time partner!

Save the Date for our next Blood Drive, Saturday, June 1, 7am-noon. Sign up is live on the church website.

**Ongoing Service Opportunities:** UNITY has standing volunteer "shifts" at various partners that we commit to covering as a church. Each one is coordinated by a different Unity member... each one has its own sign up page on the church website... and each one is an opportunity for you!

**Waukesha Food Pantry Food Distribution:** Each month, 4th Saturday, 9am-12pm; 5th Monday 5:45 - 8 pm.

**Serenity Inns Recovery Program Fellowship Dinners:** cook, deliver, or serve a meal for 12 residents. Each month, 1st Sunday and 2nd Friday, 6 - 7pm. Kids welcome.

**Monthly Meal Prep for Partners:** Join an all-ages team of UNITY volunteers to mass meal prep for Hebron Housing shelter and Serenity Inns recovery program. Wednesday evenings preceding the second Friday most months of the program year.

#### **Property Needs**

Contact David Koenen, c: 414-559-6974, email: davidkoenen@wi.rr.com

Attention Lawn Mowers: The mowing season is here! Please use our online signup, live on the website, and let's get the roster full. Our mowers have been serviced, blades have been sharpened, and they are ready to go. All we need is "U"! If you need a tutorial or have any questions, contact Property Chair, David Koenen.

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with our Spring Outdoor Cleanups on Saturday morning at both COL & CTK! If you have any interest or time to help with things going forward or any questions, contact David Koenen at davidkoenen@wi.rr.com. Thanks to all for keeping our campuses looking clean and beautiful!

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All-Music Tuesdays at the COL campus. ALL are Welcome! Every Tuesday is our All-Music Group Rehearsal night. There are no auditions, come jump in! This is a great time to come and see what it's like. All the kids and adult vocal choirs meet in the Fellowship Hall. The Bell choirs meet in the Sanctuary. Rehearsals run through May 14 for most groups, before we break for the summer.

6:00 pm to 6:30 pm JOYFUL NOISE MUSIC MAKERS - PreK–Grade 1
6:30 pm to 7:15 pm CELEBRATION CHOIR - Grades 2-6
7:15 pm to 8:15 pm HOSANNA BELLS - Beginning to Intermediate Ringers
7:15 pm to 8:15 pm FELLOWSHIP CHOIR - Grade 7 – Adult
6:15 pm to 7:15 pm GLORIA DEI BELLS - Late Intermediate to Advanced Ringers

# **UNITY Member Care**

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**UNITY Member Care is always here for you.** You don't have to face life's ups and downs alone. Whether it's an unexpected hospitalization, a recent diagnosis, the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, addiction, anxiety, depression, or virtually anything else, the pastors are only a call, text, or email away. Please never hesitate to reach out -- whether we're the only stop you'll make or just the first step in a longer care process.

**Prayer Place cards-** If you have a prayer request that you would like included in the Prayers for Friends and Family section in the bulletin, there are cards available in the narthex near the bulletin board. You can fill out the request and pin it to the bulletin board there. You can fill out a card and place it in the basket and it will be included in the upcoming bulletin. These prayer requests will stay for 4 weeks and then if you need further prayer, repost as often as needed. Any questions, please contact Nancy by phone or email nancy@unitybrookfield.org

Partner we are praying for this month: American Red Cross Blood Drives

The altar flowers at COL are given by Jane & Vern Hetzel in celebration of Amanda Meyer's birthday

Thank you to Leslie O'Connell for arranging the altar flowers this weekend

This weekend's communion breads were baked by Barb Borkenhagen

# **Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members**

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

#### **Cross of Life Campus**

Jerry Buenger, Karen Beres, Bob Rusk, Becki Culhane, Debbie Horne, Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Ardyce Myhre, Paula Dryer, Marlene Jernberg, John Vaughan, Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Alyce Vollan, Barb Purnell, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

#### **Christ the King Campus**

Ann-Marie Bergman, Sharon Giessen, Gary Blaschke, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Kevin Nordmeyer, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Ken Schneider, Dave Rau

> We pray our prayers of sympathy for family and loved ones as they mourn the death of a loved one:

#### Christ the King Campus

Janice Cook, mother of Lisa Walz

# **UNITY Prayer Place**

Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.

# April 20-21

Dwight Heaney (complications from surgery), brother of Christine Standley Carol Steinkraus (recovering from hip replacement surgery), mother of Sally Thomas Karen Key (fractured knee), sister-in-law of Jeff and Lynn Key Hubie Krawczyk (cancer), friend of Pat Dowling Ralph Phillips (lung cancer), uncle of Jolene Epding Elise Buchman & premie son (hospitalized), Niece/great-nephew of Karin & Peter Drescher

# April 13-14

Eric (non Hodgkins lymphoma treatments), nephew of Diana Koenen Jim LaViolette (open heart surgery), brother of Jane Boorse Donna Funk (bladder cancer/liver issues), daughter of Pearl Haack Chris (cancer diagnosis), friend of Jeff Key Dawn (recovering from a serious infection), friend of Diana and David Koenen Roland Tocups (stage 4 pancreatic cancer, in hospice), friend of Denny Thompson

#### April 6-7

Erika Foss (Brain & lung cancer), cousin of Karen Anderson Nancy Foss (Ovarian cancer), cousin of Karen Anderson Nicole (surgery recovery after cancer diagnosis), friend of Sara & Phil Roemaat Marguerite Braun (health concerns), mother of Nancy Kostanski

#### March 30-31

Rev. David & Nancy Sewing, Mark & James (lost home in a fire), parents, brother & nephew of Joy Griepentrog Greg Mengel (cancer diagnosis with complications), friend of Kelly Shoff & Steve Brewer Tony Susa (spinal cord injury) brother-in-law of Vivian Clark

Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran

Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix

Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, etc.) overseas and our military personnel: Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank

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Online	Ministers for April 20-21, 2024
Worship Assistant:	
	Pete Meiklejohn
Musicians:	Janet Day, Molly Pufall-Brown, Chloe O'Connell, Greg O'Connell
Technical:	Caitlin Dominski
COL 5:00 p.m.	Ministers for Saturday, April 20, 2024
Worship Coordinator:	
Greeters:	Kay Koepsel-Benning
Acolyte:	Sebastian Dandridge
Ushers:	Duane Maas
Worship Assistant:	Jeff Key
Reader:	Phil Roemaat
Communion Assistants:	Melissa & Kevin Grabowski
ABC:	Kay Koepsel-Benning
	Lynn Key
Sound:	Mark Shady
	Kayla Grabowski
	Molly Pufall-Brown
Sunday School Leaders:	-
	Rachel Manganaro
	-15-

# COL 8:30 a.m. Ministers for Sunday, April 21, 2024

Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader:	Diane & Dick Dressler Charlotte Quinnell, Blake Duerr, Max Herington Art Keup, Bernd Bruhnke Leslie O'Connell Kiley Keup Diane & Dick Dressler, Natalie Schneider, Denny Thompson Denny Thompson Lynn Key Leff Key
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CTK 9:30 a.m.

# Ministers for Sunday, April 21, 2024

Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders: Nursery:	Linda Johnson Jane Boorse, Diana VanSlyke Diana VanSlyke Greg O'Connell Julie Smith Corynn Nordstrom Robin Nordstrom
Coffee:	Marge Kipp

# COL 10:30 a.m.

# Ministers for Sunday, April 21, 2024

Worship Coordinator:	Greg Hoesly
Greeters:	Jeff Pelzel
Acolyte:	Dexter Welch, Oliver Welch
Ushers:	Rob Burmeister, Jeff Key
Worship Assistant:	Carole Syse
Reader:	Nicole Maassen
Communion Assistants:	Patricia & Jeff Pelzel
ABC:	Jeff Key
Musician:	Lynn Key
	Steve Brewer
Visual Projection:	Dustin Vrab
Song Leader:	Molly Pufall-Brown
Sunday School Leaders:	Julie Miesfeld, Kelly Shoff
Nursery:	Josi Matel



The Fifth Weekend in Easter

April 27-28, 2024

Saturday, April 27, 2024 5:00 pm COL

Sunday, April 28, 2024 8:30 am COL 9:30 am CTK 10:30 am COL

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# WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH!

#### We're glad you're here today! UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.

- Children. Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- **Nursery.** Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- Sunday School. All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)

# • At UNITY, the Communion Table is:

- Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
- Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
- Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
- We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
- Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
- If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.
- **Pastors.** UNITY is currently served by two called pastors who are present at both campuses on a rotating basis. Most Saturdays, the weekend preacher is the pastor at that service. On Sundays, the preacher for the weekend travels to both campuses to share the message. Each of the other pastors is then based at one campus or another. This weekend Muriel Otto is at Christ the King and Sherrie Lorbeck is at Cross of Life.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: <u>unitybrookfield.org</u> for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

**GIVING.** If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the COL narthex and by the bulletin board in the CTK narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay is also accepted. Thank you!

#### Prelude

"And the Song Was of the Morning"	Martin	(9:30)
"Alleluia"	Caccini	(5:00, 8:30, 10:30)
"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"	arr. Hustad	(Online)

# Words of Welcome

#### **Sharing the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Many: And also with you.

#### Call to Worship (Responsive, based on Acts 8)

One: For those moments in life where we feel like we don't fit in...

Many: Your Spirit tracks us down at the edge of the wilderness.

- One: With timing we don't get to control, you remind us of Jesus.
- Many: Rejected and betrayed, he too knows life at the edge.
- One: And yet, because he lives, we do also.
- Many: Open us, O God, to be dominated not by life's setbacks but by your victory.
- One: Restore in us a simple heart, broken open for the best. Broken open to share your love.
- Many: No longer at the edge, but in the center of your work.
- One: Sent to bring Good News to those still alone...

Many: ... now and always... on our way, rejoicing!

<b>Opening Hymn</b>	"On Our Way Rejoicing"	ELW 537	(All Services)
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Anthem"The Creation Story"(5:00)Celebration Choir; Janet Day, Director; Lynn Key, Accompanist"(Alive, Alive")(Online, 8:30 Live, 9:30 & 10:30 Recording)Joyful Noise Choir; Janet Day, Director; Lynn Key, Accompanist

#### **Children's Message**

#### Greeting and Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

#### Many: And also with you.

One: Let us Pray. Spirit of Redemption...

Many: ... you clear the debt. You set us free. You make up for all our faults. You redeem. It is who you are. For your redemption of my sin... our sin... a whole world of sin... we give you deepest thanks.

Blow into our lives, Spirit of God. Soothe the feelings that go with our failures and re-open us to hope and purpose. Then send us forth... a Good News people... your rejoicing people, now and always through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

# First Lesson Acts 8:26-40

The Acts of the Apostles is a sequel to the Gospel according to Luke. Written by Luke, Acts relates the history of the early church. Like the gospel, the most important events in this book take place on life's road. And like so much of the rest of the Bible, sometimes life's road includes time spent in the wilderness.

<sup>26</sup> Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) <sup>27</sup> So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup> and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup> Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' <sup>30</sup> So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' <sup>31</sup>He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup>Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,

and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth.

<sup>33</sup> In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.'

<sup>34</sup>The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' <sup>35</sup>Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' <sup>38</sup>He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup>When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

One: The Word of the Lord!

Many: Thanks be to God

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

"Shine, Jesus Shine"

# Gospel John 15:1-8

Without our connection to the true vine, we can do nothing. As we abide and remain connected, we bear much fruit. As you share this Good News, God is glorified!

One: The Gospel according to John, the fifteenth chapter.

# Many: Glory to you O, Lord.

[Jesus said:] <sup>1"</sup>I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

One: The Gospel of the Lord!

Many: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message	"Can You Hear Me Now?"		Jim Ahlquist
Hymn of the Day			
"Listen, God Is Ca	elling" EL	W 513	(5:00, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30)
"Baptized and Set	Free" EL	W 453 vs. 1, 2,	4 (Online)

#### The Prayers of the People

One:	Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people
	according to their needs.
	(Congregation response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer.")
Pastor:	Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Many:	Amen.

#### **Announcements and Offering**

**Offertory Response** (as gifts are brought forward) "Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks" WOV 671

#### **Prayer of Thanks**

One: Let us pray. Gracious God,

Many: in the abundance of your steadfast love, you call us from death to life, from silence to speech, from idleness to action. With these gifts we offer ourselves to you, and with the Church through all the ages we give thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Pastor:	The Lord be with you.
Many:	And also with you.
Pastor:	Lift up your hearts.
Many:	We lift them to the Lord.
Destar	Lat us give thenks to the Lord our (

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### Words of Institution

#### The Lord's Prayer (traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### **Communion Meditation**

"Softly and Tenderly"	arr. Keveren	(5:00, 8:30, 10:30)
"Alleluia"	Sinclair, arr. Bock	(9:30)

#### **Post Communion Blessing**

Spoken Response: Amen.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

- One: Let us pray. Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- Many: Amen.

#### Benediction

#### Sending Hymn

"The Lord Now Sends Us Forth"	ELW 538	(5:00, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30)
"Savior, Again to Your Dear Name"	ELW 534 vs. 1-2	(Online)

#### Dismissal

One: Go in peace, serve the Lord! Many: Thanks be to God!

#### Postlude

"Festal Postlude"	Powell	(9:30)
"Great is the Lord"	Michael W. Smith	(5:00, 8:30, 10:30)
"He is Risen"	Broughton	(Online)

# **UNITY Highlights**

Forum This Sunday, April 28 - 9:30am @ COL: Time & Talent. Come fill out a time & talent sheet and enjoy some treats! Every TNT submission helps us get closer to our goal! You can also ask questions about the various opportunities to serve!

**10:30am** @ CTK - Bible Study. Grab a cup of coffee and join us for some faith and fellowship after worship service!

#### New Member Welcome Weekend is May 4-5

We will welcome our Spring 2024 New Members during New Member Welcome Weekend on May 4-5. Please join us as we do what we do best as a faith family: welcome others! Before then, be sure to "meet" these New Members in the flyer attached to the electronic version of the May newsletter. We have 8 new households who are joining, so let's wrap them up in our UNITY arms! Questions? Contact our Invite/New Member Chair, Anna Jansson, at ajansson8@gmail.com.

#### CTK Spring Outdoor Cleanup will be Saturday, May 4th, from 9 am-noon.

Many hands are needed to help us prepare the backyard for outdoor enjoyment this spring and summer, including outdoor worship. We'll have lots of tools on site, but if you have them, please bring along extras. Items such as the following need to be done:

- Ice rink must be disassembled, dried and put away in the shed.
- Problematic drain area needs washed out stone bucketed to top area and clay dirt removed from the retention pond. Bring a shovel if you can!
- Take the water hoses from the shed and prepare for use this Summer.
- Clean up any remaining winter items (salt, snow shovels, etc. in entryways) and put away
- Picnic tables and benches need to be moved out of the pavilion and put back into place for outdoor enjoyment

Lunch Bunch - Join us the second Wednesday of each month at 11:30 am at Maxim's. (18025 W. Capitol Dr. - Brookfield.) The next meeting is May 8. Everyone is welcome, no matter your age or stage: younger, older, singles, couples, regular or occasional. Just show up because the nice thing about Maxim's is that seating is endlessly expandable. And, if you have any questions before you come, Esther McKee is your point person: (262) 246-6443.

# Time & Talent 2024: Get or stay connected in our UNITY community.

Take a picture or use the QR code reader on your phone to access our Time & Talent document. Once there, hover over any item and an explanation bubble will tell you more. T & T makes it possible for you to contribute your time and talent to Christ's ministries in this place. It also allows you to be included in things like bible studies and groups that can feed your soul. Giving and receiving is our collective lifeline as a congregation. Thank you for prayerfully considering your important part in the whole.



# Grief Group on May 15 & 22: 6:30-8:00 pm at COL

*When Life Isn't the Same* .... If you have lost a spouse or a parent or someone else close to you, the grieving doesn't end after the funeral. We invite you to a safe space where you can share more about where you are at in your journey ... learn more about the stages of grief ... and get help finding your way through what you need most for the road ahead.

We invite you to join us for our Grief Group, held two Wednesdays, May 15 & 22, from 6:30-8:00 pm at our Cross of Life campus. If possible, attending both evenings is helpful. These gatherings will be led by Pastor Jim Ahlquist and Pastor Sherrie Lorbeck. If this is the right time for you, or if someone you know could benefit from being a part of this, please RSVP to Jim at jim@unitybrookfield.org or 715-210-2245.

**Sponsors Needed each week for Altar Flowers at both campuses!** All the details you need are on the SignUp Genius and the 2024 calendar is available on our webpage. This is a convenient way to choose a weekend and campus at any time, and the cost is only \$25 (payable by check or online). We have several volunteers who are responsible for arranging a beautiful vase of flowers on your given weekend. You can take flowers home at the end of the weekend's last service, but please return the vase as soon as you can. Keep them watered and you can enjoy them another week or two!

#### Sr. High and Young Adults

Contact Sherrie Lorbeck, c:414-477-7762 email: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org

Thanks so much to everyone who bought Spring flowers and who supported our Silent Auction and Spaghetti Dinner! We so appreciate it! Thank you so much to all our Youth and Adults who were able to make this year's Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction happen! Every bit helps toward our Summer trip to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

**This Sunday, April 28th, in the Backyard at CTK 6:00 - 7:30 -** come and enjoy the Game challenges that Ryan Johnson has planned for you in the Backyard at the CTK Campus from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. The weather is supposed to be great so come and enjoy getting to compete with each other and have a lot of fun!

Watch for more, but we'll plan to meet on Sunday, May 5th at COL from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 19th, at COL from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.. (Celebrate your Mom on Mother's Day on Sunday, May 12th and with your family over Memorial Day weekend!)

For all our Graduating Seniors, (and those graduating from college or other degree programs), please email PSher, Sherrie@unitybrookfield.org, a picture of when you were young and a senior picture, along with any details about where you are graduating from, what your plans are and/or if you know what you'd like to study, if going to college.

**Graduate Recognition - Weekend of June 1st-2nd, all services.** Graduates - we plan on recognizing you at whatever service you attend that weekend. Parents, if you have college graduates as well, please send us your graduate's information to lynn@unitybrookfield.org

#### **Adult Programs**

Contact: Susie Sprecher, c: 262-227-1558 email: <u>wisbadger19@gmail.com</u> or Matt Griepentrog, c: 262-787-8829, e: matt@unitybrookfield.org

#### Save the date for this upcoming forum event:

• May 5th, 9:30am @ COL - Allen Krueger will share with us all about computer safety and how we can guard our information and identity.

Jesus Karaoke Bible Study Runs Tuesdays late April and May. Once again UNITY has a spring musical in the works, a new version of last year's Jesus Karaoke show. This year's version will be both written and performed by members, with a 5-week Bible study followed by a 3-week rehearsal and performance run. You can choose to do just the Bible study, just the show, or be part of both. The Bible study will run April and May, and will study the core stories of our faith. Each week's homework will be to describe them in our own words and brainstorm songs that capture their meaning. The class will be **Tuesdays**, **7:30pm at Cross of Life or listen after the fact on our podcast.** Then, we will turn those summaries and songs into this year's Jesus Karaoke script and recruit a cast of singers, readers, and tech support. The cast will do two rehearsals in late May/early June, then perform at all three services June 8th and 9th. There is zero musical talent required to join the cast, it is basically lip synching. You DO need some good energy and a willingness to put yourself out there in front of the world's most supportive audience (it is SO much fun!). Open to 6th grade and up.

# Writers Bible Study: Tuesdays April 30 and May 7, 14 & 21, 7:30pm at COL or online

Cast Rehearsals: Tuesdays May 28 (COL) and June 4 (CTK), 6pm Performance Weekend: June 8/9: 5pm, 8:30am, and 10am services

# **Children's Education**

Contact Michelle Aprahamian, c: 414-732-8615, email: michelle@unitybrookfield.org

**Join us for Sunday School!** We offer Sunday school at each of our worship times for children PreK-grade 6. ALL are welcome - whether you are a member, prospective member, or visitor! Interested in being part of our program? Register your child at Unitybrookfield.org.

**Sunday School - Cereal Collection starts next weekend and runs through June 2.** Sunday School kids will collect cereal boxes for the Waukesha Food Pantry during the month of May. Please drop them off in either narthex or bring them into church when you come to worship. We will have a Cereal Box Domino Run/ Cram the Van event on Sunday, June 2, at COL at 8:30 & 10:30 am and CTK at 9:30 am! You'll be helping our Sunday School kids beat last year's Domino Run of 477 boxes and helping them feed families in need in our community. Registration is LIVE for Vacation Bible School, June 17-20, 12:30-4:00pm (with

aftercare available until 5:00pm). Sign up online to be part of this year's VBS program: Primero Dios, Pasaporte Por El Salvador! It's another Playful with a Purpose VBS as we learn all about our partners in El Salvador. We will play, sing, eat, laugh, learn, craft, and pray. Invite your friends, neighbors, cousins, grandkids!

BE A VBS KID- completed a year of preschool through Grade 5

BE A CREW LEADER - completed Grade 6 through Sr. High

BE A SITE WORKER - college age through adults

Registration is on the church website under Sign Ups.

**First Communion for 3rd Graders this May: Classes May 9&16, Services May 18&19.** Celebrate this special milestone with your family and baptism sponsors the weekend of May 18-19, at the service time of your choice. **Classes are Thursdays, May 9 and May 16, 6:30-7:45pm at COL Campus.** If you are in 3rd grade or older and wish to celebrate your first communion, you are invited to join us for two classes to learn more about the sacrament of communion and importance of this family meal. During our time together, your child will also receive acolyte training. Please bring a parent with you to each of the classes. At our first class, your child will create a special chalice. Please bring a stemmed, clear, non-faceted wine glass (no etching or words) to class. Dollar Tree is a great resource for these glasses.

There is no sign up for class or First Communion. Just join us May 9th and 16th for class. If you have any questions, please reach out to Michelle Aprahamian. Watch for further communication via email for more details.

# Mark your Calendars:

Confirmation Bible Camp (for Year 1 Confirmation students) - June 23 - 28, 2024 VBS - June 17- 20, 2024 12:30 - 4:00 p.m. (with aftercare available until 5:00 p.m.) ECRT (for Year 2 Confirmation students) - July 9 - 12, 2024 Confirmation Weekend - September 14-15, 2024

#### **Servant Ministries**

Contact Jackie Herington, c: 262-501-6138, e: jackieswan10@icloud.com or Muriel Otto, e: muriel@unitybrookfield.org

Help with Aspen Center's "Manly" Craft Project, Sunday April 28, 12-1:30pm: Along with the weather (hopefully) warming up soon, so are our events with Aspen clients! On April 28th, we'll meet at Aspen from 12-1:30 for a craft project and then start working on gratitude journals. Ideas for prompts on what to write about and different types of journaling will be provided. During April and May, we'd LOVE to help Aspen with something that they requested last year - construction of two raised bed gardens in their backyard. And in early June, we'll be getting our hands dirty with our Aspen friends by planting pots of flowers and some veggies in those new garden beds! If you're interested in helping with ANY of these events/projects, please contact Cindy Boyd (dcboyd1985@sbcglobal.net or 262-424-3610) or talk to Pastor Muriel.

**Applications for Summer El Salvador Trip Due May 1.** Trip Dates: July 23-30, 2024. This is our yearly "relationship-building trip," which folks have described as part Vacation Bible School, part summer camp, part cultural immersion- type feel. We visit both our El Salvador partners, the urban Lutheran community Cordero de Dios and the rural Catholic community Rutilio Grande. We travel with great translators so Spanish is not required though of course is awesome. Backgrounds in camp ministry, education, youth, music or sports are especially helpful, but anyone is welcome to apply. Application is on our church website under signups and is due May 1. The trip is strenuous and not for everyone, but a big impact both directions if it is right for you. UNITY members will just pay their airfare and church will cover the rest of your expenses as a thank you for your service, otherwise cost is airfare + \$500 for food, lodging, transportation. Need-based scholarships always available. Always good to have a mix of first-time and returning travelers- talk to us if you could use help thinking it through! **Save the Date for Next February's El Salvador Health and Wellness Clinic Trip: February 15-22, 2025.** 

**Garden Work Party at Cross Lutheran, Saturday May 4th from 9am - Noon.** Help us shovel mulch, turn over beds, and get our partner church Cross Lutheran's community garden ready for the growing season...all while eating hot dogs and getting to know some of the members at this fascinating, multi-cultural, and always-history-making congregation! The perfect project for those who are looking to serve beyond their local community. Interested in going? Contact John Allar at johnallar@gmail.com. All ages welcome.

# Food Pantry Fundraiser: Online Auction begins May 1

Good news: Tickets to the Waukesha Food Pantry Fundraiser in CTK's Backyard on May 18 have sold out! Thanks to all who are attending! More good news: Bidding for Silent Auction items is available online beginning Wednesday, May 1 (see link below.). If you would like to donate to this partner as they celebrate 46 years of serving Waukesha County, or if you can help with Setup on Friday, May 17, at 4 pm or Saturday, May 18, at 8 am, or help with Cleanup on Saturday, May 18, at noon, please contact Ellen Vermillion at evermill61@gmail.com. Thank you for helping us feed hungry people! Link for online bidding:

https://waukeshafoodpantry.auctions.networkforgood.com/auctions/breakfast-club

# Save the Date for our next Blood Drive, Saturday, June 1, 7am-noon. Sign up is live on the church website.

**Ongoing Service Opportunities:** UNITY has standing volunteer "shifts" at various partners that we commit to covering as a church. Each one is coordinated by a different Unity member... each one has its own sign up page on the church website... and each one is an opportunity for you!

**Waukesha Food Pantry Food Distribution:** Each month, 4th Saturday, 9am-12pm; 5th Monday 5:45 - 8 pm.

**Serenity Inns Recovery Program Fellowship Dinners:** cook, deliver, or serve a meal for 12 residents. Each month,1st Sunday and 2nd Friday, 6 - 7pm. Kids welcome.

**Monthly Meal Prep for Partners:** Join an all-ages team of UNITY volunteers to mass meal prep for Hebron Housing shelter and Serenity Inns recovery program. Wednesday evenings preceding the second Friday most months of the program year.

#### **Property Needs**

Contact David Koenen, c: 414-559-6974, email: davidkoenen@wi.rr.com

Attention Lawn Mowers: The mowing season is here! Please use our online signup, live on the website, and let's get the roster full. Our mowers have been serviced, blades have been sharpened, and they are ready to go. All we need is "U"! If you need a tutorial or have any questions, contact Property Chair, David Koenen.

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with our Spring Outdoor Cleanups on Saturday 4/20 at both campuses! If you have any interest or time to help with things going forward or any questions, contact David Koenen at davidkoenen@wi.rr.com. Thanks to all for keeping our campuses looking clean and beautiful!

#### Worship & Music Opportunities

Children's Choirs, Contact Janet Day, c: 414-975-0286, e: janet@unitybrookfield.org Fellowship Choir, Contact Molly Pufall-Brown, c: 920-265-6881, e: <u>mpufall@gmail.com</u> Handbells & Praise Band, Contact Stacey Nordmeyer, c: 414-617-7673, e: staceynordmeyer72@icloud.com

All-Music Tuesdays at the COL campus. ALL are Welcome! Every Tuesday is our All-Music Group Rehearsal night. There are no auditions, come jump in! This is a great time to come and see what it's like. All the kids and adult vocal choirs meet in the Fellowship Hall. The Bell choirs meet in the Sanctuary. Rehearsals run through May 14 for most groups, before we break for the summer.

6:00 pm to 6:30 pm JOYFUL NOISE MUSIC MAKERS - PreK-Grade 1 6:30 pm to 7:15 pm CELEBRATION CHOIR - Grades 2-6 7:15 pm to 8:15 pm HOSANNA BELLS - Beginning to Intermediate Ringers 7:15 pm to 8:15 pm FELLOWSHIP CHOIR - Grade 7 – Adult 6:15 pm to 7:15 pm GLORIA DEI BELLS - Late Intermediate to Advanced Ringers

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**UNITY Member Care is always here for you.** You don't have to face life's ups and downs alone. Whether it's an unexpected hospitalization, a recent diagnosis, the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, addiction, anxiety, depression, or virtually anything else, the pastors are only a call, text, or email away. Please never hesitate to reach out -- whether we're the only stop you'll make or just the first step in a longer care process.

**Prayer Place cards-** If you have a prayer request that you would like included in the Prayers for Friends and Family section in the bulletin, there are cards available in the narthex near the bulletin board. You can fill out the request and pin it to the bulletin board there. You can fill out a card and place it in the basket and it will be included in the upcoming bulletin. These prayer requests will stay for 4 weeks and then if you need further prayer, repost as often as needed. Any questions, please contact Nancy by phone or email nancy@unitybrookfield.org

Partner we are praying for this month: American Red Cross Blood Drives

This weekend's communion breads were baked by Diane Kotula

# **Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members**

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

#### **Cross of Life Campus**

Jerry Buenger, Karen Beres, Bob Rusk, Becki Culhane, Debbie Horne, Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Ardyce Myhre, Paula Dryer, Marlene Jernberg, John Vaughan, Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Alyce Vollan, Barb Purnell, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

#### **Christ the King Campus**

Ann-Marie Bergman, Sharon Giessen, Gary Blaschke, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Kevin Nordmeyer, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Dave Rau

> We pray our prayers of sympathy for family and loved ones as they mourn the death of a loved one:

> > Christ the King Campus Ken Schneider

#### **Cross of Life Campus**

Shirley Widener, great aunt of Kim Klug

# **UNITY Prayer Place**

Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.

# April 27-28

Craig Driscoll (brain cancer), brother of Chris Driscoll Tony Susa (spinal cord injury) brother-in-law of Vivian Clark Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

#### April 20-21

Dwight Heaney (complications from surgery), brother of Christine Standley Carol Steinkraus (recovering from hip replacement surgery), mother of Sally Thomas Karen Key (fractured knee), sister-in-law of Jeff and Lynn Key Hubie Krawczyk (cancer), friend of Pat Dowling Ralph Phillips (lung cancer), uncle of Jolene Epding Elise Buchman & premie son (hospitalized), Niece/great-nephew of Karin & Peter Drescher

#### April 13-14

Eric (non Hodgkins lymphoma treatments), nephew of Diana Koenen Jim LaViolette (open heart surgery), brother of Jane Boorse Donna Funk (bladder cancer/liver issues), daughter of Pearl Haack Chris (cancer diagnosis), friend of Jeff Key Dawn (recovering from a serious infection), friend of Diana and David Koenen Roland Tocups (stage 4 pancreatic cancer, in hospice), friend of Denny Thompson

# April 6-7

Erika Foss (Brain & lung cancer), cousin of Karen Anderson Nancy Foss (Ovarian cancer), cousin of Karen Anderson Nicole (surgery recovery after cancer diagnosis), friend of Sara & Phil Roemaat Marguerite Braun (health concerns), mother of Nancy Kostanski

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, etc.) overseas and our military personnel: Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank

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	Janet Day, Molly Pufall-Brown
	Caitlin Dominski
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Worship Coordinator:	Jeff Key
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	Betty Bredemus
	Cheryl Caraulia, Jamie Niederbaumer
Worship Assistant:	
	Greg Buck
Communion Assistants:	
	Lynn Key
Musician:	Greg O'Connell
	Connor Lalor
Visual Projection:	
	Becki Culhane
Sunday School Leaders:	
Nursery:	Rachel Manganaro

COL 8:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, April 28, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders:	Melissa Bemus Jeanne & Greg Bonk, Kristin & Matt Jolliff Colleen King Greg O'Connell Mike Aprahamian
CTK 9:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, April 28, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders: Nursery:	Laurie Furness, Janet Brophey Ali Allar, Davy Allar David Koenen, Eric Godfrey Jolene Epding Sharon Giessen Linda Wilson, Patty Zais Patty Zais Janet Day Mary Huss Korrin Gumieny Jessica Loomis, John Allar Robin Nordstrom Melanie Stuber
COL 10:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, April 28, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader:	Sue & Dan Hastings Aubrey McDonald, Anden Nellis Carole Syse Fred Varin TJ Roche Sue Hastings Greg O'Connell Adrik Nellis Steve Brewer Kathy Kindler Jennifer Loverine, Kelly Shoff



# *The Sixth Weekend in Easter* New Member Welcome Weekend

# May 4-5, 2024

Saturday, May 4, 2024 5:00 pm COL

# Sunday, May 5, 2024 8:30 am COL 9:30 am CTK

unitybrookfield.org

Cross of Life Campus 20700 W. North Avenue Brookfield, WI 53045 Christ the King Campus 4600 Pilgrim Road Brookfield, WI 53005

(262) 781-7600

# WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH!

#### We're glad you're here today! UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.

- Children. Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- **Nursery.** Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- Sunday School. All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)

# • At UNITY, the Communion Table is:

- Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
- Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
- Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
- We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
- Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
- If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.
- **Pastors.** UNITY is currently served by two called pastors who are present at both campuses on a rotating basis. Most Saturdays, the weekend preacher is the pastor at that service. On Sundays, the preacher for the weekend travels to both campuses to share the message. Each of the other pastors is then based at one campus or another. This weekend Muriel Otto is at Cross of Life and Jim Ahlquist is at Christ the King. Sherrie Lorbeck is at a national church conference.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: <u>unitybrookfield.org</u> for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

**GIVING.** If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the COL narthex and by the bulletin board in the CTK narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay is also accepted. Thank you!

#### Prelude

"Be Thou My Vision" "Arise"

arr. Wyrtzen Praise Band (Online, 9:30) (5:00, 8:30, 10:30)

#### Words of Welcome

#### **Sharing the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Many: And also with you.

#### **Call to Worship**

- One: Today you start! Are you ready? OK...4, 3, 2, 1...
- Many: Knock Knock!
- One: Who's there?
- Many: The Interrupting Cow
- One: The Interrupting Cow wh-
- Many: MOOOOOOOOOO!
- One: Ok, that was terrible.
- Many: Terribly awesome you mean?
- One: Well, the joke is so terrible it IS kind of awesome. Being interrupted though, that's just terrible, or at least unpleasant.
- Many: When kids interrupt us we get distracted.
- One: When bosses interrupt us we feel diminished.
- Many: When friends interrupt us we might sigh...
- One: or even decide it isn't worth the effort to share our thoughts.
- Many: But what about when God is the one doing the interrupting?
- One: Holy interruptions do distract us, but in a good way...
- Many: taking our attention off ourselves and refocusing it on God.
- One: They diminish us, but in a good way...
- Many: reminding us we are part of something so much bigger than ourselves.
- One: They hush us up, but in a good way...
- Many: allowing us to finally hear the Voice that had been speaking all along.
- One: So how do we know which interruptions are the holy ones?
- Many: Ah, that's the real kicker: ANY interruption can be holy...IF we let it.
- One: May every interruption teach us to trust in a God whose plans are always better than our own.

<b>Opening Hymn</b>	"All Are Welcome"	ELW 641 vs. 1-4	(Online, 9:30)
	"Our Great God"	Praise Band	(5:00, 8:30, 10:30)

# Children's Message

# Greeting and Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

# Many: And also with you.

- One: Let us Pray. Still Speaking God, we love the sound of our own voice, and that is not a bad thing. We each have valuable insights only we can offer. But as much as we have to share, we have even more to learn. And so, though we may regret it, make this be our prayer today:
- Many: O God, interrupt our lives. Take our time, our busyness, our calendars, our plans, Bless them and break them. Flood them with neighbors and fill them with the in-breaking of your Holy Spirit. Interrupt human reality with divine purpose, and give us courage enough to not stand in the way. Through the power of that same Spirit we ask it. Amen.

#### The Washing of Holy Baptism Presentation of the Child

This weekend at the 5:00 service, we welcome Abigail Elizabeth Halbach. Abigail Elizabeth is presented by her parents, Caroline and Patrick, and her sponsors, Jessica Schrieber, and Alyssa & CJ Girdaukas.

Pastor: Who presents Abigail Elizabeth to receive the blessings of Holy Baptism? Parents & Sponsors: We do.

# **Role of the Parents and Sponsors**

One: In Christian love you have presented Abigail Elizabeth for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully care for her and help her in every way God gives you opportunity, that Abigail Elizabeth may bear witness to the faith we hold, and that, living in the covenant of her Baptism and in Communion with the people of God, she may lead a life of goodness and service until the day of Jesus Christ. Parents and sponsors, do you promise to fulfill these obligations? If so, please answer, "I do."

# Prayer

Pastor: Holy God, we give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

By the baptism of his own death and resurrection, your beloved Son, Jesus the Christ, has set us free from the final power of sin and death, and has opened the way to everlasting life. He made water a sign of cleansing and of birth into the family of God. As Jesus' followers, we do as he taught us, making disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit so that Abigail Elizabeth may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as your own sons and daughters, inheritors of your glorious kingdom.

All: Amen.

#### \*Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### The Baptism

#### **Baptismal Prayer**

- Pastor: Lord God, we give you thanks for freeing your children from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy washing. Pour your Holy Spirit upon Abigail Elizabeth: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and respect for the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.
- All: Amen.

#### The Mark of Christ

Abigail Elizabeth, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

#### Presentation of the Baptismal Candle

One: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

#### Greeting of the Child by the Congregation

- Pastor: Through Baptism, God has made this sister of ours a member of the ministry of reconciliation we all share in Christ Jesus. May we proclaim the greatness and love of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.
- People: Abigail Elizabeth, we welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly father, and a worker with us in the Kingdom of God. Amen.

Pastor: Peace be with you.

Parents & Sponsors: Peace be with you.

# Anthem"Come, Christians, Join to Sing" arr. F. Thomas Simpson (8:30, 10:30)Gloria Dei Handbell Choir; Stacey Nordmeyer, Director"The Creation Story"Celebration Choir; Janet Day, Director

Acclamation of the Word	"Shine, Jesus Shine"	ELW 671 vs. 1
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Reading Acts 10:44-48

Last week Philip was surprised to find great faith in what seemed like an unlikely source: a eunuch from Ethiopia. As we continue in the Book of Acts, now it is Peter's turn to be surprised, along with the crowd: even non-Jews are filled with the Holy Spirit! Peter's mid-sermon recovery is sound advice always: when the Spirit starts moving, it is best not to stand in the way!

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

One: The Word of the Lord! Many: Thanks be to God

Message	"Holy Interruptions"	Muriel Otto
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#### Hymn of the Day / Baptismal Hymn

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"	WOV 767	(Online, 5:00, 9:30)
"How Firm a Foundation"	Praise Band	(8:30, 10:30)

#### The Prayers of the People

- One: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. *(Congregation response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer.")*
- Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- Many: Amen.

#### **Announcements and Offering**

#### **Prayer for New Members**

One: This is our church...

- Many: We make it what it is. It will be friendly, if we are friendly. It will do great work, if we work. It will be generous, if we are generous. It will be a church where people grow in faith and serve God, if we are open to such growth and service.
- One: This is our church, but it is even more so the church of Jesus Christ.

Many: O God, may we do all these things with the lightness that comes from knowing your grace and the joy that comes from being in your presence. As we welcome these new members into our midst, may they be blessed even as they bless us, and may we work together to make your ways real on earth as they are in heaven. Amen.

**Offertory Response** (as gifts are brought forward) "Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks" WOV 671

#### **Prayer of Thanks**

One<sup>.</sup> Let us pray. Merciful Father,

We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us... Manv: ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

- The Lord be with you. Pastor:
- Many: And also with you.
- Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
- We lift them to the Lord. Manv:
- Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. Pastor:
- Manv: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### Words of Institution

#### The Lord's Prayer (Ecumenical)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

#### **Communion Meditation**

"Here I Am to Worship"	Praise Band	(5:00, 8:30, 10:30)
"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"	arr. Carter	(9:30)

#### **Post Communion Blessing** Spoken Response: Amen.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us One<sup>.</sup> through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Amen. Many:

#### Benediction

#### Sending Hymn

"Because He Lives"	Praise Band	(5:00, 8:30, 10:30)
"To Be Your Presence"	ELW 546, vs. 1, 2, 4	(Online, 9:30)

#### Dismissal

One<sup>.</sup> Go in peace, serve the Lord! Manv: Thanks be to God!

#### Postlude

"Praise My Soul the King of Heaven" "Because He Lives (Reprise)"

arr Smith Praise Band

(Online, 9:30) (5:00, 8:30, 10:30) We welcome the following who are becoming a part of UNITY this weekend. Introduce yourself to them and see what things you might share in common.

We pray that we may be a blessing to each of them as they bless us with their presence and gifts off the Spirit.

# BRAY, Jon & Katie (Betsy, June & Ada)

We live in Brookfield with our three daughters: Betsy (8), June (6) and Ada (3). We met and were married in Milwaukee and then moved to Chicago where we spent 10 years. We moved back home in 2020 and have been enjoying meeting so many new people. Jon leads the Strategy function for CCC Intelligent Solutions, a software company based in Chicago. Katie is an Accountant, currently focused on raising our three daughters. As a family we enjoy biking, hiking and doing anything active in nature. We love to travel, play tennis, and cook family meals. We look forward to being a part of UNITY!

# BRESKE, Randy & MCMAHON, Janet

By the grace of God, Janet and Randy found each other after losing their spouses to illness much too soon. Together for 5 years now, they sold their respective homes in Wauwatosa and moved to Brookfield over a year ago. Janet has 2 married sons and 2 grandsons. Randy has 3 married sons and 8 grandchildren with #9 expected soon! Both are retired; Janet's career was in public health and non-profit leadership and Randy held leadership roles in the commercial lighting industry. They enjoy theater, concerts, reading, the gym, road-trips, time at their lake home in Lake Tomahawk, hiking, paddle boarding, and snowshoeing. Finding a church home together has been important to their new life journey and they are excited about the energy and spirit at UNITY.

# EDWARDS, Dawn (Emma & Sara)

We were members of Wellington Park Lutheran Church and I was the church president. We enjoyed helping so many people that were in need with our clothing giveaway and our food pantry. When our church closed at the end of last year, we wanted to go to a church close to home. We moved to Brookfield in December of 2021. My son Steven just got married to his beautiful bride Claire in December of 2023. They live in Menasha. Emma and Sara were both junior bridesmaids. My husband Matthew is a tow truck driver. I work in Customer Service for a Pet distribution center. Emma is going to be graduating 5th grade this year from Burleigh Elementary. Sara is in 3rd grade. Right now our excitement is working on getting the vegetable garden going and re-doing the flower beds in the front of the house. During the summer on the weekends, we enjoy going out on our pontoon boat, fishing, and swimming. I enjoy taking sunset pictures while we are out there. If we are not on our boat, you most likely would find us in the backyard sitting by the fire, enjoying the family.

# LUNAK, Zac & Jordan (Bradley, Logan, Hollis & Fiona)

We live in Brookfield with our four kids: Bradley (10), Logan (8), Hollis (5) and Fiona (2). We are originally from North Dakota but fell in love with the Milwaukee area after attending Marquette University for graduate school. Jordan is a Dentist and teaches at Marquette University School of Dentistry and practices at a private practice in Waukesha. Zac is a Clinical Associate Professor in Biomedical Sciences at University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. We keep busy traveling around to all the kids' sports and activities. We like to spend time with family outdoors and traveling. And of course, cheer on our favorite Wisconsin sports teams!

# MIESFELD, Joel & Julie (Sophie, Ellie, Roslyn & Clara)

We are excited to be setting down roots in Brookfield! Our oldest daughters were baptized at UNITY, and we return to UNITY after a 6-year stint in California. Joel is an Assistant Professor at the Medical College of Wisconsin and Julie is a Physical Therapist at Froedtert. We spend most of our time these days trying to keep up with our four active daughters – Sophie (13), Ellie (12), Roslyn (9) and Clara (7) – in whatever sports, plays, dance recitals they happen to be in. We look forward to being a part of the UNITY family!

# TOUSSAINT, John & Jamie (Eloise, Genevieve & Josephine)

Jamie and John moved to Brookfield in August of 2022 with their 3 kids – Eloise (16), Genevieve (14) and Josephine (9) – and are excited to be back in the Midwest. They met and were married in Chicago, but spent the past 8 years living in Colorado. Eloise is very involved in the theatre program at BC where she is a sophomore. Ginny is an 8th grader at WHMS who participates in theatre, forensics, choir and soccer. Josie is a 3rd grader at BrookEl who keeps busy with basketball, Brownies and dance, and has recently started climbing classes. John is a Project Executive with Gilbane and Jamie is a stay-at-home mom who is involved in all sorts of various volunteer opportunities at the girl's schools. As a family, they love camping, hiking, time on and in the water, loud game nights, and craziness with their two dogs, Winnie and Roo.

# VREELAND, Joan

We were members of Wellington Park from 1960 until it closed in December of last year. In that time I was head of Altar Guild, and had a clothing pantry for which my husband would bring a truckload of clothes from Sussex twice a week that would be given away the first Saturday of each month. I also helped out with our medical supply and food pantries. I was a member of the Church Council for more years than I can remember, and we were Stephen Ministers. We were married at Wellington Park and our children were all baptized there.

**New Member Welcome Weekend!!** This weekend we welcome our Spring 2024 New Members. We have 7 new households who are joining, so let's wrap them up in our UNITY arms! They come to us from a variety of locations and backgrounds, and have already been blessing us with their joy, faith, and good humor. Pray for them as they mark this milestone with their new faith family. May it be the beginning of a long and fruitful journey- for them and for us all! Questions? Contact our Invite/New Member Chair, Anna Jansson, at ajansson8@gmail.com.

# **Connecting in the Future: From John Horner-Ibler**

My last day on the UNITY payroll was April 30. After that fact, I am still alive and always interested in your lives. What I am not, after that date, is one of your called pastors. I encourage you to be in touch with Sherrie, Muriel (and Jim in the pastoral care area) for any ministry needs. That request carries forward to future interim pastors and especially to those people who will be called as your future settled pastors. Love them deeply, lift them in your prayers, and depend on them to help lead, serve, and care for you as your pastors. Personal connection is not a problem. If you want to be in touch, here's my info:

Mailing address: 5811 Hacker Drive, West Bend, WI 53095

E-mail address: johnhorneribler@gmail.com

Cell phone: 414-313-9380

Love to all and special prayers for our Call Team, Council and future candidates. And to all, keep Jesus' humility and love at the center of your week and dreams.

 $\sim$  John

*Keep Connecting with Us!* Despite being "down" a pastor, we are no less here for you! Please continue to reach out to us at any time.

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Don't know who to contact? Call our Church Office at 262-781-7600. Often times they can assist you with your needs. If not, you will be directed to the proper person. The important thing is to stay in touch with us!

Forum This Sunday, May 5th, 9:30 AM COL - Allen Krueger will share with us all about computer safety and how we can guard our information and identity.

Sr. High Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction - *THANK YOU!* to all who helped make this a successful event by donating and bidding on silent auction items, helping with serving, set up, clean up, and all the many facets of this event! All proceeds benefit our Sr. High Summer Trip to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this July! If you purchased an item in the auction and have not yet picked it up, it will be on a table in the Fellowship Hall. If you need to pay for your item yet, payment can be made online, or contact Matt Griepentrog with questions. Thank you!

# Time & Talent 2024: Get or stay connected in our UNITY community.

Take a picture or use the QR code reader on your phone to access our Time & Talent document. Once there, hover over any item and an explanation bubble will tell you more. T & T makes it possible for you to contribute your time and talent to Christ's ministries in this place. It also allows you to be included in things like bible studies and groups that can feed your soul. Giving and receiving is our collective lifeline as a congregation. Thank you for prayerfully considering your important part in the whole.



**Sponsors Needed each week for Altar Flowers at both campuses!** All the details you need are on the SignUp Genius and the 2024 calendar is available on our webpage. This is a convenient way to choose a weekend and campus at any time, and the cost is only \$25 (payable by check or online). We have several volunteers who are responsible for arranging a beautiful vase of flowers on your given weekend. You can take flowers home at the end of the weekend's last service, but please return the vase as soon as you can. Keep them watered and you can enjoy them another week or two!

Sr. High and Young Adults

Contact Sherrie Lorbeck, c:414-477-7762 email: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org

Thanks so much to everyone who bought Spring flowers and who supported our Silent Auction and Spaghetti Dinner! We so appreciate it! Thank you so much to all our Youth and Adults who were able to make this year's Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction happen! Every bit helps toward our Summer trip to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

This Sunday, May 5th, at COL from 6:00 - 7:30 - come and see what's in store for you!

Watch for more, but we'll plan to meet on Sunday, May 19th, at COL from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.. (Celebrate your Mom on Mother's Day on Sunday, May 12th and with your family over Memorial Day weekend!)

For all our Graduating Seniors, (and those graduating from college or other degree programs), please email PSher, Sherrie@unitybrookfield.org, a picture of when you were young and a senior picture, along with any details about where you are graduating from, what your plans are and/or if you know what you'd like to study, if going to college.

**Graduate Recognition - Weekend of June 1st-2nd, all services.** Graduates - we plan on recognizing you at whatever service you attend that weekend. Parents, if you have college graduates as well, please send us your graduate's information to lynn@unitybrookfield.org

## **Adult Programs**

Contact: Susie Sprecher, c: 262-227-1558 email: <u>wisbadger19@gmail.com</u> or Matt Griepentrog, c: 262-787-8829, e: matt@unitybrookfield.org

## Watch for this upcoming adult forum:

May 19th, 9:30 AM COL - Orcas Island Retreat Presentation - Hear from the travelers of the Orcas Island Retreat and see pictures from their adventures with Pastor Muriel!

**Lunch Bunch -** Join us the second Wednesday of each month at 11:30 am at Maxim's. (18025 W. Capitol Drive in Brookfield.) The next meeting is May 8. Everyone is welcome, no matter your age or stage: younger, older, singles, couples, regular or occasional. Just show up because the nice thing about Maxim's is that seating is endlessly expandable. And, if you have any questions before you come, Esther McKee is your point person: (262) 246-6443.

UNITY's Moms Group Spring/Summer Schedule: Third Thursdays in the backyard at Christ the King. 5:30-7pm, dinner and childcare provided. Moms of all ages and stages welcome as we talk, eat, laugh, cry, support, pray. Kids can be in the backyard or in the nursery with sitters. Spring/summer dates: May 16, June 20 (after VBS family dinner), July 18, August 15.

Men's Third Saturday Breakfast happens Saturday, May 18, 7:30-9:00 am at COL campus. We get together, survive our own cooking and talk about the readings used in worship that weekend. Never tried it out? Been part of it for years? Either way, how about joining us on May 18th? We will take a break for the summer, and resume on Saturday, September 21st.

Join the Cast of Jesus Karaoke! Once again UNITY has a spring musical in the works, a new version of last year's Jesus Karaoke show. Join the cast as singers, readers, or tech support. The cast will do two rehearsals in late May/early June, then perform at all three services June 8th and 9th. There is zero musical talent required to join the cast, it is basically lip synching. You DO need some good energy and a willingness to put yourself out there in front of the world's most supportive audience (it is SO much fun!). Open to 6th grade and up. Want to learn more about the Bible stories and help choose the music? Be part of the Sunday Bible study at COL May 12, 9:30am.

Bible Study: Sunday May 12, 9:30am (COL) Cast Rehearsals: Tuesdays May 28 (COL) and June 4 (CTK), 6pm Performance Weekend: June 8/9: 5pm, 8:30am, and 10am services

## **Children's Education**

Contact Michelle Aprahamian, c: 414-732-8615, email: michelle@unitybrookfield.org

**Join us for Sunday School!** We offer Sunday school at each of our worship times for children PreK-grade 6. ALL are welcome - whether you are a member, prospective member, or visitor! Interested in being part of our program? Register your child at Unitybrookfield.org.

**Sunday School - Cereal Collection starts this weekend and runs through June 2.** Sunday School kids will collect cereal boxes for the Waukesha Food Pantry during the month of May. Please drop them off in either narthex or bring them into church when you come to worship. We will have a Cereal Box Domino Run/ Cram the Van event on Sunday, June 2, at COL at 8:30 & 10:30 am and CTK at 9:30 am! You'll be helping our Sunday School kids beat last year's Domino Run of 477 boxes and helping them feed families in need in our community.

Sunday School Ends June 1-2; ABC Summer Sunday School begins June 23 We'll top off the year with ice cream sundaes during Sunday School on June 1-2 at both campuses. Then ... ABC Summer Sunday School will be held during Sunday services from June 23 to August 25: 8:30 am at COL and 10:00 am at CTK. Designed for kids in Pre-K to Grade 3, each week celebrates a new letter of the alphabet through Bible stories, crafts, games, activities, and a snack. There's NO sign up; just show up! Remember: friends and guests are always invited to join us for ABC Summer Sunday School!

**Registration is LIVE for Vacation Bible School, June 17-20, 12:30-4:00pm** (with aftercare available until 5:00pm). Sign up online to be part of this year's VBS program: Primero Dios, Pasaporte Por El Salvador! It's another Playful with a Purpose VBS as we learn all about our partners in El Salvador. We will play, sing, eat, laugh, learn, craft, and pray. Invite your friends, neighbors, cousins, grandkids! BE A VBS KID- completed a year of preschool through Grade 5 BE A CREW LEADER - completed Grade 6 through Sr. High BE A SITE WORKER - college age through adults Registration is on the church website under Sign Ups.

**First Communion for 3rd Graders this May: Classes May 9&16, Services May 18&19.** Celebrate this special milestone with your family and baptism sponsors the weekend of May 18-19, at the service time of your choice. **Classes are Thursdays, May 9 and May 16, 6:30-7:45pm at COL Campus.** If you are in 3rd grade or older and wish to celebrate your first communion, you are invited to join us for two classes to learn more about the sacrament of communion and importance of this family meal. During our time together, your child will also receive acolyte training. Please bring a parent with you to each of the classes. At our first class, your child will create a special chalice. Please bring a stemmed, clear, non-faceted wine glass (no etching or words) to class. Dollar Tree is a great resource for these glasses. There is no sign up for class or First Communion. Just join us May 9th and 16th for class. If you have any questions, please reach out to Michelle Aprahamian. Watch for further communication via email for more details.

## Mark your Calendars:

Confirmation Bible Camp (for Year 1 Confirmation students) - June 23 - 28, 2024 VBS - June 17- 20, 2024 12:30 - 4:00 p.m. (with aftercare available until 5:00 p.m.) ECRT (for Year 2 Confirmation students) - July 9 - 12, 2024 Confirmation Weekend - September 14-15, 2024

#### **Servant Ministries**

Contact Jackie Herington, c: 262-501-6138, e: jackieswan10@icloud.com or Muriel Otto, e: muriel@unitybrookfield.org

**Rutilio Grande finishing construction on their new elementary school roof!** Your funds shared in our Lent offering this spring are already being put to work in El Salvador! THe Rutilio Grande community has been sharing weekly updates on their progress... check out Unity and Rutilio's facebook pages to see action shots and- soon- celebration of the final product. What a joy! May their example of community and practical blessing of neighbor continue to lift us up along with them.

Aspen Recovery Center Looking for Gently Used Fishing, Sporting Equipment, and Yard Games. The staff of the residential recovery program at Aspen are hoping to organize some outside recreation time for residents and looking for some help with supplies! Does anyone have gently used fishing and sporting equipment they'd be willing to donate? Here is their list: fishing poles, tackle boxes, fishing line, weights, lures, pliers, hooks of various sizes, a net... Softballs, gloves, footballs, basketballs... Corn hole or other yard games. Drop off at either church by June 1.

**During May, we'd LOVE to help Aspen with something that they requested last year - construction of two raised bed gardens in their backyard.** And in early June, we'll be getting our hands dirty with our Aspen friends by planting pots of flowers and some veggies in those new garden beds! If you're interested in helping with ANY of these events/projects, please contact Cindy Boyd (dcboyd1985@sbcglobal.net or 262-424-3610) or talk to Pastor Muriel.

**Food Pantry Fundraiser: Online Auction began May 1 -** Good news: Tickets to the Waukesha Food Pantry Fundraiser in CTK's Backyard on May 18 have sold out! Thanks to all who are attending! More good news: Bidding for Silent Auction items is available online beginning Wednesday, May 1 (see link below.). If you would like to donate to this partner as they celebrate 46 years of serving Waukesha County, or if you can help with Setup on Friday, May 17, at 4 pm or Saturday, May 18, at 8 am, or help with Cleanup on Saturday, May 18, at noon, please contact Ellen Vermillion at evermill61@gmail.com. Thank you for helping us feed hungry people! Link for online bidding: *https://waukeshafoodpantry.auctions.networkforgood.com/auctions/breakfast-club* 

Save the Date for our next Blood Drive, Saturday, June 1, 7am-noon. Sign up is live on the church website.

**Ongoing Service Opportunities:** UNITY has standing volunteer "shifts" at various partners that we commit to covering as a church. Each one is coordinated by a different Unity member... each one has its own sign up page on the church website... and each one is an opportunity for you!

**Waukesha Food Pantry Food Distribution:** Each month, 4th Saturday, 9am-12pm; 5th Monday 5:45 - 8 pm.

**Serenity Inns Recovery Program Fellowship Dinners:** cook, deliver, or serve a meal for 12 residents. Each month, 1st Sunday and 2nd Friday, 6 - 7pm. Kids welcome.

**Monthly Meal Prep for Partners:** Join an all-ages team of UNITY volunteers to mass meal prep for Hebron Housing shelter and Serenity Inns recovery program. Wednesday evenings preceding the second Friday most months of the program year.

## Worship & Music Opportunities

Children's Choirs, Contact Janet Day, c: 414-975-0286, e: janet@unitybrookfield.org Fellowship Choir, Contact Molly Pufall-Brown, c: 920-265-6881, e: mpufall@gmail.com Handbells & Praise Band, Contact Stacey Nordmeyer, c: 414-617-7673, e: staceynordmeyer72@icloud.com

All-Music Tuesdays at the COL campus. ALL are Welcome! Every Tuesday is our All-Music Group Rehearsal night. There are no auditions, come jump in! All the kids and adult vocal choirs meet in the Fellowship Hall. The Bell choirs meet in the Sanctuary. Rehearsals run through May 7 before we break for the summer.

6:00 pm to 6:30 pm JOYFUL NOISE MUSIC MAKERS - PreK-Grade 1

6:30 pm to 7:15 pm CELEBRATION CHOIR - Grades 2-6

7:15 pm to 8:15 pm HOSANNA BELLS - Beginning to Intermediate Ringers

7:15 pm to 8:15 pm FELLOWSHIP CHOIR - Grade 7 – Adult

6:15 pm to 7:15 pm GLORIA DEI BELLS - Late Intermediate to Advanced Ringers

# "All Music Tuesdays" End of Year Celebration May 21st starting at 5:30!

On Tuesday, May 21st starting at 5:30 pm in the CTK backyard we will have a celebration before we break for summer for the musicians (and their families) who so lovingly shared their gifts of music in worship. Please join us! We will have food and beverages, and you are welcome to bring a side or dessert to share. Contact Lynn Key, Director of Music Ministry with questions at Lynn@unitybrookfield.org or by phone/text at 414-507-5888. Thanks for faithfully sharing your musical gifts with UNITY!

#### **Property Needs**

Contact David Koenen, c: 414-559-6974, email: davidkoenen@wi.rr.com

Attention Lawn Mowers: The mowing season is here! Please use our online signup, live on the website, and let's get the roster full. Our mowers have been serviced, blades have been sharpened, and they are ready to go. All we need is "U"! If you need a tutorial or have any questions, contact Property Chair, David Koenen.

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with our Spring Outdoor Cleanups on Saturday 4/20 at both campuses and the CTK backyard work day on Saturday 5/4! If you have any interest or time to help with things going forward or any questions, contact David Koenen at davidkoenen@wi.rr.com. Thanks to all for keeping our campuses looking clean and beautiful!

# **UNITY Member Care**

Contact: Jim Ahlquist, Minister of Member Care, e: jim@unitybrookfield.org, c: 715-210-2245 Sherrie Lorbeck, sherrie@unitybrookfield.org, c: 414-477-7762 Muriel Otto, e: muriel@unitybrookfield.org, c: 712-254-6515

# Grief Group on May 15 & 22: 6:30-8:00 pm at COL

*When Life Isn't the Same* .... If you have lost a spouse or a parent or someone else close to you, the grieving doesn't end after the funeral. We invite you to a safe space where you can share more about where you are at in your journey ... learn more about the stages of grief ... and get help finding your way through what you need most for the road ahead.

We invite you to join us for our Grief Group, held two Wednesdays, May 15 & 22, from 6:30-8:00 pm at our Cross of Life campus. If possible, attending both evenings is helpful. These gatherings will be led by Pastor Jim Ahlquist and Pastor Sherrie Lorbeck. If this is the right time for you, or if someone you know could benefit from being a part of this, please RSVP to Jim at jim@unitybrookfield.org or 715-210-2245.

**UNITY Member Care is always here for you.** You don't have to face life's ups and downs alone. Whether it's an unexpected hospitalization, a recent diagnosis, the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, addiction, anxiety, depression, or virtually anything else, the pastors are only a call, text, or email away. Please never hesitate to reach out -- whether we're the only stop you'll make or just the first step in a longer care process.

**Prayer Place cards-** If you have a prayer request that you would like included in the Prayers for Friends and Family section in the bulletin, there are cards available in the narthex near the bulletin board. You can fill out the request and pin it to the bulletin board there. You can fill out a card and place it in the basket and it will be included in the upcoming bulletin. These prayer requests will stay for 4 weeks and then if you need further prayer, repost as often as needed. Any questions, please contact Nancy by phone or email nancy@unitybrookfield.org

Partner we are praying for this month: Serenity Inns

Thank you to Jane Dowling for arranging the altar flowers this weekend

This weekend's communion breads were baked by Kelsey Morrison

# **Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members**

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

## **Cross of Life Campus**

Jerry Buenger, Karen Beres, Bob Rusk, Debbie Horne, Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Ardyce Myhre, Paula Dryer, Marlene Jernberg, John Vaughan, Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Alyce Vollan, Barb Purnell, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

## Christ the King Campus

Lois Garms, Ann-Marie Bergman, Sharon Giessen, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Kevin Nordmeyer, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Dave Rau

> We give a prayer of thanksgiving for the baptism of: Abigail Elizabeth Halbach

We give a prayer of thanksgiving for the renewed health of: Becki Culhane and Gary Blaschke

> We celebrate the marriage of: Alexis Canitz and Nick Mussoline

We give a prayer of thanksgiving for the birth of: Magdalena Massis to Madison (Aprahamian) & Ivan Arredondo

# **UNITY Prayer Place**

Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.

## May 4-5

Nicole (surgery recovery after cancer diagnosis), friend of Sara & Phil Roemaat

# April 27-28

Craig Driscoll (brain cancer), brother of Chris Driscoll Tony Susa (spinal cord injury) brother-in-law of Vivian Clark Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

# April 20-21

Dwight Heaney (complications from surgery), brother of Christine Standley Carol Steinkraus (recovering from hip replacement surgery), mother of Sally Thomas Karen Key (fractured knee), sister-in-law of Jeff and Lynn Key Hubie Krawczyk (cancer), friend of Pat Dowling Ralph Phillips (lung cancer), uncle of Jolene Epding Elise Buchman & premie son (hospitalized), Niece/great-nephew of Karin & Peter Drescher

# April 13-14

Eric (non Hodgkins lymphoma treatments), nephew of Diana Koenen Jim LaViolette (open heart surgery), brother of Jane Boorse Donna Funk (bladder cancer/liver issues), daughter of Pearl Haack Chris (cancer diagnosis), friend of Jeff Key Dawn (recovering from a serious infection), friend of Diana and David Koenen Roland Tocups (stage 4 pancreatic cancer, in hospice), friend of Denny Thompson

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, etc.) overseas and our military personnel: Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank

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Online	Ministers for May 4-5, 2024
Worship Assistant: Reader	Mary Huss Pete Meiklejohn
	Janet Day, Molly Pufall-Brown
	Caitlin Dominski
COL 5:00 p.m.	Ministers for Saturday, May 4, 2024
Worship Coordinator:	Lynn Key
	Lori Collins, Sue Fisher
	Betty Bredemus
	Mary Jo & Jim Eggert
Worship Assistant:	
Reader:	Jessica Schrieber
Communion Assistants:	Karen Mischuk, Sue Fisher
	Kim Urchell
Musician:	Praise Band
Sound:	Kevin Nordmeyer
Visual Projection:	
Song Leader:	
Sunday School Leaders:	Phil Roemaat
Nursery:	Kaleigh Jolliff

COL 8:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, May 5, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders: Nursery:	Darcy & Jan Constable Mackenzie Kiefer, Lucas Conway Sally & Eric Thomas Mike Aprahamian Jenny Hauser Erica Pergande, Matt Kamenick, Darcy & Jan Constable Matt Kamenick Praise Band Kevin Nordmeyer David Kapitan
CTK 9:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, May 5, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders: Nursery:	Marge & Jerry Kipp Evelyn Burmeister, Robby Burmeister Rob Burmeister, Neal Borkenhagen Barb Borkenhagen Bret Berglund Barb Patterson, Holly Zorzin Julie Smith Janet Day Aaron Prohuska Jeff Stark Korrin Gumieny, Emily McFadden Ali Allar Mary Huss
COL 10:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, May 5, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader:	Caroline Roland, Tara Sanicola Dexter Welch Melanie Varin Steve Brewer Carole Syse Praise Band Kevin Nordmeyer Trent Reay Praise Band Jamie Toussaint, Jean Qualmann-Anderson



The Seventh Weekend in Easter

May 11-12, 2024

Saturday, May 11, 2024 5:00 pm COL

Sunday, May 12, 2024 8:30 am COL 9:30 am CTK 10:30 am COL

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#### WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH! We're glad you're here today! UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.

- Children. Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- **Nursery.** Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- Sunday School. All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)

## • At UNITY, the Communion Table is:

- Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
- Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
- Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
- We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
- Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
- If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.
- **Pastors.** UNITY is currently served by two called pastors who are present at both campuses on a rotating basis. Most Saturdays, the weekend preacher is the pastor at that service. On Sundays, the preacher for the weekend travels to both campuses to share the message. Each of the other pastors is then based at one campus or another. This weekend Dave Patterson, a member of UNITY and retired ELCA pastor, is at Cross of Life on Saturday. On Sunday, Muriel Otto is at Cross of Life and Sherrie Lorbeck is at Christ the King. Our preacher this Sunday is Pastor Eric Silberschmidt, who will be joining our staff next week as a transition pastor. Welcome to both our guest preachers!

**WELCOME VISITORS!** If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: <u>unitybrookfield.org</u> for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

**GIVING.** If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the COL narthex and by the bulletin board in the CTK narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay is also accepted. Thank you!

## Prelude

"On Eagles' Wings"	arr. Ferguson	(Online, 9:30)
"You Are Crowned with Many Crowns"	Sellers, arr. Mark Hayes	(5:00, 8:30, 10:30)

## Words of Welcome

## **Sharing the Peace**

- Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- Many: And also with you.

## **Call to Worship**

- One: Here we are, gathered together in the house of the Lord.
- Many: When we gather like this, we call it a worship "service."
- One: But who is doing the serving? We all do some...
- Many: Some serve by setting the altar...
- One: Others make coffee, bring treats, read Scripture, pass plates, greet guests...
- Many: All of us add our voice to songs and our best intentions to prayer.
- One: But when Martin Luther changed the name from "mass" to "service" in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, it wasn't OUR service he was talking about.
- Many: First and foremost, the one doing the serving is God.
- One: In worship God serves us with lavish gifts:
- Many: Songs of encouragement, words of guidance, food for our souls...
- One: God serves us in the hope we will eventually respond, and share all we've been given. That's OUR service.

## Many: But God's service is primary. God always makes the first move.

- One: You are here today as God's guest of honor.
- Many: May God grant us great openness today... to receive everything God longs to give us.
- One: For the next hour, may we rest from all the trials of the week past and the week to come. Whatever we brought in that door, whatever burdens we carry

Many: may we lay them all down as we send our praises all up!

# **Opening Hymn**

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"	ELW 392 vs. 1-3	(5:00, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30)
"That Easter Day with Joy was Bright"	ELW 384 vs. 1, 2, 4	4 (Online)

Anthem"Singabahambayo Thina"arr. John HigginsLive at 10:30Joyful Noise & Celebration Choirs(Online, Recording 5:00, 8:30, 9:30)Janet Day, Director; Lynn Key, Piano; Patrick Halbach, Drums

## **Children's Message**

## Greeting and Prayer of the Day

- Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!
- Many: And also with you.
- One: Let us Pray. O God who gathers us in,
- Many: With you there are no accidents, so we trust there is a reason you brought us here today. Now carve out a space within us to receive whatever you have for us. May anything that would block your path to us be pushed aside. May anything within us that creates impediment be set aside. Use our time here to find us, forgive us, feed us, and fill us, so we can leave this place having been made new. We ask it in the name of the One who turned death into life, Jesus Christ our Risen Lord. Amen.

**Gospel / Acclamation of the Word** *"Shine, Jesus Shine"* ELW 671 vs. 1

## Sunday Reading Acts 1:1-11

The Book of Acts is a sequel to the Gospels, picking up where they leave off the story after Jesus' resurrection. This is the very beginning of Acts, and a transition text that concludes Jesus' earthly ministry with his ascension to heaven and foreshadows next week's arrival of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. And so as this Easter season draws to a close the baton passes to us: we have seen resurrection, now it is time to live resurrection!

[Luke writes:] <sup>1</sup>In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

One: The Word of the Lord! Many: Thanks be to God

## Saturday Gospel John 17:6-19

Although it is out of order in the storyline, for this week that celebrates the end of the Easter season and Jesus' Ascension into heaven our lectionary reading goes back to John 17. The disciples and Jesus are all in the upper room for the last supper, Judas has just left, and in the next chapter Jesus will be arrested. But first he gives final instructions to the disciples, prays for himself to be able to finish the task God has sent him, and then he prays for his present and future followers, including us. Here is part of his farewell prayer.

One: The Gospel according to John, the seventeenth chapter.

### Many: Glory to you O, Lord.

[Jesus prayed:] 6"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. 7Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup> for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. 9I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup>I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

One: The Gospel of the Lord! Many: Praise to you, O Christ.

#### Message

Saturday	"Moms - A Reflection of God's Love"	Dave Patterson
Online	"The One Who Wasn't Chosen"	Muriel Otto
Sunday	"So What are you looking at?"	Eric Silberschmidt

## Hymn of the Day

I Come with Joy"	ELW 482 vs. 1-4	(All Services)
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## The Prayers of the People

One: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

(Congregation response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer.")

Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Many: Amen.

## **Announcements and Offering**

# **Offertory Response** (as gifts are brought forward)

"Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks" WOV 671

## **Prayer of Thanks**

One: Let us pray. Blessed are you,

Many: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

- Pastor: The Lord be with you.
- Many: And also with you.
- Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
- Many: We lift them to the Lord.
- Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## Words of Institution

#### The Lord's Prayer (traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

## **Communion Meditation**

"Jesus Loves Me"	arr. Michael Fischer	(5:00, 8:30, 10:30)
"Gentle, Like Jesus"	Roger Copeland	(9:30)

## Post Communion Blessing Spoken Response: Amen.

## **Prayer after Communion**

One:	Let us pray. O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us
	this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us
	to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry,
	through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Many: Amen.

### Benediction

Sending Hy "Crown	y <b>mn</b> Him with Many Crowns"	ELW 855, vs. 1, 3, 4, 5	(All Services)
Dismissal One: Many:	Go in peace, serve the Lord! Thanks be to God!		

## Postlude

"Great Is the Lord"	Michael W. Smith	(Online, 9:30)
"Crown Him With Many Crowns"	arr. Steven Scott	(5:00, 8:30, 10:30)

# Meet Pastor Eric Silberschmidt!

When Pastor Eric Silberschmidt joins UNITY as a Transition Pastor on May 14, 2024, he will bring with him more than three decades of pastoral experience with the Greater Milwaukee Synod.

Most notably he served for 20 years (2001-2021) with Christ Lutheran Church in Salem/ Paddock Lake, Wis., where he retired as their Senior Pastor. He then served as the Bridge Pastor/Interim Associate Pastor for 9 months at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Oconomowoc (2021-2022), and most recently at Trinity Lutheran Church in Kenosha (July 1, 2022-April 1, 2024).

Prior to beginning his 20-year stay at Christ Lutheran, he served as an Associate Pastor at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Portage, Wis. (1995-2001). His very first ministry assignment was as an Associate Pastor at Immanuel and Wilmington Lutheran Churches in Caledonia, Minn. (1992-1995).

It was in 1992 that Eric graduated from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn. with his Master of Divinity. Leading up to that time, he earned a bachelor's degree from UW-Madison, where he majored in Political Science and Journalism, then did his graduate work in Secondary Education and Human Performance at UW-La Crosse.

Eric previously served on the Greater Milwaukee Synod Council as a Council Member-Clergy for Kenosha/West Racine Cluster. He also served as a Group Leader at Attic Corrections in Baraboo, Wis., a treatment center for domestic violence, and as a part-time Chaplain at Divine Savior Hospital in Portage, Wis. Eric and his wife Vickie live in Greendale and have three adult children who live in the area: Suzanne, Erica and Charlie. Eric is a fan of Wisconsin sports, especially the UW-Madison men's basketball team. He also likes attending concerts and enjoys swimming at a high school near his home.

Eric first learned of the opening at UNITY through the Synod office. "I had just finished up an interim time at Trinity Lutheran Church in Kenosha on Easter Sunday," he said. "I spoke with the Synod staff about other opportunities with interim ministry and what my next steps might be, and that led to a conversation about coming to UNITY... and here we are!"

According to Pastor Sherrie, while Eric won't be called on to lead the Call Process like so many interims do, he will help lead worship and take full part in the pastoral team and rotations. As Sherrie said, "He really enjoys ministry, loves people and getting to know their stories, and is open to being a part of a staff team. In fact, he was already up for being looped into a vignette on First Communion weekend!"

When asked about how he perceives his upcoming role at UNITY, Eric explained it this way: "In my mind, interim ministry is meant to make sure the church remembers they're the church, even while they're in the process of change and new opportunities – that we're not waiting around for someone to arrive. We're focusing on the ministry that needs to be done right now. One task for an Interim Minister is to be the person who helps make sure ministry happens. The congregation at UNITY is already involved in the Call Process, so as an Interim Minister, I'm called to assist during that process as needed."

As to his Ministry Priorities, Eric says, "I understand a life of faith as being rooted in connection. We have the opportunity to live each day exploring our connection to GOD and our connection to our neighbor. As people of faith, I believe that we are all called to offer our gifts and talents to have an impact on the world around us. Faith is a participation sport! My particular call is to public ministry rooted in Word and Sacrament ministry. My call isn't different or better than anyone else's. It is just specific to me. I feel a significant part of my call is to help empower, equip, guide, and create space to help others live out their Baptismal identity as a child of GOD who is built for ministry and sent to have an impact in Christ's name.

We are all called to lives of Discipleship – seeking to follow Jesus, continue his ministry, and share GOD's love. That is why worship time together is often ended with a reminder of our call. 'Go in peace and serve the Lord' is our homework assignment! It's more than Lutheran code language for 'See you next Sunday.'"

Eric looks forward to meeting our congregation members and fostering the Spirit among us. "I am excited by the energy of this place," he said. "In interim ministry, I try to help congregations ask what they are called to do with joy and excitement – in worship, in growing in faith, and in service. So it is encouraging to walk into a place with a lively, positive attitude. It's fuel for the work we do together."

Feel free to reach out to Pastor Eric and extend a welcome! He can be contacted at eric@unitybrookfield.org or via his cell phone at 262-716-9854.

We welcome the following who are becoming a part of UNITY last weekend. Introduce yourself to them and see what things you might share in common.

We pray that we may be a blessing to each of them as they bless us with their presence and gifts off the Spirit.

# BRAY, Jon & Katie (Betsy, June & Ada)

We live in Brookfield with our three daughters: Betsy (8), June (6) and Ada (3). We met and were married in Milwaukee and then moved to Chicago where we spent 10 years. We moved back home in 2020 and have been enjoying meeting so many new people. Jon leads the Strategy function for CCC Intelligent Solutions, a software company based in Chicago. Katie is an Accountant, currently focused on raising our three daughters. As a family we enjoy biking, hiking and doing anything active in nature. We love to travel, play tennis, and cook family meals. We look forward to being a part of UNITY!

## **BRESKE, Randy & MCMAHON, Janet**

By the grace of God, Janet and Randy found each other after losing their spouses to illness much too soon. Together for 5 years now, they sold their respective homes in Wauwatosa and moved to Brookfield over a year ago. Janet has 2 married sons and 2 grandsons. Randy has 3 married sons and 8 grandchildren with #9 expected soon! Both are retired; Janet's career was in public health and non-profit leadership and Randy held leadership roles in the commercial lighting industry. They enjoy theater, concerts, reading, the gym, road-trips, time at their lake home in Lake Tomahawk, hiking, paddle boarding, and snowshoeing. Finding a church home together has been important to their new life journey and they are excited about the energy and spirit at UNITY.

## EDWARDS, Dawn (Emma & Sara)

We were members of Wellington Park Lutheran Church and I was the church president. We enjoyed helping so many people that were in need with our clothing giveaway and our food pantry. When our church closed at the end of last year, we wanted to go to a church close to home. We moved to Brookfield in December of 2021. My son Steven just got married to his beautiful bride Claire in December of 2023. They live in Menasha. Emma and Sara were both junior bridesmaids. My husband Matthew is a tow truck driver. I work in Customer Service for a Pet distribution center. Emma is going to be graduating 5th grade this year from Burleigh Elementary. Sara is in 3rd grade. Right now our excitement is working on getting the vegetable garden going and re-doing the flower beds in the front of the house. During the summer on the weekends, we enjoy going out on our pontoon boat, fishing, and swimming. I enjoy taking sunset pictures while we are out there. If we are not on our boat, you most likely would find us in the backyard sitting by the fire, enjoying the family.

# LUNAK, Zac & Jordan (Bradley, Logan, Hollis & Fiona)

We live in Brookfield with our four kids: Bradley (10), Logan (8), Hollis (5) and Fiona (2). We are originally from North Dakota but fell in love with the Milwaukee area after attending Marquette University for graduate school. Jordan is a Dentist and teaches at Marquette University School of Dentistry and practices at a private practice in Waukesha. Zac is a Clinical Associate Professor in Biomedical Sciences at University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. We keep busy traveling around to all the kids' sports and activities. We like to spend time with family outdoors and traveling. And of course, cheer on our favorite Wisconsin sports teams!

## MIESFELD, Joel & Julie (Sophie, Ellie, Roslyn & Clara)

We are excited to be setting down roots in Brookfield! Our oldest daughters were baptized at UNITY, and we return to UNITY after a 6-year stint in California. Joel is an Assistant Professor at the Medical College of Wisconsin and Julie is a Physical Therapist at Froedtert. We spend most of our time these days trying to keep up with our four active daughters – Sophie (13), Ellie (12), Roslyn (9) and Clara (7) – in whatever sports, plays, dance recitals they happen to be in. We look forward to being a part of the UNITY family!

## TOUSSAINT, John & Jamie (Eloise, Genevieve & Josephine)

Jamie and John moved to Brookfield in August of 2022 with their 3 kids – Eloise (16), Genevieve (14) and Josephine (9) – and are excited to be back in the Midwest. They met and were married in Chicago, but spent the past 8 years living in Colorado. Eloise is very involved in the theatre program at BC where she is a sophomore. Ginny is an 8th grader at WHMS who participates in theatre, forensics, choir and soccer. Josie is a 3rd grader at BrookEl who keeps busy with basketball, Brownies and dance, and has recently started climbing classes. John is a Project Executive with Gilbane and Jamie is a stay-at-home mom who is involved in all sorts of various volunteer opportunities at the girl's schools. As a family, they love camping, hiking, time on and in the water, loud game nights, and craziness with their two dogs, Winnie and Roo.

## VREELAND, Joan

We were members of Wellington Park from 1960 until it closed in December of last year. In that time I was head of Altar Guild, and had a clothing pantry for which my husband would bring a truckload of clothes from Sussex twice a week that would be given away the first Saturday of each month. I also helped out with our medical supply and food pantries. I was a member of the Church Council for more years than I can remember, and we were Stephen Ministers. We were married at Wellington Park and our children were all baptized there.

## WEIL, Eric & Kathy

In July 2024 we will celebrate Our 50th wedding anniversary. We both were born and raised in Wisconsin. Three years ago we moved to Florida for retirement but just returned to Wisconsin because we found "There is no place like Home." We just moved into Springdale Estates. Eric retired from a career in Engineering and Kathy retired from a career in Accounting and Stained Glass lamps and panels production. In retirement Eric enjoys household remodel projects and Kathy enjoys quilting and piano. We both are active Pickleball players as well. UNITY seems a good fit for us. We like the upbeat services, and the sermons are inspiring and so well done. We have been members of several ELCA churches as we moved over the years.

# **UNITY Highlights**

**Forum This Sunday, May 12th, 9:30 AM COL -** Join Pastor Muriel for a Bible Study in the North Fellowship Hall. Together let's see how the Word is found in our music, and how we share the Word through readings, and through music, and blend them together to create Jesus Karaoke 2024, shared at all services on June 8-9. *No Singing Required!* 

Mark your calendars for the Voting Meetings for new Council Members. The meeting will be held after each worship service June 1-2, and should only take a few minutes. Your vote is needed to reach a quorum, so please plan to stay for this important work. Thank you!

#### Summer Worship Hours Begin on June 8-9

- Saturdays at 5:00 at COL
- Sundays at 8:30 at COL
- Sundays at 10:00 at CTK Outside in the Pavilion (weather permitting)

Outdoor worship at CTK begins June 16 so we can enjoy Jesus Karaoke inside on June 9.

**Sunday School - Cereal Collection runs through June 2.** Sunday School kids will collect cereal boxes for the Waukesha Food Pantry during the month of May. Bring your boxes with you to Sunday School so Sunday School kids can count them each week! We will have a Cereal Box Domino Run/ Cram the Van event on Sunday, June 2, at COL at 8:30 & 10:30 am, and CTK at 9:30! Help beat last year's Domino Run of 477 boxes and help feed families in need in our community!

#### MHE Performs Memorable Movie Moments at CTK on June 2

The Milwaukee Handbell Ensemble (which includes UNITY members Stacey Nordmeyer and Lynn Key) will hold two Movie Night Concerts at our CTK campus. Join us on **Sunday, June 2, at 3:30** or 6:30 pm at CTK for *"Memorable Movie Moments Heard through Handbells!"* The MHE will play music from popular movies such as *"Frozen," "Muppets," "Star Wars"* and more! This is a free event; there will be a free offering taken. Find more info at milwaukeehandbells.org.

#### **Connecting in the Future: From John Horner-Ibler**

My last day on the UNITY payroll was April 30. After that fact, I am still alive and always interested in your lives. What I am not, after that date, is one of your called pastors. I encourage you to be in touch with Sherrie, Muriel (and Jim in the pastoral care area) for any ministry needs. That request carries forward to future interim pastors and especially to those people who will be called as your future settled pastors. Love them deeply, lift them in your prayers, and depend on them to help lead, serve, and care for you as your pastors. Personal connection is not a problem. If you want to be in touch, here's my info:

Mailing address: 5811 Hacker Drive, West Bend, WI 53095

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Love to all and special prayers for our Call Team, Council and future candidates. And to all, keep Jesus' humility and love at the center of your week and dreams.

~ John

*Keep Connecting with Us!* Despite being "down" a pastor, we are no less here for you! Please continue to reach out to us at any time.

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Don't know who to contact? Call our Church Office at 262-781-7600. Often times they can assist you with your needs. If not, you will be directed to the proper person. The important thing is to stay in touch with us!

**Sponsors Needed each week for Altar Flowers at both campuses!** All the details you need are on the SignUp Genius and the 2024 calendar is available on our webpage. This is a convenient way to choose a weekend and campus at any time, and the cost is only \$25 (payable by check or online). We have several volunteers who are responsible for arranging a beautiful vase of flowers on your given weekend. You can take flowers home at the end of the weekend's last service, but please return the vase as soon as you can. Keep them watered and you can enjoy them another week or 2!

**Welcome New Members!!** Last weekend we welcomed our Spring 2024 New Members. We have 8 new households who have joined us, so let's wrap them up in our UNITY arms! They come to us from a variety of locations and backgrounds, and have already been blessing us with their joy, faith, and good humor. Read their bios in the back of the bulletin, look for connection points, and pray for them as they mark this milestone with their new faith family. May it be the beginning of a long and fruitful journey- for them and for us all! Our next new member series will run in Fall 2024. Questions? Contact our Invite/New Member Chair, Anna Jansson, at ajansson8@gmail.com.

#### Sr. High and Young Adults

Contact Sherrie Lorbeck, c:414-477-7762 email: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org

#### This Sunday, May 12th - Celebrate your Mom on Mother's Day

Thanks so much to everyone who bought Spring flowers to support our Summer trip to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Flower pickup will take place at CTK on Friday, May 17 from 5-7:30pm, and Saturday, May 18 from 9-11am. Watch for more, but we'll plan to meet on Sunday, May 19th, at COL from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.. (Celebrate with your family over Memorial Day weekend!)

For all our Graduating Seniors, (and those graduating from college or other degree programs), please email PSher, Sherrie@unitybrookfield.org, a picture of when you were young and a senior picture, along with any details about where you are graduating from, what your plans are and/or if you know what you'd like to study, if going to college.

**Graduate Recognition - Weekend of June 1st-2nd, all services.** Graduates - we plan on recognizing you at whatever service you attend that weekend. Parents, if you have college graduates as well, please send us your graduate's information to lynn@unitybrookfield.org

#### **Adult Programs**

Contact: Susie Sprecher, c: 262-227-1558 email: <u>wisbadger19@gmail.com</u> or Matt Griepentrog, c: 262-787-8820, e: matt@unitybrookfield.org

#### Plan to join us for this upcoming adult forum:

May 19th, 9:30 AM at COL - Orcas Island Retreat Presentation - Hear from the travelers of the Orcas Island Retreat and see pictures from their adventures with Pastor Muriel!

UNITY's Moms Group Spring/Summer Schedule: Third Thursdays in the backyard at Christ the King. 5:30-7pm, dinner and childcare provided. Moms of all ages and stages welcome as we talk, eat, laugh, cry, support, pray. Kids can be in the backyard or in the nursery with sitters. Spring/ summer dates: May 16, June 20 (after VBS family dinner), July 18, August 15.

Men's Third Saturday Breakfast happens Saturday, May 18, 7:30-9:00 am at COL campus. We get together, survive our own cooking and talk about the readings used in worship that weekend. Never tried it out? Been part of it for years? Either way, how about joining us on May 18th? We will take a break for the summer, and resume on Saturday, September 21st.

Join the Cast of Jesus Karaoke! Once again UNITY has a spring musical in the works, a new version of last year's Jesus Karaoke show. Join the cast as singers, readers, or tech support. The cast will do two rehearsals in late May/early June, then perform at all three services June 8th and 9th. There is zero musical talent required to join the cast, it is basically lip synching. You DO need some good energy and a willingness to put yourself out there in front of the world's most supportive audience (it is SO much fun!). Open to 6th grade and up. Want to learn more about the Bible stories and help choose the music? Be part of the Sunday Bible study at COL May 12, 9:30am.

Bible Study: Sunday May 12, 9:30am (COL) Cast Rehearsals: Tuesdays May 28 (COL) and June 4 (CTK), 6pm Performance Weekend: June 8/9: 5pm, 8:30am, and 10am services

**Children's Education** 

Contact Michelle Aprahamian, c: 414-732-8615, email: michelle@unitybrookfield.org

Join us for Sunday School! We offer Sunday school at each of our worship times for children PreK-grade 6. ALL are welcome - whether you are a member, prospective member, or visitor! Interested in being part of our program? Register your child at Unitybrookfield.org.

Sunday School - Cereal Collection runs through June 2. Sunday School kids will collect cereal boxes for the Waukesha Food Pantry during the month of May. Please drop them off in either narthex or bring them into church when you come to worship. We will have a Cereal Box Domino Run/ Cram the Van event on Sunday, June 2, at COL at 8:30 & 10:30 am and CTK at 9:30 am! You'll be helping our Sunday School kids beat last year's Domino Run of 477 boxes and helping them feed families in need in our community.

#### Sunday School Ends June 1-2; ABC Summer Sunday School begins June 23

We'll top off the year with ice cream sundaes during Sunday School on June 1-2 at both campuses. Then ... ABC Summer Sunday School will be held during Sunday services from June 23 to August 25: 8:30 am at COL and 10:00 am at CTK. Designed for kids in Pre-K to Grade 3, each week celebrates a new letter of the alphabet through Bible stories, crafts, games, activities, and a snack. There's NO sign up; just show up! Remember: friends and guests are always invited to join us for ABC Summer Sunday School!

**Registration is LIVE for Vacation Bible School, June 17-20, 12:30-4:00pm** (with aftercare available until 5:00pm). Sign up online to be part of this year's VBS program: Primero Dios, Pasaporte Por El Salvador! It's another Playful with a Purpose VBS as we learn all about our partners in El Salvador. We will play, sing, eat, laugh, learn, craft, and pray. Invite your friends, neighbors, cousins, grandkids! BE A VBS KID- completed a year of preschool through Grade 5 BE A CREW LEADER - completed Grade 6 through Sr. High

BE A SITE WORKER - college age through adults Registration is on the church website under Sign Ups. **First Communion for 3rd Graders this May: Classes May 9&16, Services May 18&19.** Celebrate this special milestone with your family and baptism sponsors the weekend of May 18-19, at the service time of your choice.**Classes are Thursdays, May 9 and May 16, 6:30-7:45pm at COL Campus.** If you are in 3rd grade or older and wish to celebrate your first communion, you are invited to join us for two classes to learn more about the sacrament of communion and importance of this family meal. During our time together, your child will also receive acolyte training. Please bring a parent with you to each of the classes. At our first class, your child will create a special chalice. Please bring a stemmed, clear, non-faceted wine glass (no etching or words) to class. Dollar Tree is a great resource for these glasses.

There is no sign up for class or First Communion. Just join us May 9th and 16th for class. If you have any questions, please reach out to Michelle Aprahamian. Watch for further communication via email for more details.

Mark your Calendars: Confirmation Bible Camp (for Year 1 Confirmation students) - June 23 - 28, 2024 VBS - June 17- 20, 2024 12:30 - 4:00 p.m. (with aftercare available until 5:00 p.m.) ECRT (for Year 2 Confirmation students) - July 9 - 12, 2024 Confirmation Weekend - September 14-15, 2024

#### **Servant Ministries**

Contact Jackie Herington, c: 262-501-6138, e: jackieswan10@icloud.com or Muriel Otto, e: muriel@unitybrookfield.org

**Rutilio Grande finishing construction on their new elementary school roof!** Your funds shared in our Lent offering this spring are already being put to work in El Salvador! The Rutilio Grande community has been sharing weekly updates on their progress... check out Unity and Rutilio's facebook pages to see action shots and- soon- celebration of the final product. What a joy! May their example of community and practical blessing of neighbor continue to lift us up along with them.

**Sign Up to Donate at our next Blood Drive, Saturday, June 1, 7am-noon COL campus**. Sign up is live on the church website. Our heartfelt gratitude to all blood donors and our prayers for healing for all who receive blood products!

Aspen Recovery Center Looking for Gently Used Fishing, Sporting Equipment, and Yard Games. The staff of the residential recovery program at Aspen are hoping to organize some outside recreation time for residents and looking for some help with supplies! Does anyone have gently used fishing and sporting equipment they'd be willing to donate? Here is their list: fishing poles, tackle boxes, fishing line, weights, lures, pliers, hooks of various sizes, a net... Softballs, gloves, footballs, basketballs... Corn hole or other yard games. Drop off at either church by June 1.

Help with Spring Planting Alongside Aspen Recovery Residents, Saturday June 1, 9-10:30am! We're going to construct raised bed gardens at Aspen - something that they've requested for several years - and then help with planting. Construction of the garden beds is planned for May. Please contact Cindy Boyd (dcboyd1985@sbcglobal.net / 262-424-3610) if you want to help. On Saturday June 1st from 9-10:30 AM, we'll help our friends at Aspen with planting annuals and perennials in those fabulous new raised beds along with some snazzy pots for the front of their residence. Refreshments (sub sandwiches & sodas) will be provided! Contact Cindy Boyd if you can help! (dcboyd1985@sbcglobal.net or 262-424-3610) Help Needed for Set Up/Clean Up Backyard Fundraiser for Waukesha Food Pantry May 17/18. We are honored to again be hosting the food pantry's Breakfast Club spring fundraiser in the CTK Backyard pavilion, but could use extra hands to make sure the event goes smoothly and has good energy. The event is Saturday May 18 from 10am-noon, and is sold out (wonderful!) so expecting a big crowd. If you can help with set up/clean up any of the following times: Friday, May 17 at 4pm, Saturday May 18 at 8am, or Saturday, May 18 at 12pm, please contact Ellen Vermillion at evermill61@gmail.com. You can also bid online for their auction, link below! Thank you for helping us feed hungry people! Link for online bidding: https:// waukeshafoodpantry.auctions.networkforgood.com/auctions/breakfast-club

**Ongoing Service Opportunities:** UNITY has standing volunteer "shifts" at various partners that we commit to covering as a church. Each one is coordinated by a different Unity member... each one has its own sign up page on the church website... and each one is an opportunity for you!

**Waukesha Food Pantry Food Distribution:** Each month, 4th Saturday, 9am-12pm; 5th Monday 5:45 - 8 pm.

**Serenity Inns Recovery Program Fellowship Dinners:** cook, deliver, or serve a meal for 12 residents. Each month,1st Sunday and 2nd Friday, 6 - 7pm. Kids welcome.

**Monthly Meal Prep for Partners:** Join an all-ages team of UNITY volunteers to mass meal prep for Hebron Housing shelter and Serenity Inns recovery program. Wednesday evenings preceding the second Friday most months of the program year.

## **UNITY Member Care**

Contact: Jim Ahlquist, Minister of Member Care, e: jim@unitybrookfield.org, c: 715-210-2245 Sherrie Lorbeck, sherrie@unitybrookfield.org, c: 414-477-7762 Muriel Otto, e: muriel@unitybrookfield.org, c: 712-254-6515

#### Grief Group on May 15 & 22: 6:30-8:00 pm at COL - When Life Isn't the Same ....

If you have lost a spouse or a parent or someone else close to you, the grieving doesn't end after the funeral. We invite you to a safe space where you can share more about where you are at in your journey ... learn more about the stages of grief ... and get help finding your way through what you need most for the road ahead.

We invite you to join us for our Grief Group, held two Wednesdays, May 15 & 22, from 6:30-8:00 pm at our Cross of Life campus. If possible, attending both evenings is helpful. These gatherings will be led by Pastor Jim Ahlquist and Pastor Sherrie Lorbeck. If this is the right time for you, or if someone you know could benefit from being a part of this, please RSVP to Jim at jim@unitybrookfield.org or 715-210-2245.

**UNITY Member Care is always here for you.** You don't have to face life's ups and downs alone. Whether it's an unexpected hospitalization, a recent diagnosis, the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, addiction, anxiety, depression, or virtually anything else, the pastors are only a call, text, or email away. Please never hesitate to reach out -- whether we're the only stop you'll make or just the first step in a longer care process.

**Prayer Place cards-** If you have a prayer request that you would like included in the Prayers for Friends and Family section in the bulletin, there are cards available in the narthex near the bulletin board. You can fill out the request and pin it to the bulletin board there. You can fill out a card and place it in the basket and it will be included in the upcoming bulletin. These prayer requests will stay for 4 weeks and then if you need further prayer, repost as often as needed. Any questions, please contact Nancy by phone or email <u>nancy@unitybrookfield.org</u>

#### Worship & Music Opportunities Children's Choirs, Contact Janet Day, c: 414-975-0286, e: janet@unitybrookfield.org Fellowship Choir, Contact Molly Pufall-Brown, c: 920-265-6881, e: <u>mpufall@gmail.com</u> Handbells & Praise Band, Contact Stacey Nordmeyer, c: 414-617-7673, e: staceynordmeyer72@icloud.com

All-Music Tuesdays - where ALL are Welcome! - is taking a break for the summer. Watch here for future announcements about special music groups gathering to share our gifts over the summer, and also for the restart of All-Music Tuesdays in September. Thanks to all who have shared their gifts with UNITY over this past year. You are a blessing!

ALL MUSIC End of Year Celebration May 21st starting at 5:30! On Tuesday, May 21st starting at 5:30 pm in the CTK backyard we will have a celebration before we break for summer for the musicians (and their families) who so lovingly shared their gifts of music in worship. Please join us! We will have food and beverages (lemonade, water, & soda) and you are welcome to bring a side, dessert or other beverages to share, but it's not required. The most important thing to bring is yourself and your family! Come and enjoy a time of fellowship with your fellow musicians, and also partake of our wonderful backyard and all it has to offer! Contact Lynn Key, Director of Music Ministry with questions at Lynn@unitybrookfield.org or by phone/text at 414-507-5888.

Thanks for faithfully sharing your musical gifts with UNITY!

#### **Property Needs**

Contact David Koenen, c: 414-559-6974, email: davidkoenen@wi.rr.com

Attention Lawn Mowers: The mowing season is here! Please use our online signup, live on the website, and let's get the roster full. Our mowers have been serviced, blades have been sharpened, and they are ready to go. All we need is "U"! If you need a tutorial or have any questions, contact Property Chair, David Koenen.

'Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with our Spring Outdoor Cleanups on Saturday 4/20 at both campuses and the CTK backyard work day on Saturday 5/4! If you have any interest or time to help with things going forward or any questions, contact David Koenen at davidkoenen@wi.rr.com. Thanks to all for keeping our campuses looking clean and beautiful!

Partner we are praying for this month: Serenity Inns

The altar flowers at COL are given by Cynthia Boyd in celebration of Ryan's birthday

Thank you to Barb Hemmingsen for arranging the altar flowers this weekend

This weekend's communion breads were baked by Barb Borkenhagen

## **Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members**

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

#### **Cross of Life Campus**

Max Roemaat, Jerry Buenger, Karen Beres, Bob Rusk, Debbie Horne, Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Ardyce Myhre, Paula Dryer, Marlene Jernberg, John Vaughan, Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Alyce Vollan, Barb Purnell, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

#### **Christ the King Campus**

Lois Garms, Ann-Marie Bergman, Sharon Giessen, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Kevin Nordmeyer, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Dave Rau

# **UNITY Prayer Place**

Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.

# May 11-12

Jeff Hubing (liver cancer), family friend of Renee Lowerr Steve Larson (recovery from broken femur & pneumonia), friend of Renee Lowerr Donna Funk (bladder cancer/liver issues), daughter of Pearl Haack Chris (cancer diagnosis), friend of Jeff Key Dawn (recovering from a serious infection), friend of Diana and David Koenen

Roland Tocups (stage 4 pancreatic cancer, in hospice), friend of Denny Thompson

# May 4-5

Nicole (surgery recovery after cancer diagnosis), friend of Sara & Phil Roemaat

# April 27-28

Craig Driscoll (brain cancer), brother of Chris Driscoll Tony Susa (spinal cord injury) brother-in-law of Vivian Clark Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

# April 20-21

Dwight Heaney (complications from surgery), brother of Christine Standley Carol Steinkraus (recovering from hip replacement surgery), mother of Sally Thomas Karen Key (fractured knee), sister-in-law of Jeff and Lynn Key Hubie Krawczyk (cancer), friend of Pat Dowling Ralph Phillips (lung cancer), uncle of Jolene Epding Elise Buchman & premie son (hospitalized), Niece/great-nephew of Karin & Peter Drescher Eric (non Hodgkins lymphoma treatments), nephew of Diana Koenen

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, etc.) overseas and our military personnel: Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank

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	Greg Buck		
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COL 5:00 p.m.	Ministers for Saturday, May 11, 2024		
Worship Coordinator:	Jeff Key		
Greeters:	Karen Beres, Tim Culhane		
Acolyte:			
	Dylan Grabowski, Kevin Grabowski		
Worship Assistant:			
	Duane Maas		
	Jill Barney, Jack Guenther		
	Jeff & Lynn Key		
	Lynn Key		
	Jeff Key		
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	Becki Culhane		
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Nursery:	Lola Bond		

COL 8:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, May 12, 2024		
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders: Nursery:	Lauren & Nelson Brownell Blake Duerr, Isaac Bemus Jeanne & Greg Bonk Mike Aprahamian Natalie Schneider Kristi McConville, Michelle Duerr, Sandi John, Nelson Brownell Sandi John Lynn Key Rudy Schneider		
CTK 9:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, May 12, 2024		
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders: Nursery:	Tyler Nordstrom Sharon Giessen, Patty Zais Patty Zais Greg O'Connell Julie Smith Corynn Nordstrom		
COL 10:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, May 12, 2024		
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician:	Tara Sanicola Keira Kroepfl, Austin Alft Steve Brewer Jeff Key Jeff & Lynn Key Lynn Key Jeff Key		

Song Leader: Bill Hubert Sunday School Leaders: Becky Conway, Julie Miesfeld Nursery: Josi Matel



# The Weekend of Pentecost First Communion Weekend

# May 18-19, 2024

Saturday, May 18, 2024 5:00 pm COL

Sunday, May 19, 2024 8:30 am COL 9:30 am CTK 10:30 am COL

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#### WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH! We're glad you're here today! UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.

- Children. Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- **Nursery.** Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- Sunday School. All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)

## • At UNITY, the Communion Table is:

- Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
- Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
- Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
- We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
- Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
- If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.
- **Pastors.** UNITY is currently served by three called pastors who are present at both campuses on a rotating basis. Most Saturdays, the weekend preacher is the pastor at that service. On Sundays, the preacher for the weekend travels to both campuses to share the message. Each of the other pastors is then based at one campus or another. This weekend Muriel Otto & Sherrie Lorbeck are at Cross of Life on Saturday. On Sunday, Muriel Otto is at Cross of Life and Eric Silberschmidt & Sherrie Lorbeck are at Christ the King.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: <u>unitybrookfield.org</u> for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

**GIVING.** If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the COL narthex and by the bulletin board in the CTK narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay is also accepted. Thank you!

# The Weekend of Pentecost First Communion Weekend May 18-19, 2024

## Prelude

"Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song" arr. Carter

(All Services)

## Words of Welcome

## Sharing the Peace

- Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- Many: And also with you.

## **Call to Worship**

- One: Pentecost comes once a year, 50 days after Easter.
- Many: The Holy Spirit descends for the very first time. A special day!
- One: Like this one! Lots of "firsts" this weekend at Unity. Like...
- Many: First Communion! 29 of our young people share in Jesus' meal for the very first time.
- One: Not to mention the first official work week for new staff members, interim/ transition pastor Eric Silberschmidt and "we haven't quite figured out a title but transition support for youth and servant ministries/a little bit of everything" Nicole Krause!

## Many: Director of Program Support, remember?

One: Right! A good catch-all title. But however we title them, two faithful people with lots of gifts, now sharing those gifts on Unity's staff- for the very first time.

## Many: And the Baptism... don't forget the baptism...

- One: On Saturday night, Fiona Whitney is...
- Many: washed in the waters and welcomed to the family...
- One: For the very first time. Just as 3,000 were baptized on that first Pentecost! Which gets us back to where we started. Pentecost.
- Many: The Spirit's first appearance, but definitely not its last!
- One: Like Pentecost, may all these firsts be one of many.
- Many: Many times at the table, many good people coming on board, many washings and welcomes BUT...
- One: when we see the Spirit show up today, in bread and wine, water and word...
- Many: in the faces and voices of the people around us...
- One: may we see it- see YOU, O God, with as much AWE and JOY as if it was...

Many: the very first time!

## **Opening Hymn**

"Gracious Spirit, Hear Our Pleading" ELW 401 vs. 1-2 (All Services)

## **Children's Message**

## Greeting and Prayer of the Day

- Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!
- Many: And also with you.
- One: Let us Pray. Dear God,
- Many: Only you can imagine all the people who have received communion. Two thousand years of Jesus' followers! Just today alone, there must be millions of people at the table. Thank you for letting us be a part of something: so timeless, so important, so BIG!

By your Holy Spirit connect us to everyone who ever eats this meal. Fill us with your forgiveness and love. May each of our First Communion students have the chance to be at this table at least a thousand times more! May its power never get old, and its mercies always be new. We ask it, alive in Jesus' ways. Amen.

#### The Washing of Holy Baptism Presentation of the Child

This weekend at the 5:00 service, we welcome Fiona Whitney Lunak. Fiona Whitney is presented by her parents, Jordan and Zachary, and her sponsors, Joshua Nelson and Libby Rabon.

Pastor: Who presents Fiona Whitney to receive the blessings of Holy Baptism? Parents & Sponsors: We do.

#### **Role of the Parents and Sponsors**

One: In Christian love you have presented Fiona Whitney for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully care for her and help her in every way God gives you opportunity, that Fiona Whitney may bear witness to the faith we hold, and that, living in the covenant of her Baptism and in Communion with the people of God, she may lead a life of goodness and service until the day of Jesus Christ. Parents and sponsors, do you promise to fulfill these obligations? If so, please answer, "I do."

#### Prayer

Pastor: Holy God, we give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

By the baptism of his own death and resurrection, your beloved Son, Jesus the Christ, has set us free from the final power of sin and death, and has opened the way to everlasting life. He made water a sign of cleansing and of birth into the family of God. As Jesus' followers, we do as he taught us, making disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit so that Fiona Whitney may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as your own sons and daughters, inheritors of your glorious kingdom.

All: Amen.

## \*Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Baptism

## **Baptismal Prayer**

- Pastor: Lord God, we give you thanks for freeing your children from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy washing. Pour your Holy Spirit upon Fiona Whitney: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and respect for the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.
- All: Amen.

## The Mark of Christ

Fiona Whitney, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

## Presentation of the Baptismal Candle

One: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

## Greeting of the Child by the Congregation

- Pastor: Through Baptism, God has made this sister of ours a member of the ministry of reconciliation we all share in Christ Jesus. May we proclaim the greatness and love of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.
- People: Fiona Whitney, we welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly father, and a worker with us in the Kingdom of God. Amen.

Pastor: Peace be with you.

Parents & Sponsors: Peace be with you.

Anthem"Somebody's Knockin'"arr. Joseph M. Martin<br/>Greta Brown, Wood Block; Britta Brown, Soloist<br/>Fellowship Choir; Molly Pufall-Brown, Director; Lynn Key, Accompanist

# Reading Acts 2:1-17, 37-42

Even the Christmas and Easter readings change from year to year, based on which Gospel we are reading from. The account of the first Pentecost though is found only in Acts and is read every year on this day. From wind to multilingualism, to prophesyfulfilled to the baptisms which follow, Pentecost is a day filled with a Spirit that blows us together, not apart, and gifts us with connection beyond measure.

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs — in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young people shall see visions, and your old people shall dream dreams.

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" <sup>38</sup>Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." <sup>40</sup>And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." <sup>41</sup>So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. <sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

One: The Word of the Lord!

Many: Thanks be to God

# Vignette

# Hymn of the Day/Baptismal Hymn

"Spirit of Gentleness"	ELW 396 vs. 1-2	(Online, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30)
"This Little Light of Mine"	ELW 677 vs. 1-2	(5:00)

# The Prayers of the People

One: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. *(Congregation response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer.")* 

Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Many: Amen.

# Announcements and Offering

# Offertory Response (as gifts are brought forward)

"As the Grains of Wheat" ELW 465 Refrain

# **Prayer of Thanks**

One: Let us pray. Merciful God,

Many: in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you embrace our lives with your great love for humanity. With joy and gladness we ask that these gifts may be for many a sign of that love, and that we may continue to share in your divine life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# The Sacrament of Holy Communion

- Pastor: The Lord be with you.
- Many: And also with you.
- Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
- Many: We lift them to the Lord.
- Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Communion meal is Christ's gift of forgiveness and healing to the world. In recognition of the limitlessness of that grace, our communion table is open to all. We invite all of you to the table today, including non-communing young children who will receive a blessing. Should your own religious understanding cause you to refrain from the meal, your belief is respected as well.

The family and guests of all First Communicants are invited to commune up front at the time their child is communed.

For everyone, if you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer at communion, we have small containers on the table near the baptismal font in front and at the rear serving station. Please take a gluten-free wafer yourself from the plate and carry it with you to the serving

station. The pastor or worship assistant will speak "the body of Christ, given for you," as we do for everyone and you can then eat and continue toward the cups. The red liquid is wine, and white is grape juice. The bread was made by our First Communicants. If you wish to receive communion and walking or balance are difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.

#### Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer (traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### **Communion Meditation**

"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"	arr. Michael Fischer	(5:00, 8:30, 10:30)
"O Living Breath of God"	arr. Sedio	(9:30)

#### Post Communion Blessing Spoken Response: Amen.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

One: Let us pray. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Many: Amen.

#### Benediction

#### Sending Hymn

"God oj	f Tempest, God of Whirlwind"	ELW 400, vs. 1-2	(All Services)
Dismissal One: Many:	Go in peace, serve the Lord! Thanks be to God!		
Postlude			
0	a Thousand Tongues to Sing"	Glaser	(Online, 9:30)
"O for a	a Thousand Tongues to Sing"	arr. Scott	(5:00, 8:30, 10:30)

We welcome the following students to the Lord's Table as they celebrate their First Communion at UNITY		
5:00 pm	Oscar Bond, Bryce Fehrenbacher, Nolan Fehrenbacher, Rory Finnigan Nathaniel Maritz, Maxwell Roemaat	
8:30 am	Abigail Amenson, Brooke Conway, Annie DeBauche, Grayson Harder, Griffin Kawa, Hudson Lerner, Sophia Mrachek, Charlie Rentmeester, Jackson Setz	
9:30 am	Britta Brown, Benjamin Jansson	
10:30 am	Robin Cervero-Vrab, Connor Hahn, Emma Jolliff, Roslyn Miesfeld, Adam Niederbaumer, Caroline Roehsner, Kelsey Rupe, Jack Silverthorne, John Steigerwald, Josephine Toussaint	
Future dates:	Charlie Swain, Cece Weitmann	
Cake!		
Following each of this weekend's services, join us in the COL Fellowship Hall & CTK Narthex for a little cake and a chance to celebrate with our First Communion kids!		

### Welcome Pastor Eric Silberschmidt!

When Pastor Eric Silberschmidt joined UNITY as a Transition Pastor on May 14, 2024, he brought with him more than three decades of pastoral experience with the Greater Milwaukee Synod.

Most notably he served for 20 years (2001-2021) with Christ Lutheran Church in Salem/Paddock Lake, Wis., where he retired as their Senior Pastor. He then served as the Bridge Pastor/Interim Associate Pastor for 9 months at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Oconomowoc (2021-2022), and most recently at Trinity Lutheran Church in Kenosha (July 1, 2022-April 1, 2024).

It was in 1992 that Eric graduated from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn. with his Master of Divinity. Leading up to that time, he earned a bachelor's degree from UW-Madison, where he majored in Political Science and Journalism, then did his graduate work in Secondary Education and Human Performance at UW-La Crosse.

Eric and his wife Vickie live in Greendale and have three adult children who live in the area: Suzanne, Erica and Charlie. Eric is a fan of Wisconsin sports, especially the UW-Madison men's basketball team. He also likes attending concerts and enjoys swimming at a high school near his home.

Eric looks forward to meeting our congregation members and fostering the Spirit among us. "I am excited by the energy of this place," he said. "In interim ministry, I try to help congregations ask what they are called to do with joy and excitement – in worship, in growing in faith, and in service. So it is encouraging to walk into a place with a lively, positive attitude. It's fuel for the work we do together."

Feel free to reach out to Pastor Eric and extend a welcome! He can be contacted at eric@unitybrookfield.org or via his cell phone at 262-716-9854.

Welcome Nicole Krause!

UNITY is excited to welcome one of its own into a staff role! Nicole Krause began with us on May 15, assisting in a variety of roles with which she is already very familiar. A member of UNITY since she was 4 years old, Nicole grew up immersed in our culture and having experienced almost all of our programs.

Musically, she was a part of it all – from singing in Joyful Noise and Celebration Choir, to playing handbells in middle school and high school, to singing and song leading in high school and as an adult. As a youth she participated in Sunday School, VBS and camps, and attended Youth trips – ECRT, Boundary Waters, Summer Servant Trips and the ELCA National Youth Gathering.

She also served on our Church Council: as a Youth Rep in high school for 1 year and as Chair of our Invite/New Member Committee for a 2-year term. In fact, her parents, Mark and Joan Krause, were in the very first New Member group with John Horner-Ibler in 1997.

At UNITY, Nicole will assist with an assortment of jobs where needed. As she explains, "I'll be helping out with VBS, with Youth events when Confirmation resumes, and with our Sr. High program. I'll also be shadowing Muriel for Servant Ministries and taking over some of those areas, such as coordinating plans and travel for El Salvador trips. There are also other areas, such as leading Grief Groups, where I'll be able to step in and help."

Feel free to reach out to Nicole at any time at nicole@unitybrookfield.org or 262-227-2271.

#### **UNITY Highlights**

Forum This Sunday, May 19th, 9:30 AM at COL - Orcas Island Retreat Presentation - Hear from the travelers of the Orcas Island Retreat and see pictures from their adventures with Pastor Muriel!

**Mark your calendars for the Voting Meetings for new Council Members.** The meeting will be held after each worship service June 1-2, and via a Zoom link at 9:30 a.m. on June 2nd. (Watch for the link in the Saturday email campaign) and should only take a few minutes. Your vote is needed to reach a quorum, so please plan to stay for this important work. We are incredibly grateful for the dedication and leadership of the following: Adult Programs - Susie Sprecher Communication and Technology - Ed Dominski

Finance - Phil Roemaat

Servant Ministries - Jackie Herington

Property - David Koenen

Youth - Eric Borkenhagen

President - Colleen King, previous Christian Education Chair

Among all of them is 25 years of service to our congregation, leading their Ministry areas and helping to make so much happen to enrich the faith lives of members here, deepen our relationships with each other and our partners and save hundreds of thousands of dollars by doing all that we can to take care of the properties and buildings we've been entrusted with instead! Please take a moment to thank them for their service when you see them! Pray for our Nominating team as they invite others to step into these important roles and any one on the receiving end of those calls to discern if this is the time that God is calling them to share their gifts in this way!

**Sunday School - Cereal Collection runs through June 2.** Sunday School kids will collect cereal boxes for the Waukesha Food Pantry during the month of May. Bring your boxes with you to Sunday School so Sunday School kids can count them each week! We will have a Cereal Box Domino Run/ Cram the Van event on Sunday, June 2, at COL at 8:30 & 10:30 am, and CTK at 9:30! Help beat last year's Domino Run of 477 boxes (we are currently at about 125 boxes) and help feed families in need in our community!

#### Summer Worship Hours Begin on June 8-9/Jesus Karaoke Musical Worship Weekend

Our summertime worship schedule begging the weekend of June 8-9

- Saturdays at 5:00 at COL
- Sundays at 8:30 at COL
- Sundays at 10:00 at CTK Outside in the Pavilion (weather permitting)

We will begin outside worship at CTK on June 16 so we can enjoy Jesus Karaoke inside on June 9.

#### MHE Performs Memorable Movie Moments at CTK on June 2

The Milwaukee Handbell Ensemble (which includes UNITY members Stacey Nordmeyer and Lynn Key) will hold two Movie Night Concerts at our CTK campus. Join us on **Sunday, June 2, at 3:30** or 6:30 pm at CTK for "*Memorable Movie Moments Heard through Handbells*!" The MHE will play music from popular movies such as "*Frozen*," "*Muppets*," "*Star Wars*" and more! This is a free event; there will be a free offering taken. Find more info at milwaukeehandbells.org.

**Thank you's, Welcome and Orioles.** Barb, David, Michael and I extend to UNITY thanksgivings beyond words. Your grace in acknowledging my departure and in surrounding our family in love for 27 years is a gift beyond measure. We were all just together for a few days and spent more than a few hours recalling the ways UNITY was both a home for us to return to and a harbor from which to launch. In particular I want to thank the hundreds of you who wrote notes of thanks and encouragement. Your stories and words will fuel me for a lifetime. The special offerings to the Backyard (\$3,883.50) and Toothfairy (for those in need of restorative dental work at the Bread of Healing Clinic) (\$14,433.50) Funds are beyond amazing. Thank you so much for sharing abundantly towards places and projects that can be so life-filling.

As I express thanks on my departure I also am excited to express welcome to Eric Silberschmidt on his arrival. How life-giving to have a new voice, new eyes, and new love for Christ's people and work!

And finally, as a small metaphor on life, I should note that Barb and I routinely put out oranges and grape jelly to attract orioles to our place in Brookfield for 27 years and also routinely failed to see even one pay us a visit. Here in our new surroundings, we can't keep the jelly filled! The orioles pounce on it. Same old strategy but in a different place with new friends to be found. So maybe, it's not really about change or continuity. It's just that God works new things all the time and the best surprises are that old and new get along just fine where grace abounds. Peace and joy! ~John

#### Connecting in the Future: From John Horner-Ibler

My last day on the UNITY payroll was April 30. After that fact, I am still alive and always interested in your lives. What I am not, after that date, is one of your called pastors. I encourage you to be in touch with Sherrie, Muriel (and Jim in the pastoral care area) for any ministry needs. That request carries forward to future interim pastors and especially to those people who will be called as your future settled pastors. Love them deeply, lift them in your prayers, and depend on them to help lead, serve, and care for you as your pastors. Personal connection is not a problem. If you want to be in touch, here's my info:

Mailing address: 5811 Hacker Drive, West Bend, WI 53095

E-mail address: johnhorneribler@gmail.com Cell phone: 414-313-9380

Love to all and special prayers for our Call Team, Council and future candidates. And to all, keep Jesus' humility and love at the center of your week and dreams.

 $\sim$  John

*Keep Connecting with Us!* Despite being "down" a pastor, we are no less here for you! Please continue to reach out to us at any time.

Pastor Sherrie Lorbeck:	Pastor Muriel Otto:	Pastor Jim Ahlquist:
sherrie@unitybrookfield.org	muriel@unitybrookfield.org	jim@unitybrookfield.org
Cell: 414-477-7762	Cell: 712-254-6515	Cell: 715-210-2245

Don't know who to contact? Call our Church Office at 262-781-7600. Often times they can assist you with your needs. If not, you will be directed to the proper person. The important thing is to stay in touch with us!

**Sponsors Needed each week for Altar Flowers at both campuses!** All the details you need are on the SignUp Genius and the 2024 calendar is available on our webpage. This is a convenient way to choose a weekend and campus at any time, and the cost is only \$25 (payable by check or online). We have several volunteers who are responsible for arranging a beautiful vase of flowers on your given weekend. You can take flowers home at the end of the weekend's last service, but please return the vase as soon as you can. Keep them watered and you can enjoy them another week or 2!

Contact Michelle Aprahamian, c: 414-732-8615, email: michelle@unitybrookfield.org

**Join us for Sunday School!** We offer Sunday school at each of our worship times for children PreK-grade 6. ALL are welcome - whether you are a member, prospective member, or visitor! Interested in being part of our program? Register your child at Unitybrookfield.org.

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#### Sunday School Ends June 1-2; ABC Summer Sunday School begins June 23

We'll top off the year with ice cream sundaes during Sunday School on June 1-2 at both campuses. Then ... ABC Summer Sunday School will be held during Sunday services from **June 23 to August 25**: 8:30 am at COL and 10:00 am at CTK. Designed for kids in Pre-K to Grade 3, each week celebrates a new letter of the alphabet through Bible stories, crafts, games, activities, and a snack. There's NO sign up; just show up! Remember: friends and guests are always invited to join us for ABC Summer Sunday School!

**Registration is LIVE for Vacation Bible School, June 17-20, 12:30-4:00pm** (with aftercare available until 5:00pm). Sign up online to be part of this year's VBS program: Primero Dios, Pasaporte Por El Salvador! It's another Playful with a Purpose VBS as we learn all about our partners in El Salvador. We will play, sing, eat, laugh, learn, craft, and pray. Invite your friends, neighbors, cousins, grandkids! BE A VBS KID- completed a year of preschool through Grade 5 BE A CREW LEADER - completed Grade 6 through Sr. High

BE A SITE WORKER - college age through adults

Registration is on the church website under Sign Ups.

Mark your Calendars: Confirmation Bible Camp (for Year 1 Confirmation students) - June 23 - 28, 2024 VBS - June 17- 20, 2024 12:30 - 4:00 p.m. (with aftercare available until 5:00 p.m.) ECRT (for Year 2 Confirmation students) - July 9 - 12, 2024 Confirmation Weekend - September 14-15, 2024

#### **Servant Ministries**

Contact Jackie Herington, c: 262-501-6138, e: jackieswan10@icloud.com or Muriel Otto, e: muriel@unitybrookfield.org

**Rutilio Grande finishing construction on their new elementary school roof!** Your funds shared in our Lent offering this spring are already being put to work in El Salvador! The Rutilio Grande community has been sharing weekly updates on their progress... check out Unity and Rutilio's facebook pages to see action shots and- soon- celebration of the final product. What a joy! May their example of community and practical blessing of neighbor continue to lift us up along with them.

**Sign Up to Donate at our next Blood Drive, Saturday, June 1, 7am-noon COL campus**. Sign up is live on the church website. Our heartfelt gratitude to all blood donors and our prayers for healing for all who receive blood products!

Aspen Recovery Center Looking for Gently Used Fishing, Sporting Equipment, and Yard Games. The staff of the residential recovery program at Aspen are hoping to organize some outside recreation time for residents and looking for some help with supplies! Does anyone have gently used fishing and sporting equipment they'd be willing to donate? Here is their list: fishing poles, tackle boxes, fishing line, weights, lures, pliers, hooks of various sizes, a net... Softballs, gloves, footballs, basketballs... Corn hole or other yard games. Drop off at either church by June 1.

Help with Spring Planting Alongside Aspen Recovery Residents, Saturday June 1, 9-10:30am! We're going to construct raised bed gardens at Aspen - something that they've requested for several years - and then help with planting. Construction of the garden beds is planned for May. Please contact Cindy Boyd (dcboyd1985@sbcglobal.net / 262-424-3610) if you want to help. On Saturday June 1st from 9-10:30 AM, we'll help our friends at Aspen with planting annuals and perennials in those fabulous new raised beds along with some snazzy pots for the front of their residence. Refreshments (sub sandwiches & sodas) will be provided! Contact Cindy Boyd if you can help! (dcboyd1985@sbcglobal.net or 262-424-3610)

**Ongoing Service Opportunities:** UNITY has standing volunteer "shifts" at various partners that we commit to covering as a church. Each one is coordinated by a different Unity member... each one has its own sign up page on the church website... and each one is an opportunity for you!

**Waukesha Food Pantry Food Distribution:** Each month, 4th Saturday, 9am-12pm; 5th Monday 5:45 - 8 pm.

**Serenity Inns Recovery Program Fellowship Dinners:** cook, deliver, or serve a meal for 12 residents. Each month,1st Sunday and 2nd Friday, 6 - 7pm. Kids welcome.

#### **Property Needs**

Contact David Koenen, c: 414-559-6974, email: davidkoenen@wi.rr.com

Attention Lawn Mowers: The mowing season is here! Please use our online signup, live on the website, and let's get the roster full. Our mowers have been serviced, blades have been sharpened, and they are ready to go. All we need is "U"! If you need a tutorial or have any questions, contact Property Chair, David Koenen.

#### **Adult Programs**

Contact: Susie Sprecher, c: 262-227-1558 email: <u>wisbadger19@gmail.com</u> or Matt Griepentrog, c: 262-787-8820, e: matt@unitybrookfield.org

May 19th, 9:30 AM at COL - Orcas Island Retreat Presentation - Hear from the travelers of the Orcas Island Retreat and see pictures from their adventures with Pastor Muriel!

**Calling all Twenty and Thirty-ish somethings!** May got away from us, but we hope you are free for our next get together, which will be on **May 30th at 7 pm** at South Shore Terrace. Dress for the weather and invite your friends to join us! (Rain plan will be 3rd St Market Hall) As always, help us get the word out to others in the area and feel free to invite those you know too!

And feel free to pass along names, cells and email addresses for any friends (or adult children) who are now in the Greater Milwaukee area so we can make sure to reach out and invite them! Thank you!

Join the Cast of Jesus Karaoke! Once again UNITY has a spring musical in the works, a new version of last year's Jesus Karaoke show. Join the cast as singers, readers, or tech support. The cast will do two rehearsals in late May/early June, then perform at all three services June 8th and 9th. There is zero musical talent required to join the cast, it is basically lip synching. You DO need some good energy and a willingness to put yourself out there in front of the world's most supportive audience (it is SO much fun!). Open to 6th grade and up.

#### Cast Rehearsals: Tuesdays May 28 (COL) and June 4 (CTK), 6pm Performance Weekend: June 8/9: 5pm, 8:30am, and 10am services

#### **UNITY Member Care**

Contact: Jim Ahlquist, Minister of Member Care, e: jim@unitybrookfield.org, c: 715-210-2245 Sherrie Lorbeck, sherrie@unitybrookfield.org, c: 414-477-7762 Muriel Otto, e: muriel@unitybrookfield.org, c: 712-254-6515

#### Grief Group on May 15 & 22: 6:30-8:00 pm at COL - When Life Isn't the Same ....

If you have lost a spouse or a parent or someone else close to you, the grieving doesn't end after the funeral. We invite you to a safe space where you can share more about where you are at in your journey ... learn more about the stages of grief ... and get help finding your way through what you need most for the road ahead.

We invite you to join us for our Grief Group, held two Wednesdays, May 15 & 22, from 6:30-8:00 pm at our Cross of Life campus. If possible, attending both evenings is helpful. These gatherings will be led by Pastor Jim Ahlquist and Pastor Sherrie Lorbeck. If this is the right time for you, or if someone you know could benefit from being a part of this, please RSVP to Jim at jim@unitybrookfield.org or 715-210-2245.

**UNITY Member Care is always here for you.** You don't have to face life's ups and downs alone. Whether it's an unexpected hospitalization, a recent diagnosis, the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, addiction, anxiety, depression, or virtually anything else, the pastors are only a call, text, or email away. Please never hesitate to reach out -- whether we're the only stop you'll make or just the first step in a longer care process.

**Prayer Place cards-** If you have a prayer request that you would like included in the Prayers for Friends and Family section in the bulletin, there are cards available in the narthex near the bulletin board. You can fill out the request and pin it to the bulletin board there. You can fill out a card and place it in the basket and it will be included in the upcoming bulletin. These prayer requests will stay for 4 weeks and then if you need further prayer, repost as often as needed. Any questions, please contact Nancy by phone or email <u>nancy@unitybrookfield.org</u>

#### Worship & Music Opportunities

Children's Choirs, Contact Janet Day, c: 414-975-0286, e: janet@unitybrookfield.org Fellowship Choir, Contact Molly Pufall-Brown, c: 920-265-6881, e: mpufall@gmail.com Handbells & Praise Band, Contact Stacey Nordmeyer, c: 414-617-7673, e: staceynordmeyer72@icloud.com

ALL MUSIC End of Year Celebration May 21st starting at 5:30! On Tuesday, May 21st starting at 5:30 pm in the CTK backyard we will have a celebration before we break for summer for the musicians (and their families) who so lovingly shared their gifts of music in worship. Please join us! We will have food and beverages (lemonade, water, & soda) and you are welcome to bring a side, dessert or other beverages to share, but it's not required. The most important thing to bring is yourself and your family! Come and enjoy a time of fellowship with your fellow musicians, and also partake of our wonderful backyard and all it has to offer! Contact Lynn Key, Director of Music Ministry with questions at Lynn@unitybrookfield.org or by phone/text at 414-507-5888.

Thanks for faithfully sharing your musical gifts with UNITY!

Sr. High and Young Adults Contact Ryan Johnson, c: 262-825-7331, e: rmjohnson@gmail.com Or Sherrie Lorbeck, c: 414-477-7762 e: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org Matt Griepentrog, c:, e: matt@unitybrookfield.org

This Sunday, May 19th - We'll meet at COL from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. for a night of team challenges. Then we will break on May 26 so you can celebrate with your family over Memorial Day weekend!

Thanks so much to everyone who bought Spring flowers to support our Summer trip to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. You may pick up your Flowers anytime from the CTK campus. Look for your name and the group of flowers nearby it. If you have any questions, reach out to Sherrie, Ryan Johnson or Matt Griepentrog (see contact above). Thank you!

For all our Graduating Seniors, please email PSher, Sherrie@unitybrookfield a picture of when you were young and a senior picture, along with any details about where you are graduating from, what your plans are and/or if you know what you'd like to study, if going to college.

**Graduate Recognition - Weekend of June 1st-2nd, all services.** Graduates - we plan on recognizing you at whatever service you attend that weekend. Let us know what service you might be at, so we can look for you and invite you forward to receive a little something from your UNITY fam!

Anyone graduating from College and or any other degree program, please email Lynn Key, lynn@unitybrookfield.org a little update of what, where they are graduating from and any details on what is next for them. We all would love to hear and continue to pray for you as you begin this new chapter!

Partner we are praying for this month: Serenity Inns

The altar flowers at COL are given by the Jolliff family in honor of the First Communion students

The altar flowers at CTK are given by Diana & David Koenen in celebration of David's (13th) and Ben's (16th) birthdays

Thank you to Melissa Grabowski for arranging the altar flowers this weekend

This weekend's communion breads were baked by the First Communion students

#### **Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members**

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

#### **Cross of Life Campus**

Sandi John, Elias (Ahlquist) Olson, Max Roemaat, Jerry Buenger, Karen Beres, Bob Rusk, Debbie Horne, Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Ardyce Myhre, Paula Dryer, Marlene Jernberg, John Vaughan, Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Alyce Vollan, Barb Purnell, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

#### **Christ the King Campus**

Lois Garms, Ann-Marie Bergman, Sharon Giessen, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Kevin Nordmeyer, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Dave Rau

> We give a prayer of thanksgiving for the baptism of: Fiona Lunak

#### **UNITY Prayer Place**

Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.

#### May 18-19

Dwight Heaney (complications from surgery), brother of Christine Standley Ralph Phillips (lung cancer), uncle of Jolene Epding

#### May 11-12

Jeff Hubing (liver cancer), family friend of Renee Lowerr Steve Larson (recovery from broken femur & pneumonia), friend of Renee Lowerr Donna Funk (bladder cancer/liver issues), daughter of Pearl Haack Chris (cancer diagnosis), friend of Jeff Key Dawn (recovering from a serious infection), friend of Diana and David Koenen

#### May 4-5

Nicole (surgery recovery after cancer diagnosis), friend of Sara & Phil Roemaat

#### April 27-28

Craig Driscoll (brain cancer), brother of Chris Driscoll Tony Susa (spinal cord injury) brother-in-law of Vivian Clark Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, etc.) overseas and our military personnel: Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank

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Musicians:	Lynn Key, Janet Day, Molly Pufall-Brown
Technical:	Caitlin Dominski

## <u>COL 5:00 p.m.</u>

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## Ministers for Saturday, May 18, 2024

Worship Coordinator:	Cheryl Caraulia
Greeters:	Deborah Nustad, Matthew Nustad
Acolyte:	Brynn LaTourette, Ellie LaTourette
Ushers:	Cheryl Caraulia, Duane Maas
Worship Assistant:	Leslie O'Connell
Reader:	Phil Roemaat
Communion Assistants:	Deborah Nustad, Jill Barney, Jack Guenther, Don Bock
ABC:	Cheryl Caraulia
Musician:	Janet Day
Sound:	
Visual Projection:	Katie Maas
Song Leader:	Marv Wunder
Sunday School Leaders:	Nicki Shady
Nursery:	Kaleigh Jolliff

COL 8:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, May 19, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders: Nursery:	Suzanne & Steve Taipala Lexie Bell, Lily Bell Mark Hilgart Susie Hilgart Kim Bell Tami & Mark Miller, Debbie Riederer, Dan Bell Dan Bell Janet Day Ryan King
CTK 9:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, May 19, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders: Nursery:	Linda Wilson Diana VanSlyke, Emily McFadden Diana VanSlyke Lynn Key Jeff Key Molly Pufall-Brown
COL 10:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, May 19, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader:	Lauren Cervero, Mark Kindler Max Herington Sue & Dan Hastings Carole Syse Andrew Kindler Joy Czarnik, Dennis Horne Patricia Pelzel Janet Day Trent Reay Joe Herington Kathy Kindler Jean Qualmann-Anderson



**Trinity Weekend** 

May 25-26, 2024

Saturday, May 25, 2024 5:00 pm COL

Sunday, May 26, 2024 8:30 am COL 9:30 am CTK 10:30 am COL

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#### WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH! We're glad you're here today! UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.

- Children. Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- **Nursery.** Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- Sunday School. All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)

#### • At UNITY, the Communion Table is:

- Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
- Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
- Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
- We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
- Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
- If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.
- **Pastors.** UNITY is currently served by three called pastors who are present at both campuses on a rotating basis. Most Saturdays, the weekend preacher is the pastor at that service. On Sundays, the preacher for the weekend travels to both campuses to share the message. Each of the other pastors is then based at one campus or another.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: <u>unitybrookfield.org</u> for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

**GIVING.** If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the COL narthex and by the bulletin board in the CTK narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay is also accepted. Thank you!

#### Prelude

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

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(5:00, 8:30, 10:30)

#### Words of Welcome

#### **Sharing the Peace**

- Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- Many: And also with you.

#### **Call to Worship**

- One: Let's talk about seasons:
- Many: Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter!
- One: Actually I'm thinking of a different set of seasons...
- Many: Football, Basketball, and Baseball season!
- One: What about soccer?
- Many: That's like the season that NEVER ends!
- One: Seasons of love?
- Many: That also never ends, and thanks be to God for that.
- One: In our church calendar, we have just flipped the page to a new season:
- Many: the Season after Pentecost.
- One: Or as church traditionalists call it:.
- Many: "Ordinary Time."
- One: It actually means "ordinary" like "ordinal numbers"....
- Many: which is how the weeks of this season are identified.
- One: But it is also "ordinary" in that it is the time between our special celebrations,
- Many: after Easter and Pentecost, not yet ready to begin again with Advent and Christmas.
- One: And it is its very "ordinary-ness" that makes it special. In the time since last Advent, we've witnessed Jesus' birth, death, and rebirth.
- Many: And with Pentecost last week now the full Trinity is complete.
- One: God the Creator, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, a fullness we celebrate this weekend with Trinity Sunday. Now, as the seasons change,

Many: we graduate from witness to practitioner.

One: From now until December, in this "ordinary" Season after Pentecost, may we put in the work... to die to our old ways, live into the new, and love with the servant love of Jesus...

#### Many: a love that is always in season.

#### **Opening Hymn**

"Come, Thou Almighty King"	ELW 408 vs. 1, 2, 4	(All Services)
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#### Children's Message

#### Greeting and Prayer of the Day (based on John 3)

- Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!
- Many: And also with you.
- One: Let us Pray. Spirit of light and truth...
- Many: ... like the wind, you blow where you will. None of us controls you or even comes close to seeing you as you really are. Forgive us for constantly wanting you to do our will, rather than we yours.

#### (silence for reflection)

Thanks be to you, O God, that yours is a Spirit that blows into our lives...

...with forgiveness, not judgment. With light that pushes away our darkness. With truths that guide us to something better, rather than condemn us for having thought something worse.

For answering before we ask and blessing in ways that always remind us to share... thanks be to you, O God! We pray in the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ! Amen.

#### The Washing of Holy Baptism

This weekend at the 5:00 service, we welcome Vaydaant and Ananya Ebenezer. Vaydaant and Ananya are presented by their parents and sponsors, Sujith, Vijaya, and Snehalatha Ebenezer.

Pastor: Who presents Vaydaant and Ananya to receive the blessings of Holy Baptism? **Parents & Sponsors: We do.** 

Pastor: We gather to welcome two children of God into the community of faith. Vaydaant and Ananya, it is exciting for you and an honor for us to be present for this special moment in the life of your faith. As we begin, I have these two questions for you. Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the Lord of your life and the Savior of the world? If so, please answer, I do.

#### The Baptismal Recipients: I do.

Pastor: Believing so, then I ask you, Vaydaant and Ananya, before God and these witnesses, do you desire to be baptized?

#### The Baptismal Recipients: I do.

#### Role of the Baptized.

One: Moved by Christ's Spirit of love, Vaydaant and Ananya, you have presented yourselves for the washing and blessing of Holy Baptism. From today forward, you should, therefore, faithfully partake of the Lord's supper, join in the celebrations of the worshipping community, and serve others in need as God gives you opportunity. In all these things, you bear witness to the faith we hold. Living in the covenant of your Baptism and in Communion with the people of God, from today forward may you lead lives of goodness and service until the day of Jesus Christ. Do you promise to live by Christ's example in us? If so, please answer, "I do."

#### The Baptismal Recipients: 1 do.

#### Prayer

Pastor: Holy God, we give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

By the baptism of his own death and resurrection, your beloved Son, Jesus the Christ, has set us free from the final power of sin and death, and has opened the way to everlasting life. He made water a sign of cleansing and of birth into the family of God. As Jesus' followers, we do as he taught us, making disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit so that Vaydaant and Ananya may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as your own children, inheritors of your glorious kingdom.

#### All: Amen.

#### **Apostles' Creed**

In unity with the larger Body of Christ, we confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed, the statement of belief professed by believers at their baptism from the earliest days of the Church.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### The Baptism

- Pastor: Vaydaant / Ananya, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- All: Amen!

#### **Baptismal Prayer**

- Pastor: Lord God, we give you thanks for freeing your children from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy washing. Pour your Holy Spirit upon Vaydaant and Ananya: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and respect for the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.
- All: Amen.

#### The Mark of Christ

Vaydaant / Ananya, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

#### **Presentation of the Baptismal Candle**

One: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

#### Greeting by the Congregation

- Through Baptism, God has made this brother and sister of ours members of Pastor: the ministry of reconciliation we all share in Christ Jesus. May we proclaim the greatness and love of God and bear God's creative and redeeming Word to all the world.
- All: Vaydaant and Ananya, we welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly father, and workers with us in the Kingdom of God. Amen.
- May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the Communion Pastor: of the Holy Spirit be with you now and always!

All: Thanks be to God! Amen!

Peace be with you! Pastor:

All: And also with you.

(9:30)Anthem "A Round of Praise" Michael Helman Hosanna Handbell Choir; Stacey Nordmeyer, Director "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" arr. F. Thomas Simpson (Online) Gloria Dei Handbell Choir; Stacey Nordmeyer, Director

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

"Celtic Alleluia"

#### ELW 174

#### Gospel John 3:1-8

Overly literal people often struggle with Jesus' teachings. Nicodemus is one such person, as, on any given day, are most of us! In today's Gospel reading Jesus coaches him (and us) to open ourselves to a heavenly power that, for worse and for better, is utterly beyond our control: the power of Holy Spirit.

The Gospel according to John, the third chapter. One:

#### Many: Glory to you O, Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." 4Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

The Gospel of the Lord! One<sup>.</sup>

Praise to you, O Christ. Many:

#### Muriel Otto

#### Hymn of the Day/Baptismal Hymn

"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!	"ELW 413 vs. 1-3	(5:00, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30)
"This Little Light of Mine"	ELW 677 vs. 1-3	(5:00)
"Let Us Go Now to the Banquet"	ELW 523 vs. 2-3	(Online)

#### The Prayers of the People

Message

One: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. *(Congregation response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer.")*Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Many: Amen.

#### **Announcements and Offering**

#### **Offertory Response** (as gifts are brought forward)

"As the Grains of Wheat" ELW 465 Refrain

#### **Prayer of Thanks**

- One: Let us pray. Gracious God,
- Many: in the abundance of your steadfast love, you call us from death to life, from silence to speech, from idleness to action. With these gifts we offer ourselves to you, and with the Church through all the ages we give thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

- Pastor: The Lord be with you.
- Many: And also with you.
- Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
- Many: We lift them to the Lord.
- Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### **Words of Institution**

#### The Lord's Prayer (traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### **Communion Meditation**

"Faith of Our Fathers"	arr. Michael Fischer	(5:00, 8:30, 10:30)
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#### Post Communion Blessing Spoken Response: Amen.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

One: Let us pray. Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Many: Amen.

#### Benediction

#### Sending Hymn

"Come, Join the Dance of Trinity"	ELW 412, vs. 1, 3, 4	(5:00, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30)
"God of Wonders"	Praise Band	(Online)

#### Dismissal

One:	Go in peace, serve the Lord!
Many:	Thanks be to God!

#### Postlude

"God of Our Fathers"	George Warren	(5:00, 8:30, 10:30)
"Rescuer"	Praise Band	(Online)

### Welcome Pastor Eric Silberschmidt!

When Pastor Eric Silberschmidt joined UNITY as a Transition Pastor on May 14, 2024, he brought with him more than three decades of pastoral experience with the Greater Milwaukee Synod.

Most notably he served for 20 years (2001-2021) with Christ Lutheran Church in Salem/Paddock Lake, Wis., where he retired as their Senior Pastor. He then served as the Bridge Pastor/Interim Associate Pastor for 9 months at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Oconomowoc (2021-2022), and most recently at Trinity Lutheran Church in Kenosha (July 1, 2022-April 1, 2024).

It was in 1992 that Eric graduated from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn. with his Master of Divinity. Leading up to that time, he earned a bachelor's degree from UW-Madison, where he majored in Political Science and Journalism, then did his graduate work in Secondary Education and Human Performance at UW-La Crosse.

Eric and his wife Vickie live in Greendale and have three adult children who live in the area: Suzanne, Erica and Charlie. Eric is a fan of Wisconsin sports, especially the UW-Madison men's basketball team. He also likes attending concerts and enjoys swimming at a high school near his home.

Eric looks forward to meeting our congregation members and fostering the Spirit among us. "I am excited by the energy of this place," he said. "In interim ministry, I try to help congregations ask what they are called to do with joy and excitement – in worship, in growing in faith, and in service. So it is encouraging to walk into a place with a lively, positive attitude. It's fuel for the work we do together."

Feel free to reach out to Pastor Eric and extend a welcome! He can be contacted at eric@unitybrookfield.org or via his cell phone at 262-716-9854.

Welcome Nicole Krause!

UNITY is excited to welcome one of its own into a staff role! Nicole Krause began with us on May 15, assisting in a variety of roles with which she is already very familiar. A member of UNITY since she was 4 years old, Nicole grew up immersed in our culture and having experienced almost all of our programs.

Musically, she was a part of it all – from singing in Joyful Noise and Celebration Choir, to playing handbells in middle school and high school, to singing and song leading in high school and as an adult. As a youth she participated in Sunday School, VBS and camps, and attended Youth trips – ECRT, Boundary Waters, Summer Servant Trips and the ELCA National Youth Gathering.

She also served on our Church Council: as a Youth Rep in high school for 1 year and as Chair of our Invite/New Member Committee for a 2-year term. In fact, her parents, Mark and Joan Krause, were in the very first New Member group with John Horner-Ibler in 1997.

At UNITY, Nicole will assist with an assortment of jobs where needed. As she explains, "I'll be helping out with VBS, with Youth events when Confirmation resumes, and with our Sr. High program. I'll also be shadowing Muriel for Servant Ministries and taking over some of those areas, such as coordinating plans and travel for El Salvador trips. There are also other areas, such as leading Grief Groups, where I'll be able to step in and help."

Feel free to reach out to Nicole at any time at nicole@unitybrookfield.org or 262-227-2271.

### **UNITY Highlights**

#### No Forum This Sunday, May 26th - Happy Memorial Day!

**Mark your calendars for the Voting Meetings for new Council Members.** The meeting will be held after each worship service June 1-2, and via a Zoom link at 9:30 a.m. on June 2nd. (Watch for the link in the Saturday email campaign) and should only take a few minutes. Your vote is needed to reach a quorum, so please plan to stay for this important work. We are incredibly grateful for the dedication and leadership of the following:

Adult Programs - Susie Sprecher Communication and Technology - Ed Dominski Finance - Phil Roemaat Servant Ministries - Jackie Herington Property - David Koenen Youth - Eric Borkenhagen President - Colleen King, previous Christian Education Chair

Among all of them is 25 years of service to our congregation, leading their Ministry areas and helping to make so much happen to enrich the faith lives of members here, deepen our relationships with each other and our partners and save hundreds of thousands of dollars by doing all that we can to take care of the properties and buildings we've been entrusted with instead! Please take a moment to thank them for their service when you see them! Pray for our Nominating team as they invite others to step into these important roles and any one on the receiving end of those calls to discern if this is the time that God is calling them to share their gifts in this way!

**Sunday School - Cereal Collection** runs through Sunday, June 2. Sunday School kids will collect cereal boxes for the Waukesha Food Pantry during the month of May. Bring your boxes with you to Sunday School so Sunday School kids can count them each week! We will have a Cereal Box Domino Run/ Cram the Van event the weekend of June 1-2, at all services! Help beat last year's Domino Run of 477 boxes and help feed families in need in our community!

#### Summer Worship Hours Begin on June 8-9/Jesus Karaoke Musical Worship Weekend

Our summertime worship schedule beginning the weekend of June 8-9

- Saturdays at 5:00 at COL
- Sundays at 8:30 at COL
- Sundays at 10:00 at CTK Outside in the Pavilion (weather permitting)

We will begin outside worship at CTK on June 16 so we can enjoy Jesus Karaoke inside on June 9.

#### MHE Performs Memorable Movie Moments at CTK on June 2

The Milwaukee Handbell Ensemble (which includes UNITY members Stacey Nordmeyer and Lynn Key) will hold two Movie Night Concerts at our CTK campus. Join us on **Sunday, June 2, at 3:30 or 6:30 pm at CTK** for "*Memorable Movie Moments Heard through Handbells*!" The MHE will play music from popular movies such as "*Frozen*,"

*"Muppets," "Star Wars"* and more! This is a free event; there will be a free offering taken. Find more info at milwaukeehandbells.org.

**Thank you's, Welcome and Orioles.** Barb, David, Michael and I extend to UNITY thanksgivings beyond words. Your grace in acknowledging my departure and in surrounding our family in love for 27 years is a gift beyond measure. We were all just together for a few days and spent more than a few hours recalling the ways UNITY was both a home for us to return to and a harbor from which to launch. In particular I want to thank the hundreds of you who wrote notes of thanks and encouragement. Your stories and words will fuel me for a lifetime. The special offerings to the Backyard (\$3,883.50) and Toothfairy (for those in need of restorative dental work at the Bread of Healing Clinic) (\$14,433.50) Funds are beyond amazing. Thank you so much for sharing abundantly towards places and projects that can be so life-filling.

As I express thanks on my departure I also am excited to express welcome to Eric Silberschmidt on his arrival. How life-giving to have a new voice, new eyes, and new love for Christ's people and work!

And finally, as a small metaphor on life, I should note that Barb and I routinely put out oranges and grape jelly to attract orioles to our place in Brookfield for 27 years and also routinely failed to see even one pay us a visit. Here in our new surroundings, we can't keep the jelly filled! The orioles pounce on it. Same old strategy but in a different place with new friends to be found. So maybe, it's not really about change or continuity. It's just that God works new things all the time and the best surprises are that old and new get along just fine where grace abounds. Peace and joy! ~John

#### **Connecting in the Future: From John Horner-Ibler**

My last day on the UNITY payroll was April 30. After that fact, I am still alive and always interested in your lives. What I am not, after that date, is one of your called pastors. I encourage you to be in touch with Sherrie, Muriel (and Jim in the pastoral care area) for any ministry needs. That request carries forward to future interim pastors and especially to those people who will be called as your future settled pastors. Love them deeply, lift them in your prayers, and depend on them to help lead, serve, and care for you as your pastors. Personal connection is not a problem. If you want to be in touch, here's my info:

Mailing address: 5811 Hacker Drive, West Bend, WI 53095

E-mail address: johnhorneribler@gmail.com Cell phone: 414-313-9380

Love to all and special prayers for our Call Team, Council and future candidates. And to all, keep Jesus' humility and love at the center of your week and dreams.

 $\sim$  John

*Keep Connecting with Us!* We are here for you! Please continue to reach out to us at any time.

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Don't know who to contact? Call our Church Office at 262-781-7600. Often times they can assist you with your needs. If not, you will be directed to the proper person. The important thing is to stay in touch with us!

**Sponsors Needed each week for Altar Flowers at both campuses!** All the details you need are on the SignUp Genius and the 2024 calendar is available on our webpage. This is a convenient way to choose a weekend and campus at any time, and the cost is only \$25 (payable by check or online). We have several volunteers who are responsible for arranging a beautiful vase of flowers on your given weekend. You can take flowers home at the end of the weekend's last service, but please return the vase as soon as you can. Keep them watered and you can enjoy them another week or 2!

**Children's Education** 

Contact Michelle Aprahamian, c: 414-732-8615, email: michelle@unitybrookfield.org

#### There is no Sunday School this weekend - Happy Memorial Day!

**Join us for Sunday School!** We offer Sunday school at each of our worship times for children PreK-grade 6. ALL are welcome - whether you are a member, prospective member, or visitor! Interested in being part of our program? Register your child at Unitybrookfield.org.

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#### Sunday School Ends June 1-2; ABC Summer Sunday School begins June 23

We'll top off the year with ice cream sundaes during Sunday School on June 1-2 at both campuses. Then ... ABC Summer Sunday School will be held during Sunday services from **June 23 to August 25**: 8:30 am at COL and 10:00 am at CTK. Designed for kids in Pre-K to Grade 3, each week celebrates a new letter of the alphabet through Bible stories, crafts, games, activities, and a snack. There's NO sign up; just show up! Remember: friends and guests are always invited to join us for ABC Summer Sunday School or as the kids call it, "Funday school"!

**Registration is LIVE for Vacation Bible School, June 17-20, 12:30-4:00pm** (with aftercare available until 5:00pm). Sign up online to be part of this year's VBS program: Primero Dios, Pasaporte Por El Salvador! It's another Playful with a Purpose VBS as we learn all about our partners in El Salvador. We will play, sing, eat, laugh, learn, craft, and pray. Invite your friends, neighbors, cousins, grandkids! BE A VBS KID- completed a year of preschool through Grade 5 BE A CREW LEADER - completed Grade 6 through Sr. High BE A SITE WORKER - college age through adults Registration is on the church website under Sign Ups.

Mark your Calendars:

Confirmation Bible Camp (for Year 1 Confirmation students) - June 23 - 28, 2024 VBS - June 17- 20, 2024 12:30 - 4:00 p.m. (with aftercare available until 5:00 p.m.) ECRT (for Year 2 Confirmation students) - July 9 - 12, 2024 Confirmation Weekend - September 14-15, 2024

#### **Servant Ministries**

Contact Jackie Herington, c: 262-501-6138, e: jackieswan10@icloud.com or Muriel Otto, e: muriel@unitybrookfield.org

Thanks to all who helped with Set Up/Clean Up and supporting the Waukesha Food Pantry Fundraiser on Saturday May 18! Over 43K raised, and Higher Need than Ever Reported. We were honored to again host the food pantry's Breakfast Club spring fundraiser in the CTK Backyard pavilion. Thank you to all students and adults who helped set up, clean up, attend, and support the event. Preliminary figures look like they raised over \$43,000! As part of their event they shared their most recent data on food insecurity among their clients... in addition to higher numbers seeking food assistance than ever before, over half their clients now report running out of food funds before the end of the month, DOUBLE the percentage reporting that 2 years ago. We give thanks for all the good people working to feed our neighbors. Sign up on the church website to serve at one of Unity's food pantry shifts. Best possible use of our space, time, and funds!

**Next Way to Support the Food Pantry: Cereal and Summer Bag Sale June 1-2 and 8-9.** Food needs are higher than ever! Let's get the food pantry stocked up for the summer and the influx of families with kids now eating at home instead of school. Bring in cereal boxes any time in May, and donate funds the first two weekends of June for the food pantry to make bulk purchases of their most needed items: chicken and eggs!

**Sign Up to Donate at our next Blood Drive, Saturday, June 1, 7am-noon COL campus**. Sign up is live on the church website. Our heartfelt gratitude to all blood donors and our prayers for healing for all who receive blood products! Aspen Recovery Center Looking for Gently Used Fishing, Sporting Equipment, and Yard Games. The staff of the residential recovery program at Aspen are hoping to organize some outside recreation time for residents and looking for some help with supplies! Does anyone have gently used fishing and sporting equipment they'd be willing to donate? Here is their list: fishing poles, tackle boxes, fishing line, weights, lures, pliers, hooks of various sizes, a net... Softballs, gloves, footballs, basketballs... Corn hole or other yard games. Drop off at either church by June 1.

Help with Spring Planting Alongside Aspen Recovery Residents, Saturday June 1, 9-10:30am! We're going to construct raised bed gardens at Aspen - something that they've requested for several years - and then help with planting. Construction of the garden beds is planned for May. Please contact Cindy Boyd (dcboyd1985@sbcglobal.net / 262-424-3610) if you want to help. On Saturday June 1st from 9-10:30 AM, we'll help our friends at Aspen with planting annuals and perennials in those fabulous new raised beds along with some snazzy pots for the front of their residence. Refreshments (sub sandwiches & sodas) will be provided! Contact Cindy Boyd if you can help! (dcboyd1985@sbcglobal.net or 262-424-3610)

**Ongoing Service Opportunities:** UNITY has standing volunteer "shifts" at various partners that we commit to covering as a church. Each one is coordinated by a different Unity member... each one has its own sign up page on the church website... and each one is an opportunity for you!

**Waukesha Food Pantry Food Distribution:** Each month, 4th Saturday, 9am-12pm; 5th Monday 5:45 - 8 pm.

**Serenity Inns Recovery Program Fellowship Dinners:** cook, deliver, or serve a meal for 12 residents. Each month, 1st Sunday and 2nd Friday, 6 - 7pm. Kids welcome.

#### **Property Needs**

Contact David Koenen, c: 414-559-6974, email: davidkoenen@wi.rr.com

Attention Lawn Mowers: The mowing season is here! Please use our online signup, live on the website, and let's get the roster full. Our mowers have been serviced, blades have been sharpened, and they are ready to go. All we need is "U"! If you need a tutorial or have any questions, contact Property Chair, David Koenen.

#### **Adult Programs**

Contact: Susie Sprecher, c: 262-227-1558 email: <u>wisbadger19@gmail.com</u> or Matt Griepentrog, c: 262-787-8820, e: matt@unitybrookfield.org

Join the Cast of Jesus Karaoke! Once again UNITY has a spring musical in the works, a new version of last year's Jesus Karaoke show. Join the cast as singers, readers, or tech support. The cast will do two rehearsals the next two Tuesdays at 6pm then perform at all three services June 8th and 9th. There is zero musical talent required to join the cast, it is

basically lip synching. You DO need some good energy and a willingness to put yourself out there in front of the world's most supportive audience (it is SO much fun!). Open to 6th grade and up.

#### Cast Rehearsals: Tuesdays May 28 (COL) and June 4 (CTK), 6pm Performance Weekend: June 8/9: 5pm, 8:30am, and 10am services

**Calling all Twenty and Thirty-ish somethings!** May got away from us, but we hope you are free for our next get together, which will be on **May 30th at 7 pm** at South Shore Terrace. Dress for the weather and invite your friends to join us! (Rain plan will be 3rd St Market Hall) As always, help us get the word out to others in the area and feel free to invite those you know too!

And feel free to pass along names, cells and email addresses for any friends (or adult children) who are now in the Greater Milwaukee area so we can make sure to reach out and invite them! Thank you!

#### **UNITY Member Care**

Contact: Jim Ahlquist, Minister of Member Care, e: jim@unitybrookfield.org, c: 715-210-2245

Sherrie Lorbeck, sherrie@unitybrookfield.org, c: 414-477-7762 Muriel Otto, e: muriel@unitybrookfield.org, c: 712-254-6515

# Grief Group continues to meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of June from 6:30-8:00 pm at COL - When Life Isn't the Same ....

If you have lost a spouse or a parent or someone else close to you, the grieving doesn't end after the funeral. We invite you to a safe space where you can share more about where you are at in your journey ... learn more about the stages of grief ... and get help finding your way through what you need most for the road ahead.

We invite you to join us for our Grief Group, held the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. Our next meetings will be **June 12 and 26 from 6:30-8:00 pm at our Cross of Life campus**. These gatherings will be led by Pastor Jim Ahlquist and Nicole Krause. If this is the right time for you, or if someone you know could benefit from being a part of this, please join us! If you have questions or just want to discuss whether this is the right place for you, contact Pastor Jim at jim@unitybrookfield.org or 715-210-2245.

**UNITY Member Care is always here for you.** You don't have to face life's ups and downs alone. Whether it's an unexpected hospitalization, a recent diagnosis, the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, addiction, anxiety, depression, or virtually anything else, the pastors are only a call, text, or email away. Please never hesitate to reach out -- whether we're the only stop you'll make or just the first step in a longer care process.

**Prayer Place cards-** If you have a prayer request that you would like included in the Prayers for Friends and Family section in the bulletin, there are cards available in the narthex near the bulletin board. You can fill out the request and pin it to the bulletin board there. You can fill out a card and place it in the basket and it will be included in the upcoming bulletin. These prayer requests will stay for 4 weeks and then if you need further prayer, repost as often as needed. Any questions, please contact Nancy by phone or email nancy@unitybrookfield.org

#### Sr. High and Young Adults Contact Ryan Johnson, c: 262-825-7331, e: rmjohnson@gmail.com Or Sherrie Lorbeck, c: 414-477-7762 e: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org Matt Griepentrog, c:, e: matt@unitybrookfield.org

**This Sunday, May 26th -** we will take a break so you can celebrate with your family over Memorial Day weekend!

Sunday, June 2nd - Save the date for a Pool Party! Time and location TBD.

**For all our Graduating Seniors,** please email PSher, Sherrie@unitybrookfield a picture of when you were young and a senior picture, along with any details about where you are graduating from, what your plans are and/or if you know what you'd like to study, if going to college.

**Graduate Recognition - Weekend of June 1st-2nd, all services.** Graduates - we plan on recognizing you at whatever service you attend that weekend. Let us know what service you might be at, so we can look for you and invite you forward to receive a little something from your UNITY fam!

Anyone graduating from College and or any other degree program, please email Lynn Key, lynn@unitybrookfield.org a little update of what, where they are graduating from and any details on what is next for them. We all would love to hear and continue to pray for you as you begin this new chapter!

Partner we are praying for this month: Serenity Inns

The altar flowers at COL are given by the Tiffany Reay family in honor of those in Military and overseas service this Memorial Day

> The altar flowers at CTK are given by Sandy Huss in celebration of Emma Okupniak's 2nd birthday

Thank you to Leslie O'Connell for arranging the altar flowers this weekend

This weekend's communion breads were baked by the Diane Kotula

#### **Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members**

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

#### **Cross of Life Campus**

Sandi John, Elias (Ahlquist) Olson, Max Roemaat, Jerry Buenger, Karen Beres, Bob Rusk, Debbie Horne, Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Ardyce Myhre, Paula Dryer, Marlene Jernberg, John Vaughan, Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Alyce Vollan, Barb Purnell, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

#### Christ the King Campus

Lois Garms, Ann-Marie Bergman, Sharon Giessen, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Kevin Nordmeyer, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Dave Rau

> We give a prayer of thanksgiving for the baptism of: Vaydaant and Ananya Ebenezer

We pray our prayers of sympathy for family and loved ones as they mourn the death of a loved one:

#### **Cross of Life Campus**

Ben Leon, former Director of the Praise Band at Cross of Life prior to becoming UNITY. Ben was a talented and beloved orchestra teacher for many years in the Elmbrook School District. We pray for Shirl Schwarten, his friend and life partner.

#### **UNITY Prayer Place**

Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.

#### May 25-26

Meghan Bowen & Family (adoption process), friends of the Kawa family Tony Thibault (in ICU with brain bleed), friend of Julie & Steve Schultz Michael Lemke (rare brain cancer/tumors), friend of the Nustad family Tony Susa (spinal cord injury), brother-in-law of Vivian Clark Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

#### May 18-19

Dwight Heaney (complications from surgery), brother of Christine Standley Ralph Phillips (lung cancer), uncle of Jolene Epding

#### May 11-12

Jeff Hubing (liver cancer), family friend of Renee Lowerr Steve Larson (recovery from broken femur & pneumonia), friend of Renee Lowerr Donna Funk (bladder cancer/liver issues), daughter of Pearl Haack Chris (cancer diagnosis), friend of Jeff Key Dawn (recovering from a serious infection), friend of Diana and David Koenen

#### May 4-5

Nicole (surgery recovery after cancer diagnosis), friend of Sara & Phil Roemaat

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, etc.) overseas and our military personnel: Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank

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## Ministers for May 25-26, 2024

Worship Assistant:	Leslie O'Connell
Reader	Ryan Johnson
Musicians:	Lynn Key, Janet Day, Molly Pufall-Brown Caitlin Dominski

#### COL 5:00 p.m.

### Ministers for Saturday, May 25, 2024

Worship Coordinator:	
Greeters:	Jessica Schrieber
Acolyte:	Maxwell Fogltanz, Sebastian Dandridge
Ushers:	Nicki & Mark Shady
Worship Assistant:	Greg Buck
Reader:	Caroline Halbach
Communion Assistants:	Missy Fogltanz, Kim Klug
ABC:	Kim Klug
Musician:	Greg O'Čonnell
Sound:	Connor Lalor
Visual Projection:	Kris Kern Stark
Song Leader:	
Sunday School Leaders:	No Sunday School this weekend
	Rachel Manganaro

COL 8:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, May 26, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders: Nursery:	Kathy & Bernd Brunke Sophia Mrachek, Addison Kahle Darcy & Jan Constable Susie Hilgart TJ Roche Barb Consigny, Bernd Bruhnke, Jann & Dave Meissner Jann Meissner Greg O'Connell Paul Karrels
CTK 9:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, May 26, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders: Nursery:	Linda Wilson Nancy Kostanski, Steve Walz Barb Hemmingsen Praise Band Nancy Kostanski Praise Band
COL 10:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, May 26, 2024
Worship Coordinator: Greeters: Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders:	Fred Varin Greg O'Connell
Sunday School Leaders: Nursery:	No Sunday School Josi Matel



## Second Weekend after Pentecost

June 1-2, 2024

Saturday, June 1, 2024 5:00 pm COL

Sunday, June 2, 2024 8:30 am COL 9:30 am CTK 10:30 am COL

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#### WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH! We're glad you're here today! UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.

- Children. Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- **Nursery.** Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- Sunday School. All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)

#### • At UNITY, the Communion Table is:

- Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
- Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
- Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
- We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
- Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
- If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.
- **Pastors.** UNITY is currently served by three called pastors who are present at both campuses on a rotating basis. Most Saturdays, the weekend preacher is the pastor at that service. On Sundays, the preacher for the weekend travels to both campuses to share the message. Each of the other pastors is then based at one campus or another.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: <u>unitybrookfield.org</u> for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

**GIVING.** If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the COL narthex and by the bulletin board in the CTK narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay is also accepted. Thank you!

#### Prelude

*"Joy" "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us"*  George Winston arr. Martin (5:00, 8:30, 10:30) (9:30)

#### Words of Welcome

#### **Sharing the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Many: And also with you.

#### **Call to Worship**

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One:	A baby coos and giggles!
Many:	What a perfect sound. Life! Divine!
One:	Someone you adore speaks your name, just right.
Many:	My heart jumps. Love! Divine!
One:	You've watched a person grow into who they are!
Many:	Filled with remarkable gifts to share with the world! Hope! Divine!
One:	The one from whom you expect the least
Many:	instead offers the most. Generosity! Divine!
One:	This is what life can be
Many:	when we are clued in enough not to fill in the answers too soon.
One:	It is what life can be when the young discover an old way that works
Many:	and the old laugh and shout because a new way brings life.
One:	This is the Good News of Jesus made real in lives that do not stay the same
Many:	but matter most when heaven draws close in every moment of
One:	Life!
Many:	Love!
One:	Hope!
Many:	Generosity! It's divine! O God, YOU are divine! May we see the beauty
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#### **Opening Hymn**

"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"	ELW 533 vs. 1, 2, 5	(All Services)
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#### Children's Message

### **Greeting and Prayer of the Day**

- Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!
- Many: And also with you.

One: Let us pray. Oh God, you are not a hesitant Helper...

Many: ...in Jesus, you tirelessly healed the world. Fill us with his Spirit! Fill us so much, that nothing else fits... especially not the fear or laziness, or selfishness that so often keeps us in our own world instead of in the life of your world.

Fill our cups to overflowing, Most High God. Let your excess be our gift to share, and your sufficiency... our strength to trust. Amen.

**Gospel Acclamation** 

*"Celtic Alleluia"* ELW 174

### Gospel Mark 2:23-3:6

Here Jesus is angered by the religious leaders who seek to use the gift that God had created for humanity as that by which to judge the actions of the disciples. Sabbath was meant for people to have rest from the six days of toil and work so that they could worship God and renew. While we must choose how we will live and what it means to be a Christian, we do well when we seek to follow Jesus ourselves instead of judging others.

## One: The Gospel according to Mark, the second and third chapters **Many:** Glory to you O, Lord.

<sup>23</sup>One sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. <sup>24</sup>The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" <sup>25</sup>And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? <sup>26</sup>He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; <sup>28</sup>so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

<sup>3:1</sup>Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. <sup>2</sup>They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. <sup>3</sup>And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. <sup>5</sup>He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. <sup>6</sup>The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

- One: The Gospel of the Lord!
- Many: Praise to you, O Christ.

### Message

### Hymn of the Day

"As We Gather at Your Table"	ELW 522 vs. 1-3	(All Services)
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### The Prayers of the People

One:	Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people
	according to their needs.
	(Congregation response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer.")
Pastor:	Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Many:	Amen.

### **Announcements and Offering**

### **Recognition of our Graduates**

**Offertory Response** (as gifts are brought forward) "As the Grains of Wheat" ELW 465 Refrain

### **Prayer of Thanks**

One: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

Many: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us... ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

- Many: And also with you.
- Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
- Many: We lift them to the Lord.
- Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### **Words of Institution**

### The Lord's Prayer (Ecumenical)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

### **Communion Meditation**

"Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)"	Matt Crocker	(5:00, 8:30, 10:30)
"We Will Glorify"	arr. Bock	(9:30)

Post Communion Blessing Spoken Response: Amen.

### **Prayer after Communion**

One: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Many: Amen.

### Benediction

### Sending Hymn

### Dismissal

One: Go in peace, serve the Lord! Many: Thanks be to God!

### Postlude

"I Came to Praise the Lord"	William Gaither	(5:00, 8:30, 10:30)
"Postlude in G minor"	Smith	(9:30)

### **UNITY Highlights**

Forum this Sunday, June 1, 9:30 at COL and 10:30 at CTK - Meet and Greet with Pastor Eric and Nicole Krause. Come and spend some time getting to know our two newest additions to the UNITY staff.

**5-Minute Congregational Voting Meeting for new Council Members after all services June 1-2**. The meeting will be held after each worship service and via a Zoom link at 9:30 a.m. on June 2nd and should only take a few minutes. Your vote is needed to reach a quorum, so please plan to stay for this important work.

We will be voting to elect our next round of UNITY church council members, which are as follows:

Phil Roemaat, President; Todd Blatnik, Adult Programs Bert Perizzo, Communications and Technology Tim Herman, Finance Property Ellen Vermillion, Servant Ministries Nancy Oberhauser, Youth

We are incredibly grateful for the dedication and leadership of the following:

Adult Programs - Susie Sprecher Communication and Technology - Ed Dominski Finance - Phil Roemaat Servant Ministries - Jackie Herington Property - David Koenen Youth - Eric Borkenhagen President - Colleen King, previous Christian Education Chair

Among all of them is 25 years of service to our congregation, leading their Ministry areas and helping to make so much happen to enrich the faith lives of members here, deepen our relationships with each other and our partners and save hundreds of thousands of dollars by doing all that we can to take care of the properties and buildings we've been entrusted with instead! Please take a moment to thank them for their service when you see them! Pray for our Nominating team as they invite others to step into these important roles and any one on the receiving end of those calls to discern if this is the time that God is calling them to share their gifts in this way!

### Summer Worship Hours Begin on June 8-9/Jesus Karaoke Musical Worship Weekend

Our summertime worship schedule beginning the weekend of June 8-9

- Saturdays at 5:00 at COL
- Sundays at 8:30 at COL
- Sundays at 10:00 at CTK Outside in the Pavilion (weather permitting)

We will begin outside worship at CTK on June 16 so we can enjoy Jesus Karaoke inside on June 9.

**MHE Performs Memorable Movie Moments at CTK on June 2:** The Milwaukee Handbell Ensemble (which includes UNITY members Stacey Nordmeyer and Lynn Key) will hold two Movie Night Concerts at our CTK campus. Join us on **Sunday, June 2, at 3:30 or 6:30 pm** for *"Memorable Movie Moments Heard through Handbells!"* The MHE will play music from popular movies such as *"Frozen," "Muppets," "Star Wars"* and more! This is a free event (free will offering taken.) Find more info at milwaukeehandbells.org.

**Sponsors Needed each week for Altar Flowers at both campuses!** All the details you need are on the SignUp Genius and the 2024 calendar is available on our webpage. This is a convenient way to choose a weekend and campus at any time, and the cost is only \$25 (payable by check or online). We have several volunteers who are responsible for arranging a beautiful vase of flowers on your given weekend. You can take flowers home at the end of the weekend's last service, but please return the vase as soon as you can. Keep them watered and you can enjoy them another week or two!

**Graduates:** We will honor all our graduating seniors with a gift and blessing during each service and ask God to be with them as they head out into the world of adulthood!

### **College Graduates**

**Ryan Johnson** graduated from University of Wisconsin-Madison in May and is continuing in pursuit of a Masters Degree in Curriculum and Instruction for Mathematics.

**Mitchell Mueller** graduated from Utah Valley University with a Bachelor's degree in Applied Communications.

**Chloe O'Connell** graduated from Marquette University in May, 2024 with her Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Beginning this summer, she will work as a Registered Nurse at Children's Wisconsin on an acute care unit.

**Aaron Rooney** graduated from The University of Wisconsin - Madison on May 11th with a bachelor's degree in Landscape Architecture. He has accepted a position with The Sigma Group, a civil/environmental engineering firm in downtown Milwaukee.

With gratitude for the life of Carole Bock, a founding member of Cross of Life, we share that four applicants were chosen to receive scholarships in her name. Thank you to the large number of applicants for your efforts and dedication. We give prayers of thanks for all our students, teachers, administrators and all those who encourage and support them.

### Children's Education

Contact Michelle Aprahamian, c: 414-732-8615, email: michelle@unitybrookfield.org

## Sunday School Program Year Ends June 1-2; ABC Summer Sunday School begins June 23

We'll top off the year with ice cream sundaes during Sunday School on June 1-2 at both campuses. Then ... ABC Summer Sunday School for grades Pre-K-Grade 3 will be held during Sunday services from June 23 to August 25: 8:30 am at COL and 10:00 am at CTK. Each week celebrates a new letter of the alphabet through Bible stories, crafts, games, activities, and a snack. There's NO sign up; just show up! Remember: friends and guests are always invited to join us for ABC Summer Sunday School or as the kids call it, "Funday school"!

**Registration is LIVE for Vacation Bible School, June 17-20, 12:30-4:00 pm** (with aftercare available until 5:00pm). Sign up online to be part of this year's VBS program: Primero Dios, Pasaporte Por El Salvador! It's another Playful with a Purpose VBS as we learn all about our partners in El Salvador. We will play, sing, eat, laugh, learn, craft, and pray. Invite your friends, neighbors, cousins, grandkids! BE A VBS KID- completed a year of preschool through Grade 5 BE A CREW LEADER - completed Grade 6 through Sr. High BE A SITE WORKER - college age through adults Registration is on the church website under Primero Dios VBS. **Hurry! ...Registration ends Sunday June 9th.** 

Vacation Bible School Fun Continues... Join us Thursday June 20 at 4:30pm for our Vacation Bible School Fiesta. Kids and families are welcome to join the celebration of an awesome week with music and food in the CTK pavilion.

Mark your Calendars: Confirmation Bible Camp (for Year 1 Confirmation students) - June 23 - 28, 2024 VBS - June 17- 20, 2024 12:30 - 4:00 p.m. (with aftercare available until 5:00 p.m.) ECRT (for Year 2 Confirmation students) - July 9 - 12, 2024 Confirmation Weekend - September 14-15, 2024

**Servant Ministries** 

Contact Jackie Herington, c: 262-501-6138, e: jackieswan10@icloud.com or Muriel Otto, e: muriel@unitybrookfield.org

Thanks to all who helped with Set Up/Clean Up and supporting the Waukesha Food Pantry Fundraiser on Saturday May 18! Over 43K raised, and Higher Need than Ever Reported. We were honored to again host the food pantry's Breakfast Club spring fundraiser in the CTK Backyard pavilion. Thank you to all students and adults who helped set up, clean up, attend, and support the event. Preliminary figures look like they raised over \$43,000! As part of their event they shared their most recent data on food insecurity among their clients... in addition to higher numbers seeking food assistance than ever before, over half their clients now report running out of food funds before the end of the month, DOUBLE the percentage reporting that 2 years ago. We give thanks for all the good people working to feed our neighbors. Sign up on the church website to serve at one of Unity's food pantry shifts. Best possible use of our space, time, and funds! **Next Way to Support the Food Pantry: Cereal and Summer Bag Sale June 1-2 and 8-9.** Food needs are higher than ever! Let's get the food pantry stocked up for the summer and the influx of families with kids now eating at home instead of school. Bring in cereal boxes any time in May, and donate funds the first two weekends of June for the food pantry to make bulk purchases of their most needed items: chicken and eggs! They get eggs for about \$1.50/dozen and for chicken can usually find deals for \$1.75/lb, so a \$10 "bag" donation will buy 3 dozen eggs and 3 lbs of chicken.

**Ongoing Service Opportunities:** UNITY has standing volunteer "shifts" at various partners that we commit to covering as a church. Each one is coordinated by a different Unity member... each one has its own sign up page on the church website... and each one is an opportunity for you!

**Waukesha Food Pantry Food Distribution:** Each month, 4th Saturday, 9am-12pm; 5th Monday 5:45 - 8 pm.

**Serenity Inns Recovery Program Fellowship Dinners:** cook, deliver, or serve a meal for 12 residents. Each month, 1st Sunday and 2nd Friday, 6 - 7pm. Kids welcome.

### **Property Needs**

Contact David Koenen, c: 414-559-6974, email: davidkoenen@wi.rr.com

Attention Lawn Mowers: The mowing season is here! Please use our online signup, live on the website, and let's get the roster full. Our mowers have been serviced, blades have been sharpened, and they are ready to go. All we need is "U"! If you need a tutorial or have any questions, contact Property Chair, David Koenen.

### **Adult Programs**

Contact: Susie Sprecher, c: 262-227-1558 email: <u>wisbadger19@gmail.com</u> or Matt Griepentrog, c: 262-787-8820, e: matt@unitybrookfield.org

Mark your calendars and plan to join us:

**Sunday, June 9, 10:30 AM at CTK - Orcas Island Retreat Presentation** - Hear from the travelers of the Orcas Island Retreat and see pictures from their adventures with Pastor Muriel!

Join the Cast of Jesus Karaoke! Once again UNITY has a spring musical in the works, a new version of last year's Jesus Karaoke show. Join the cast as singers, readers, or tech support. The cast will do two rehearsals the next two Tuesdays at 6pm then perform at all three services June 8th and 9th. There is zero musical talent required to join the cast, it is basically lip synching. You DO need some good energy and a willingness to put yourself out there in front of the world's most supportive audience (it is SO much fun!). Open to 6th grade and up.

Lunch Bunch - Join us the second Wednesday of each month at 11:30 am at Maxim's. (18025 W. Capitol Drive in Brookfield.) The next meeting is June 12. Everyone is welcome, no matter your age or stage: younger, older, singles, couples, regular or occasional. Just show up because the nice thing about Maxim's is that seating is endlessly expandable. And, if you have any questions before you come, Esther McKee is your point person: (262) 246-6443.

**UNITY's Moms Group Spring/Summer Schedule: Third Thursdays in the backyard at Christ the King. 5:30-7pm, dinner and childcare provided.** Moms of all ages and stages welcome as we talk, eat, laugh, cry, support, pray. Kids can be in the backyard or in the nursery with sitters. Spring/summer dates: June 20 (after VBS family dinner), July 18, August 15.

### UNITY Member Care Contact: Jim Ahlquist, Minister of Member Care, e: jim@unitybrookfield.org, c: 715-210-2245 Sherrie Lorbeck, sherrie@unitybrookfield.org, c: 414-477-7762 Muriel Otto, e: muriel@unitybrookfield.org, c: 712-254-6515

# Grief Group continues to meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of June from 6:30-8:00 pm at COL - *When Life Isn't the Same* ...

If you have lost a spouse or a parent or someone else close to you, the grieving doesn't end after the funeral. We invite you to a safe space where you can share more about where you are at in your journey ... learn more about the stages of grief ... and get help finding your way through what you need most for the road ahead.

We invite you to join us for our Grief Group, held the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. Our next meetings will be **June 12 and 26 from 6:30-8:00 pm at our Cross of Life campus**. These gatherings will be led by Pastor Jim Ahlquist and Nicole Krause. If this is the right time for you, or if someone you know could benefit from being a part of this, please join us! If you have questions or just want to discuss whether this is the right place for you, contact Pastor Jim at jim@unitybrookfield.org or 715-210-2245.

**UNITY Member Care is always here for you.** You don't have to face life's ups and downs alone. Whether it's an unexpected hospitalization, a recent diagnosis, the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, addiction, anxiety, depression, or virtually anything else, the pastors are only a call, text, or email away. Please never hesitate to reach out -- whether we're the only stop you'll make or just the first step in a longer care process.

**Prayer Place cards-** If you have a prayer request that you would like included in the Prayers for Friends and Family section in the bulletin, there are cards available in the narthex near the bulletin board. You can fill out the request and pin it to the bulletin board there. You can fill out a card and place it in the basket and it will be included in the upcoming bulletin. These prayer requests will stay for 4 weeks and then if you need further prayer, repost as often as needed. Any questions, please contact Nancy by phone or email nancy@unitybrookfield.org

### Worship & Music Opportunities

Children's Choirs, Contact Janet Day, c: 414-975-0286, e: janet@unitybrookfield.org Fellowship Choir, Contact Molly Pufall-Brown, c: 920-265-6881, e: mpufall@gmail.com Handbells & Praise Band, Contact Stacey Nordmeyer, c: 414-617-7673, e: staceynordmeyer72@icloud.com

**All-Music Tuesdays** - where ALL are Welcome! - is taking a break for the summer. Watch here for future announcements about special music groups gathering to share our gifts over the summer, and also for the restart of All-Music Tuesdays in September. Thanks to all who have shared their gifts with UNITY over this past year. You are a blessing!

### Sr. High and Young Adults

Contact Ryan Johnson, c: 262-825-7331, e: rmjohnson@gmail.com Or Sherrie Lorbeck, c: 414-477-7762 e: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org Matt Griepentrog, c:, e: matt@unitybrookfield.org

**This Sunday, Sunday, June 2nd - End of Year Pool Party!** From 2-4 at Dominski Pool: 19650 Wellington Ct. Brookfield 53045. Bring a suit, towel and snack to share - chips & dip, dessert, fruit, salad, etc. Contact Ryan Johnson or Pastor Sherrie with any questions.

**Graduate Recognition - Weekend of June 1st-2nd, all services.** Graduates - we plan on recognizing you at whatever service you attend this weekend. Let us know when you are here so we can look for you and invite you forward to receive a little something from your UNITY fam!

Partner we are praying for this month: Hebron Housing Services

The altar flowers at COL are given by the Deborah Nustad in celebration of birthdays for Pastor Muriel, Melanie Rooney & JoAnn Tomm (in heaven)

*The altar flowers at CTK are given by Diana & David Koenen in celebration of grandson, Thomas', 6th birthday* 

Thank you to Nancy Kostanski for arranging the altar flowers this weekend

This weekend's communion breads were baked by the Kelsey Morrison

### **Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members**

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

### **Cross of Life Campus**

Joan Krause, Sandi John, Elias (Ahlquist) Olson, Max Roemaat, Jerry Buenger, Karen Beres, Bob Rusk, Debbie Horne, Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Ardyce Myhre, Paula Dryer, Marlene Jernberg, John Vaughan, Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Alyce Vollan, Barb Purnell, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

### **Christ the King Campus**

Lois Garms, Sharon Giessen, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Dave Rau

We pray our prayers of sympathy for family and loved ones as they mourn the death of a loved one:

### **Christ the King Campus**

Nate Allar, brother of John Allar

### **UNITY Prayer Place**

Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.

### June 1-2

Sharon Zeman (battling cancer), friend of Jeff & Lynn Key Nicole (surgery recovery after cancer diagnosis), friend of Sara & Phil Roemaat

### May 25-26

Meghan Bowen & Family (adoption process), friends of the Kawa family Tony Thibault (in ICU with brain bleed), friend of Julie & Steve Schultz Michael Lemke (rare brain cancer/tumors), friend of the Nustad family Tony Susa (spinal cord injury), brother-in-law of Vivian Clark Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

### May 18-19

Dwight Heaney (complications from surgery), brother of Christine Standley Ralph Phillips (lung cancer), uncle of Jolene Epding

### May 11-12

Jeff Hubing (liver cancer), family friend of Renee Lowerr Donna Funk (bladder cancer/liver issues), daughter of Pearl Haack Chris (cancer diagnosis), friend of Jeff Key Dawn (recovering from a serious infection), friend of Diana and David Koenen

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, etc.) overseas and our military personnel: Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank

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COL 5:00 p.m.	Ministers for Saturday, June 1, 2024
Worship Coordinator:	
	Samantha James, Kim Urchell
Acolyte:	Betty Bredemus, James Lorbeck
Ushers:	Mary Jo & Jim Eggert
Worship Assistant:	Leslie O'Connell
Reader:	Cathy James
Communion Assistants:	Cathy & Bill James
ABC:	Kim Urchell
Musician:	Greg O'Connell
Sound:	Connor Lalor
Visual Projection:	Kaleigh Jolliff
Song Leader:	Becki Culhane
Sunday School Leaders:	Phil Roemaat
	Frances Paradis & Nora Schneider

COL 8:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, June 2, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders: Nursery:	Steve Taipala Fonda Kapitan, Dan Shannon Charlotte Quinnell Tami & Mark Miller Paul Langer Molly Wirth Fonda & David Kapitan, Lynn & Dan Shannon Jann & Dave Meissner Greg O'Connell Eric Gravenkamp Kaleigh Jolliff Natalie Schneider Emily Reinhardt, Julie Miesfeld, Davida Kroepfl Josi Matel Kevin Anderson
CTK 9:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, June 2, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders: Nursery:	Peter Grunwald Barb Hemmingsen, Barb Patterson Barb Hemmingsen Janet Day
COL 10:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, June 2, 2024
Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection:	Tara Sanicola, Mark Kindler Aubrey McDonald, Austin Alft Tiffany & Scott Reay Trisha Smith Michelle Wilkins Joy Czarnik, Abigail Mace Greg O'Connell Clyde Reay Trent Reay Kathy Kindler Jennifer Loverine, Reghan Guenther



Third Weekend after Pentecost Jesus Karaoke

June 8-9, 2024

Saturday, June 8, 2024 5:00 pm COL

Sunday, June 9, 2024 8:30 am COL 10:00 am COL

### Online Worship anytime after 5:00 pm each Saturday

unitybrookfield.org

Cross of Life Campus 20700 W. North Avenue Brookfield, WI 53045 Christ the King Campus 4600 Pilgrim Road Brookfield, WI 53005

(262) 781-7600

### WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH! We're glad you're here today! UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.

- Children. Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- **Nursery.** Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- Sunday School. All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)

### • At UNITY, the Communion Table is:

- Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
- Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
- Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
- We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
- Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
- If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.
- **Pastors.** UNITY is currently served by three called pastors who are present at both campuses on a rotating basis. Most Saturdays, the weekend preacher is the pastor at that service. On Sundays, the preacher for the weekend travels to both campuses to share the message. Each of the other pastors is then based at one campus or another.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: <u>unitybrookfield.org</u> for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

**GIVING.** If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the COL narthex and by the bulletin board in the CTK narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay is also accepted. Thank you!

### Prelude

"Come, Now Is the Time to Worship" arr. Shackley

(All Services)

### Words of Welcome

### Sharing the Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Many: And also with you.

### Call to Worship:

One:	Sing!
Many:	And God's people were hurting and lost and at first
One:	there was only silence.
Many:	Sing!
One:	God is nothing if not persistent. God knows that fear and defeat tempt us to give up on each other and the divine.
Many:	(whispered, but insistent) Sing!
One:	And so God starts in the right spot. Not with answers and behavior check- lists, but with our souls and hearts and God says to us sing.
Many:	And finally, finally, there was a whisper
One:	Then a note
Many:	then a chord and then measure upon Spirit-filled Measure.
One:	Fearful and defeated people shook off their shackles and chains.
Many:	and something erupted between and among them!
One:	And no longer did God need to say
Many:	Sing!
One:	Because the melody brought forth life and the people were filled with a new
	Spirit and they recognized it for exactly what it is
Many:	Good News!
One:	And to that God's people easily and gladly shout
Many:	AMEN!

### **Opening Hymn**

"Oh, Sing to the Lord"	ELW 822 vs. 1, 3, 5	(5:00, 8:30, 10:00)
"God's Word Is Our Great Heritage"	ELW 509	(Online)

### Children's Message

### **Greeting and Prayer of the Day**

- Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!
- Many: And also with you.

One: Let us pray. God the Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit,

Many: Thank you for all you are to us, and all your spirit makes possible in us. As we sing and tell your story in a new way today, may it spark in us something new as well... a new idea, a new insight... new awareness of your love, new appreciation for the vocal talents of our fellow members(!), a new willingness to not only tell your story but live your story. Oh God our God, make us new this day we pray. Amen.

#### Jesus Karaoke

Music/Visuals: DJ Matt Griepentrog Narrators: Eric Godfrey, Cheryl Schiesl, Diana Koenen God the Creator: Eric Silberschmidt, Leslie O'Connell, Cheryl Schiesl, Greg Peterson God the Christ (Jesus): Ali Allar, Megan Brophey, Connor Hubert, Jeff Key, Lynn Key God the Holy Spirit: Bill Hubert Ensemble: Diana Koenen, Eric Godfrey, Muriel Otto

Act 1: God the Creator	Narrated by: Eric Godfrey	
Introduction of God:	<i>"L-O-V-E"</i> starring Eric Silberschmidt as God	Nat King Cole
<b>Covenant Making:</b>	<b>"Respect"</b> starring Leslie O'Connell as God	Aretha Franklin
Pre-Incarnation:	<b>"These Boots are Made for Walking"</b> starring Cheryl Schiesl as God	Nancy Sinatra
Exile:	<b>"Total Eclipse of the Heart"</b> starring Diana Koenen as God's people Bill Hubert as God the Holy Spirit	<b>Bonnie Tyler</b> <i>e and</i>
Pre-Incarnation:	<b>"I'm Gonna Keep On Loving You"</b> starring Greg Peterson as God	REO Speedwagon
Act 2: God the Christ	Narrated by: Cheryl Schiesl	
<b>Collecting Disciples:</b>	<b>"I've Got Friends in Low Places"</b> starring Jeff & Lynn Key as Jesus	Garth Brooks
Change/Transformation:	<b>"Firework"</b> starring Ali Allar as Jesus	Katy Perry
Last Supper/Crucifixion:	<b>"Somebody Like You"</b> starring Megan Brophey as Jesus	Adele
<b>Resurrection:</b>	<b>"Staying Alive"</b> starring Connor Hubert as Jesus	Bee Gees
Ascension:	<i>"Come Fly With Me"</i> starring Greg Peterson as God singing	Frank Sinatra to Jesus

 Act 3: God the Holy Spirit
 "Danger Zone"
 Kenny Loggins

 Pentecost/Holy Spirit:
 "Danger Zone"
 Kenny Loggins

 starring Bill Hubert as God the Holy Spirit
 "On the Road Again"
 Willie Nelson

 Being Sent Out:
 "On the Road Again"
 Willie Nelson

 Beloved Community/ Supporting Each Other:
 "I'll Be There For You"
 The Rembrandts

 starring the Trinity: Eric Godfrey As God the Creator, Connor Hubert as God the Christ, and
 Starting the Christ, and

Bill Hubert as God the Holy SpiritFinale:"Heaven is a Place on Earth"Belinda Carlislestarring: everyone!

Message	"Jesus Karaoke"	Muriel Otto & Eric Silberschmidt	(Online)

### Hymn of the Day

"Let Us Go Now to the Banquet"	ELW 523	(Online)
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### The Prayers of the People

One: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. *(Congregation response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer.")*Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Many: Amen.

### **Announcements and Offering**

<b>Offertory Response</b> (as gifts are brought forward)		
"As the Grains of Wheat"	ELW 465 Refrain	

(5:00, 8:30, 10:00)

### **Prayer of Thanks**

One: Let us pray. Blessed are you,

Many: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

- Pastor: The Lord be with you.
- Many: And also with you.
- Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
- Many: We lift them to the Lord.
- Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### **Words of Institution**

### The Lord's Prayer (traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

### **Communion Meditation**

"Let Us Break Bread Together"	arr. Kogut	(All Services)
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### Post Communion Blessing Spoken Response: Amen.

### **Prayer after Communion**

One: Let us pray. O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Many: Amen.

### Benediction

### Sending Hymn

"Heaven is a Place on Earth"	Reprise	(5:00, 8:30, 10:00)
"On Our Way Rejoicing"	ELW 537	(Online)

### Dismissal

One: Go in peace, serve the Lord! Many: Thanks be to God!

### Postlude

"I'll Fly Away"	Brumley, arr. Lorie Line	(All Services)
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### **SIGN UP FOR VBS!**

### LAST DAY TO REGISTER is June 10



For more details & to register scan the QR code or visit UnityBrookfield.org

# JUNE 17-20

### 12:30-4:00PM CHRIST THE KING

### Summer Worship Hours Begin THIS weekend and runs through September 1

- Saturdays at 5:00 at COL
- Sundays at 8:30 at COL
- Sundays at 10:00 at CTK Outside in the Pavilion (weather permitting)

We will begin outside worship at CTK on June 16 so we can enjoy Jesus Karaoke inside on June 9. Reminder to those who need extra consideration in accessing the pavilion, you are welcome to get dropped off on the asphalt driveway in front of the pavilion, or if you are driving, you may park along the edge of the driveway near the pavilion, allowing continued access to other vehicles for dropping off/picking up.

**Forum this Sunday, June 9, 11:00 AM at CTK - Orcas Island Retreat Presentation -**Hear from the travelers of the Orcas Island Retreat and see pictures from their adventures with Pastor Muriel!

**Visitation arrangements for Ken Schneider,** who passed away on April 17 will be on **Friday, June 14 from 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM** at Wisconsin Memorial Park, Chapel of Flowers, 13235 West Capitol Drive, Brookfield, Wisconsin 53005. Ken was a long time member at the Christ the King campus.

## Thank you to our new Council members, elected at our Congregations Voting Meeting held after all services June 1 and 2:

Phil Roemaat, President Todd Blatnik, Adult Programs Bert Perizzo, Communications and Technology Tim Herman, Finance Ellen Vermillion, Servant Ministries Nancy Oberhauser, Youth

And Al Bengston accepted the nomination of the Property chair (which we'll officially vote on at a later point). The first Council meeting for Current Council and these Incoming Council Chairs is this Tuesday, June 11th at the CTK campus at 6:00.

**Thanks to our outgoing Council members:** Colleen King (President), Susie Sprecher (Adult Programs), Ed Dominski (Communications and Technology), Phil Roemaat (Finance), Jackie Herington (Servant Ministries), David Koenen (Property), and Eric Borkenhagen (Youth). Thanks also to our Nominating Team for helping to identify all these individuals willing to serve UNITY in this way.

**Coming to Online Worship:** Over the summer we will be transitioning from weekly prerecorded online worship services to Live-Streamed Worship. Currently, our online worship service is pre-recorded on Thursdays and Fridays, edited together and uploaded to our website by 5pm Saturday. Live-streaming will free up about 15-20+ hours weekly for our staff to be able to devote to other needs. Starting next weekend, we will be Live-Streaming from COL every **Sunday at 8:30 am**, which can be viewed on our website LIVE or any later time. Stay tuned for more information as we make this transition and thank you for your patience and understanding as there may be a few clunks as we work through the new process.

### Keep Connecting with Us!

We love to hear from you! Please continue to reach out to us at any time.Pastor Jim Ahlquist:Pastor Muriel Otto:jim@unitybrookfield.orgmuriel@unitybrookfield.orgCell: 715-210-2245Cell: 712-254-6515

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Don't know who to contact? Call our Church Office at 262-781-7600. Oftentimes they can assist you with your needs. If not, you will be directed to the proper person. The important thing is to stay in touch with us!

**Sponsors Needed each week for Altar Flowers at both campuses!** All the details you need are on the SignUp Genius and the 2024 calendar is available on our webpage. This is a convenient way to choose a weekend and campus at any time, and the cost is only \$25 (payable by check or online). We have several volunteers who are responsible for arranging a beautiful vase of flowers on your given weekend. You can take flowers home at the end of the weekend's last service, but please return the vase as soon as you can. Keep them watered and you can enjoy them another week or two!

### **Children's Education**

Contact Michelle Aprahamian, c: 414-732-8615, email: michelle@unitybrookfield.org

**ABC Summer Sunday School for grades Pre-K-Grade 3** will be held during Sunday services from **June 23 to August 25** (there is no Sunday school 7/7, Happy Fourth of July weekend!): 8:30 am at COL and 10:00 am at CTK. Each week celebrates a new letter of the alphabet through Bible stories, crafts, games, activities, and a snack. There's NO sign up; just show up! Remember: friends and guests are always invited to join us for ABC Summer Sunday School or as the kids call it, *"Funday school"*!

**Teachers, we need just 5 more ABC SSS leaders.** You can sign up to teach using Ministry Scheduler. Contact Michelle if you have questions on how to sign up to lead ABC SSS. All lessons are planned and prepared. Just bring your big heart and smile for our kids.

**Thank you to all our Sunday School leaders!** We appreciate all your time, energy and love for our kids. We are grateful you are on this faith journey with us.

Last Call for Vacation Bible School, Registration Ends Sunday June 9th. Sign up online to be part of this year's VBS program: Primero Dios, (God First) Pasaporte Por El Salvador, June 17-20, 12:30-4:00pm with aftercare available until 5pm. It's another Playful with a Purpose VBS as we learn all about our partners in El Salvador. We will play, sing, eat, laugh, learn, craft, and pray. Invite your friends, neighbors, cousins, grandkids! BE A VBS KID- completed a year of preschool through Grade 5 BE A CREW LEADER - completed Grade 6 through Sr. High BE A SITE WORKER - college age through adults Registration is on the church website under Primero Dios VBS.

Vacation Bible School Fun Continues... Join us Thursday June 20 at 4:30pm for our Vacation Bible School Fiesta. Kids and families are welcome to join the celebration of an awesome week with music and food in the CTK pavilion.

Mark your Calendars: Confirmation Bible Camp (for Year 1 Confirmation students) - June 23 - 28, 2024 VBS - June 17- 20, 2024 12:30 - 4:00 p.m. (with aftercare available until 5:00 p.m.) ECRT (for Year 2 Confirmation students) - July 9 - 12, 2024 Confirmation Weekend - September 14-15, 2024

**Servant Ministries** 

Contact Jackie Herington, c: 262-501-6138, e: jackieswan10@icloud.com or Muriel Otto, e: muriel@unitybrookfield.org

**Thanks to all who donated time and fluids at our June 1st blood drive!** We collected 32 units, just shy of the Red Cross's goal (33). We are proud of and humbled by each one of you... such a beautiful gesture of love and support, thank you for sharing of yourselves-literally!- with such generosity to heal your neighbors. Next blood drive will be **Thursday**, **September 19 from 1-6**, as we continue the quarterly dates alternating Saturday mornings and Thursday evenings. Sign up is live on the UNITY website.

**Bag Sale Continues This Week for Chicken and Eggs for Waukesha Food Pantry. Week 1 total: \$1,419. Last Year's Total: \$2,518. Total needed to beat last year's goal: \$1,099.** Donate in person or online by Monday, June 9! All funds will go to make bulk purchases of the food pantry's current most needed items: chicken and eggs! They get eggs for about \$1.50/dozen and for chicken can usually find deals for \$1.75/lb, so a \$10 "bag" donation will buy 3 dozen eggs and 3 lbs. of chicken. What a holy use of our funds! Thank you for anything you can share.

**Ongoing Service Opportunities:** UNITY has standing volunteer "shifts" at various partners that we commit to covering as a church. Each one is coordinated by a different Unity member... each one has its own sign up page on the church website... and each one is an opportunity for you!

**Waukesha Food Pantry Food Distribution:** Each month, 4th Saturday, 9am-12pm; 5th Monday 5:45 - 8 pm.

**Serenity Inns Recovery Program Fellowship Dinners:** cook, deliver, or serve a meal for 12 residents. Each month, 1st Sunday and 2nd Friday, 6 - 7pm. Kids welcome.

### **Property Needs**

Contact David Koenen, c: 414-559-6974, email: davidkoenen@wi.rr.com

Attention Lawn Mowers: The mowing season is here! Please use our online signup, live on the website, and let's get the roster full. Our mowers have been serviced, blades have been sharpened, and they are ready to go. All we need is "U"! If you need a tutorial or have any questions, contact Property Chair, David Koenen.

### **Adult Programs**

Contact: Susie Sprecher, c: 262-227-1558 email: <u>wisbadger19@gmail.com</u> or Matt Griepentrog, c: 262-787-8820, e: matt@unitybrookfield.org

**Sunday, June 9, 11:00 AM at CTK - Orcas Island Retreat Presentation** - Hear from the travelers of the Orcas Island Retreat and see pictures from their adventures with Pastor Muriel!

**Sunday, June 30, 11:00 AM at CTK - Walk the Trail Behind the Backyard** - Join the GO committee for a walk to explore the trails behind CTK. We are blessed to have a literal connection to the community and nature in our own backyard. Come along to check it out if you haven't seen it already or to experience it once again! Meet on the patio after worship.

Lunch Bunch - Join us the second Wednesday of each month at 11:30 am at Maxim's. (18025 W. Capitol Drive in Brookfield.) The next meeting is **June 12**. Everyone is welcome, no matter your age or stage: younger, older, singles, couples, regular or occasional. Just show up because the nice thing about Maxim's is that seating is endlessly expandable. And, if you have any questions before you come, Esther McKee is your point person: (262) 246-6443.

**UNITY's Moms Group Spring/Summer Schedule: Third Thursdays in the backyard at Christ the King. 5:30-7pm, dinner and childcare provided.** Moms of all ages and stages welcome as we talk, eat, laugh, cry, support, pray. Kids can be in the backyard or in the nursery with sitters. Spring/summer dates: **June 20 (after VBS family dinner)**, July 18, August 15.

### UNITY Member Care Contact: Jim Ahlquist, Minister of Member Care, e: jim@unitybrookfield.org, c: 715-210-2245 Sherrie Lorbeck, sherrie@unitybrookfield.org, c: 414-477-7762

Muriel Otto, e: muriel@unitybrookfield.org, c: 712-254-6515

# Grief Group continues to meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of June from 6:30-8:00 pm at COL - *When Life Isn't the Same* ...

If you have lost a spouse or a parent or someone else close to you, the grieving doesn't end after the funeral. We invite you to a safe space where you can share more about where you are at in your journey ... learn more about the stages of grief ... and get help finding your way through what you need most for the road ahead.

We invite you to join us for our Grief Group, held the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. Our next meetings will be **June 12 and 26 from 6:30-8:00 pm at our Cross of Life campus**. These gatherings will be led by Pastor Jim Ahlquist and Nicole Krause. If this is the right time for you, or if someone you know could benefit from being a part of this, please join us! If you have questions or just want to discuss whether this is the right place for you, contact Pastor Jim at jim@unitybrookfield.org or 715-210-2245.

**UNITY Member Care is always here for you.** You don't have to face life's ups and downs alone. Whether it's an unexpected hospitalization, a recent diagnosis, the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, addiction, anxiety, depression, or virtually anything else, the pastors are only a call, text, or email away. Please never hesitate to reach out -- whether we're the only stop you'll make or just the first step in a longer care process.

**Prayer Place cards-** If you have a prayer request that you would like included in the Prayers for Friends and Family section in the bulletin, there are cards available in the narthex near the bulletin board. You can fill out the request and pin it to the bulletin board there. You can fill out a card and place it in the basket and it will be included in the upcoming bulletin. These prayer requests will stay for 4 weeks and then if you need further prayer, repost as often as needed. Any questions, please contact Nancy by phone or email nancy@unitybrookfield.org

### Sr. High and Young Adults

Contact Ryan Johnson, c: 262-825-7331, e: rmjohnson@gmail.com Or Sherrie Lorbeck, c: 414-477-7762 e: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org Matt Griepentrog, c:, e: matt@unitybrookfield.org

# We keep in our prayers all of our Seniors who are Graduating this weekend! May it be a day of celebration of all your years of hard work! May you always trust God is with you wherever the journey takes you...and remember, this is always home!

Partner we are praying for this month: Hebron Housing Services

The altar flowers at COL are given by the Sally & Eric Thomas in celebration of their 45th wedding anniversary

The altar flowers at CTK are given by the Kathy Beaudoin family in memory of Shirley Kirchoff (Kathy's mother)

> The basket of flowers on the altar at CTK are given By the Garms family in memory of Lois Garms

Thank you to Barb Hemmingsen for arranging the altar flowers this weekend

This weekend's communion breads were baked by Barb Borkenhagen

### **Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members**

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

### **Cross of Life Campus**

Joan Krause, Sandi John, Elias (Ahlquist) Olson, Max Roemaat, Jerry Buenger, Karen Beres, Bob Rusk, Debbie Horne, Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Ardyce Myhre, Paula Dryer, Marlene Jernberg, John Vaughan, Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Alyce Vollan, Barb Purnell, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

**Christ the King Campus** 

Sharon Giessen, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Dave Rau

We pray our prayers of sympathy for family and loved ones as they mourn the death of a loved one:

### **Christ the King Campus**

Lois Garms

### **UNITY Prayer Place**

Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.

### June 8-9

Jack & Jacki Radosta (death of their daughter, Jaci), family of the Reinhardt family Andy Diaz (health concerns), Fiancée of Nora Collins Irene Marconnet (health concerns), Aunt of Jenny Collins Jack Douglass (skilled care), father of Jane Dowling Donna Funk (bladder cancer/liver issues), daughter of Pearl Haack Chris (cancer diagnosis), friend of Jeff Key Dawn (recovering from a serious infection), friend of Diana and David Koenen

### June 1-2

Sharon Zeman (battling cancer), friend of Jeff & Lynn Key Nicole (surgery recovery after cancer diagnosis), friend of Sara & Phil Roemaat

### May 25-26

Meghan Bowen & Family (adoption process), friends of the Kawa family Tony Thibault (in ICU with brain bleed), friend of Julie & Steve Schultz Michael Lemke (rare brain cancer/tumors), friend of the Nustad family Tony Susa (spinal cord injury), brother-in-law of Vivian Clark Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

### May 18-19

Dwight Heaney (complications from surgery), brother of Christine Standley Ralph Phillips (lung cancer), uncle of Jolene Epding

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, etc.) overseas and our military personnel: Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank

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Online	Ministers for June 8-9, 2024		
Worship Assistant: Musicians:			
COL 5:00 p.m.	Ministers for Saturday, June 8, 2024		
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader:	Cheryl Caraulia, Cindy Ochs Nate Maritz Al Bredemus, Marv Wunder Kim Klug Melissa Grabowski Melissa Grabowski, Karen Mischuk Cheryl Caraulia Lynn Key Jeff Key Kevin Grabowski		
COL 8:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, June 9, 2024		
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader:	Brian Finnigan, Kevin Nass Blake Duerr, Johnny Steigerwald Emmett Hoffe, Collette Tatera Carole Syse Kim Keup Bernd Bruhnke, Matt Kamenick Lisa Nass Lynn Key Paul Karrels Matt Jolliff Bill Hubert Chloe O'Connell		
CTK 10:00 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, June 9, 2024		
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Nursery:	Eric Godfrey Steve Brewer Barb Patterson, Diana VanSlyke Diana VanSlyke Lynn Key		



Fourth Weekend after Pentecost

### June 15-16, 2024

Saturday, June 15, 2024 5:00 pm COL

Sunday, June 16, 2024 8:30 am COL 10:00 am CTK Outdoor in Pavilion

Live Streamed at 8:30 am Sundays and available Online anytime afterwards

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### WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH! We're glad you're here today! UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.

- Children. Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- **Nursery.** Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- Sunday School. All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)

### • At UNITY, the Communion Table is:

- Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
- Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
- Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
- We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
- Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
- If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.
- **Pastors.** UNITY is currently served by three called pastors who are present at both campuses on a rotating basis. Most Saturdays, the weekend preacher is the pastor at that service. On Sundays, the preacher for the weekend travels to both campuses to share the message. Each of the other pastors is then based at one campus or another.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: <u>unitybrookfield.org</u> for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

**GIVING.** If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the COL narthex and by the bulletin board in the CTK narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay is also accepted. Thank you!

### Prelude

"For the Beauty of the Earth" "There Is Sunshine In My Soul Today" arr. Lorie Line (5:00, 8:30) (10:00)

### Words of Welcome

### Sharing the Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always. Many: And also with you.

### **Call to Worship:**

One: Jesus said 'the Kingdom of God is like a seed'.

Many: Seeds are planted. God helps them grow.

One: Night and day, seeds sprout and grow. New life springs forth and it is beautiful and unexpected.

### Many: Seeds are planted. God helps them grow.

- One: Soil is prepared, but sometimes the harvest is more bountiful than we could imagine.
- Many: Seeds are planted. God helps them grow.
- One: The tiny mustard seed shows us what is possible in the Kingdom of God. God's love changes everything.
- Many: Seeds are planted. God helps them grow.
- One: Planting seeds that's the work of the Church!
- Many: Planting seeds that's the ministry of the Saints!

One: Seeds are scattered by feeding the hungry, serving others, playing at VBS, traveling on Summer trips, and making memories as a Church Family.

Many: Through God's Holy Spirit, our offerings become seeds for the Kingdom of God.

- One: Seeds are scattered wherever we go. Seeds are scattered whenever God's love is shared
- Many: Seeds are planted. God helps them grow.

### **Opening Hymn** "Build Us Up, Lord"

 Build us up, Lord, build us up; set in us a strong foundation. Lead us to do your holy will; Form and shape your new creation. Build us up, Lord, build us up; As we guide and teach each other, Help us to share your love with the world: ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother. *Refrain*

- ELW 670 vs. 1-2 (All Services)
- 2 Build us up, Lord, build us up; Let our lives reflect your glory. Cast away all our doubts and fears; Help us tell the world your story. Build us up, Lord, build us up; Help us bear good fruit for you, Lord, give us vision and keep us sure. Grant us faith that's steadfast and true. *Refrain*

### Refrain

Growing in Christ, we plant seeds for the kingdom; We follow in faith what's begun! Lord, set in our heart the pow'r of your word To spread the news of your Son!

### Children's Message

### Greeting and Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

### Many: And also with you.

One: Let us pray. God the Creator, you tend to and love all creation.

Many: Today we remember your love for all of us as we celebrate the Baptism of Florence Mae. Seeds have been planted and the waters of Baptism cause new life to spring forth. Help us remember our own Baptism and your invitation to scatter seeds. May your Holy Spirit help love and forgiveness grow into a bountiful harvest. Oh God our God, may we scatter your love wherever we go. Amen.

### The Washing of Holy Baptism Presentation of the Child

This weekend at the 10:00 service, we welcome Florence Mae Bredemus. Florence Mae is presented by her parents, Alexander and Jane, and her sponsors, Kyle and Anna Jansson, Marisa and Dave Kertscher, Ann and Matthew Kopetsky.

Pastor: Who presents Florence Mae to receive the blessings of Holy Baptism? Parents & Sponsors: We do.

### **Role of the Parents and Sponsors**

One: In Christian love you have presented Florence Mae for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully care for her and help her in every way God gives you opportunity, that Florence Mae may bear witness to the faith we hold, and that, living in the covenant of her Baptism and in Communion with the people of God, she may lead a life of goodness and service until the day of Jesus Christ. Parents and sponsors, do you promise to fulfill these obligations? If so, please answer, "I do."

### Prayer

Pastor: Holy God, we give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

By the baptism of his own death and resurrection, your beloved Son, Jesus the Christ, has set us free from the final power of sin and death, and has opened the way to everlasting life. He made water a sign of cleansing and of birth into the family of God. As Jesus' followers, we do as he taught us, making disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit so that Florence Mae may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as your own sons and daughters, inheritors of your glorious kingdom.

All: Amen.

### \*Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### The Baptism

### **Baptismal Prayer**

Pastor: Lord God, we give you thanks for freeing your children from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy washing. Pour your Holy Spirit upon Florence Mae: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and respect for the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

All: Amen.

### The Mark of Christ

Florence Mae, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

### Presentation of the Baptismal Candle

One: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

### Greeting of the Child by the Congregation

Pastor: Through Baptism, God has made this sister of ours a member of the ministry of reconciliation we all share in Christ Jesus. May we proclaim the greatness and love of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

# People: Florence Mae, we welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly father, and a worker with us in the Kingdom of God. Amen.

Pastor: Peace be with you. Parents & Sponsors: Peace be with you.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

"Celtic Alleluia"

ELW 174

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

### Gospel Mark 4:26-32

We continue our journey in Mark's Gospel where many things happen "immediately"! In contrast to Mark's usual urgency, he tells a story of Jesus as a teacher who speaks in metaphor. Mark knows that time is precious and this change in rhythm emphasizes the importance of Jesus' message about the "Kingdom of God" as a place where God's will for us is lived out in our lives and our choices.

One: The Gospel according to Mark, the fourth chapter

### Many: Glory to you O, Lord.

<sup>26</sup>[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, <sup>27</sup>and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how <sup>28</sup>The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

<sup>30</sup>He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

One: The Gospel of the Lord!

Many: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message "Plant the Seeds and Don't Forget to Water Them" Eric Silberschmidt

### Hymn of the Day/Baptismal Hymn

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"For the Fruit of All Creation"		ELW 679 vs. 1-3	(5:00, 8:30)
"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"		ELW 543 vs. 1-3	(10:00)
"Go, my children, with my blessing,	2	"Go, my children, sins for	rgiven,
never alone.		at peace and pure.	-
Waking, sleeping, I am with you,		Here you learned how mu	ich I love you,
you are my own.		what I can cure.	-
In my love's baptismal river		Here you heard my dear S	Son's story,
I have made you mine forever.		here you touched him, say	w his glory.
Go, my children, with my blessing,		Go, my children, sins forg	given,
you are my own."		at peace and pure."	-

3 "Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me. Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free. Here my Spirit's power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you. Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."

### The Prayers of the People

One: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. *(Congregation response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer.")*Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Many: Amen.

### **Announcements and Offering**

**Offertory Response** (as gifts are brought forward)

*"As the Grains of Wheat"* ELW 465 Refrain As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread; So may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.

### **Prayer of Thanks**

- One: Let us pray. Merciful God,
- Many: in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you embrace our lives with your great love for humanity. With joy and gladness we ask that these gifts may be for many a sign of that love, and that we may continue to share in your divine life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

- Pastor: The Lord be with you.
- Many: And also with you.
- Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
- Many: We lift them to the Lord.
- Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### Words of Institution

### The Lord's Prayer (traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

(All Services)

#### **Communion Meditation**

"Be Thou My Vision"		(5:00, 8:30)
"I Come with Joy"	Setting by John Carter	(10:00)

#### **Post Communion Blessing**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in Pastor: his grace and peace.

Many: Amen.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

One<sup>.</sup> Let us pray. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Many: Amen.

#### Benediction

#### Sending Hymn

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

Sent forth by God's blessing. 1 our true faith confessing. the people of God from this dwelling take leave. The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended the fruits of this service in all who believe. The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all. Your grace shall incite us, vour love shall unite us to work for your kingdom and answer your call.

#### Dismissal

Go in peace, serve the Lord! One<sup>.</sup> Many: Thanks be to God!

#### Postlude

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" "O Come Rejoicing"

#### ELW 547 vs. 1-2

(5:00, 8:30, 10:00)2 With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living, the tasks of our evryday life we will face our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, embracing God's children, the whole human race. With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us; unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

> (5:00, 8:30)(10:00)

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# **UNITY Highlights**

# Summer Worship Hours run through September 1

- Saturdays at 5:00 at COL
- Sundays at 8:30 at COL
- Sundays at 10:00 at CTK Outside in the Pavilion (weather permitting)

We begin outside worship at CTK this weekend. Reminder to those who need extra consideration in accessing the pavilion, you are welcome to get dropped off on the asphalt driveway in front of the pavilion, or if you are driving, you may park along the edge of the driveway near the pavilion, allowing continued access to other vehicles for dropping off/ picking up.

**Coming to Online Worship:** Over the summer we will be transitioning from weekly prerecorded online worship services to Live-Streamed Worship. Currently, our online worship service is pre-recorded on Thursdays and Fridays, edited together and uploaded to our website by 5pm Saturday. Live-streaming will free up about 15-20+ hours weekly for our staff to be able to devote to other needs. Starting next weekend, we will be Live-Streaming from COL every **Sunday at 8:30 am**, which can be viewed on our website LIVE or any later time. Stay tuned for more information as we make this transition and thank you for your patience and understanding as there may be a few clunks as we work through the new process.

**Thank you to all the Flower Sponsors that help keep our Altars looking beautiful each week with Flowers!** The calendar is getting pretty full, but there are still dates available. If you want to celebrate, honor or remember someone special through altar flowers, just go to the UNITY webpage. All the details you need are on the SignUp Genius. This is a convenient way to choose a weekend and campus at any time, and the cost is only \$25 (payable by check or online). We have several volunteers who are responsible for arranging a beautiful vase of flowers on your given weekend. You can take flowers home at the end of the weekend's last service, but please return the vase as soon as you can. Keep them watered and you can enjoy them another week or two!

# Keep Connecting with Us!

We love to hear from you! Please continue to reach out to us at any time.Pastor Jim Ahlquist:Pastor Muriel Otto:jim@unitybrookfield.orgmuriel@unitybrookfield.orgCell: 715-210-2245Cell: 712-254-6515Pastor Sherrie Lorbeck:Pastor Eric Silberschmidt:

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Don't know who to contact? Call our Church Office at 262-781-7600. Oftentimes they can assist you with your needs. If not, you will be directed to the proper person. The important thing is to stay in touch with us!

#### **Children's Education**

Contact Michelle Aprahamian, c: 414-732-8615, email: michelle@unitybrookfield.org

**ABC Summer Sunday School for grades Pre-K-Grade 3** will be held during Sunday services from **June 23 to August 25** (there is no Sunday school 7/7, Happy Fourth of July weekend!): 8:30 am at COL and 10:00 am at CTK. Each week celebrates a new letter of the alphabet through Bible stories, crafts, games, activities, and a snack. There's NO sign up; just show up! Remember: friends and guests are always invited to join us for ABC Summer Sunday School or as the kids call it, *"Funday school"*!

**Teachers, we need just 5 more ABC SSS leaders.** You can sign up to teach using Ministry Scheduler. Contact Michelle if you have questions on how to sign up to lead ABC SSS. All lessons are planned and prepared. Just bring your big heart and smile for our kids.

Thank you to all our Sunday School leaders! We appreciate all your time, energy and love for our kids. We are grateful you are on this faith journey with us.

**Vacation Bible School** starts this week on Monday June 17th and runs through Thursday June 20th. We are "traveling" to El Salvador this week! Keep up to date on all of our activities and experiences of *Primero Dios* with videos and pictures on the UNITY website.

Vacation Bible School Fun Continues... Join us Thursday June 20 at 4:30pm for our Vacation Bible School Fiesta. Kids and families are welcome to join the celebration of an awesome week with music and food in the CTK pavilion.

Mark your Calendars: Confirmation Bible Camp (for Year 1 Confirmation students) - June 23 - 28, 2024 ECRT (for Year 2 Confirmation students) - July 9 - 12, 2024 Confirmation Weekend - September 14-15, 2024

**Servant Ministries** 

Contact Jackie Herington, c: 262-501-6138, e: jackieswan10@icloud.com or Muriel Otto, e: muriel@unitybrookfield.org

**Bag Sale for Chicken and Eggs for Waukesha Food Pantry Ended Just Shy of Goal with \$2,262.** While we ended up just short of our goal (\$2,519, to surpass last year's record), initial counts look like we got awfully close and will still be able to buy a good amount of chicken and eggs to stock the food pantry shelves, along with the hundreds of cereal boxes Sunday school kids loaded into their van earlier this month. What a holy use of our funds! Thank you for everything shared through this bag sale, and always. To volunteer at the food pantry check out the signup pace on our church website. Must be 16 or older.

**Ongoing Service Opportunities:** UNITY has standing volunteer "shifts" at various partners that we commit to covering as a church. Each one is coordinated by a different UNITY member... each one has its own sign up page on the church website... and each one is an opportunity for you!

**Waukesha Food Pantry Food Distribution:** Each month, 4th Saturday, 9am-12pm; 5th Monday 5:45 - 8 pm.

**Serenity Inns Recovery Program Fellowship Dinners:** cook, deliver, or serve a meal for 12 residents. Each month, 1st Sunday and 2nd Friday, 6 - 7pm. Kids welcome.

**Property Needs** Contact David Koenen, c: 414-559-6974, email: davidkoenen@wi.rr.com

**Lawn Mowers:** Thanks to all who have been faithfully keeping our properties cut and looking beautiful! There's still lots of openings going forward. Please use our online sign up, and let's get the roster full. If you need a tutorial or have any questions, contact Property Chair, David Koenen.

# **Adult Programs**

Contact: Susie Sprecher, c: 262-227-1558 email: <u>wisbadger19@gmail.com</u> or Matt Griepentrog, c: 262-787-8820, e: matt@unitybrookfield.org

Sunday, June 30, 11:00 AM at CTK - Walk the Trail Behind the Backyard - Join the GO committee for a walk to explore the trails behind CTK. We are blessed to have a literal connection to the community and nature in our own backyard. Come along to check it out if you haven't seen it already or to experience it once again! Meet on the patio after worship.

**UNITY's Moms Group Spring/Summer Schedule: Third Thursdays in the backyard at Christ the King. 5:30-7pm, dinner and childcare provided.** Moms of all ages and stages welcome as we talk, eat, laugh, cry, support, pray. Kids can be in the backyard or in the nursery with sitters. Spring/summer dates: June 20 (after VBS family dinner), July 18, August 15.

# **UNITY Member Care**

Contact: Jim Ahlquist, Minister of Member Care, e: jim@unitybrookfield.org, c: 715-210-2245 Sherrie Lorbeck, sherrie@unitybrookfield.org, c: 414-477-7762 Muriel Otto, e: muriel@unitybrookfield.org, c: 712-254-6515

# Grief Group continues to meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of June from 6:30-8:00 pm at COL - *When Life Isn't the Same* ...

If you have lost a spouse or a parent or someone else close to you, the grieving doesn't end after the funeral. We invite you to a safe space where you can share more about where you are at in your journey ... learn more about the stages of grief ... and get help finding your way through what you need most for the road ahead.

We invite you to join us for our Grief Group, held the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. Our next meetings will be held **June 26**, **July 10 and July 24 from 6:30-8:00 pm at our Cross of Life campus.** These gatherings will be led by Pastor Jim Ahlquist and Nicole Krause. If this is the right time for you, or if someone you know could benefit from being a part of this, please join us! If you have questions or just want to discuss whether this is the right place for you, contact Pastor Jim at jim@unitybrookfield.org or 715-210-2245.

**UNITY Member Care is always here for you.** You don't have to face life's ups and downs alone. Whether it's an unexpected hospitalization, a recent diagnosis, the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, addiction, anxiety, depression, or virtually anything else, the pastors are only a call, text, or email away. Please never hesitate to reach out -- whether we're the only stop you'll make or just the first step in a longer care process.

**Prayer Place cards-** If you have a prayer request that you would like included in the Prayers for Friends and Family section in the bulletin, there are cards available in the narthex near the bulletin board. You can fill out the request and pin it to the bulletin board there. You can fill out a card and place it in the basket and it will be included in the upcoming bulletin. These prayer requests will stay for 4 weeks and then if you need further prayer, repost as often as needed. Any questions, please contact Nancy by phone or email nancy@unitybrookfield.org

#### **Worship & Music Opportunities**

Children's Choirs, Contact Janet Day, c: 414-975-0286, e: janet@unitybrookfield.org Fellowship Choir, Contact Molly Pufall-Brown, c: 920-265-6881, e: mpufall@gmail.com Handbells & Praise Band, Contact Stacey Nordmeyer, c: 414-617-7673, e: staceynordmeyer72@icloud.com

**All-Music Tuesdays** - where ALL are Welcome! - is taking a break for the summer. Watch here for future announcements about special music groups gathering to share our gifts over the summer, and also for the restart of All-Music Tuesdays in September. Thanks to all who have shared their gifts with UNITY over this past year. You are a blessing!

Partner we are praying for this month: Hebron Housing Services

The altar flowers at COL are given by the Kathy Beaudoin family To the Glory of God and Fathers everywhere

The altar flowers at CTK are given to the Glory of God

Thank you to Leslie O'Connell for arranging the altar flowers this weekend

This weekend's communion breads were baked by Cathy Buck

# **Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members**

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

#### **Cross of Life Campus**

Joan Krause, Sandi John, Elias (Ahlquist) Olson, Max Roemaat, Jerry Buenger, Karen Beres, Bob Rusk, Debbie Horne, Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Ardyce Myhre, Paula Dryer, Marlene Jernberg, John Vaughan, Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Alyce Vollan, Barb Purnell, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

#### **Christ the King Campus**

Dawn Suharski, Fred Petran, Sharon Giessen, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Dave Rau

> We give a prayer of thanksgiving for the baptism of: Florence Mae Bredemus

# **UNITY Prayer Place**

Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.

## June 15-16

Emma Gallo-Chasanoff (surgery), sister of Muriel Otto JP Fisher (3rd heart attack), uncle of Kevin Grabowski Amy Suttle (recovery from knee surgery), niece of Jeff & Lynn Key Dwight Heaney (complications from surgery), brother of Christine Standley Ralph Phillips (lung cancer), uncle of Jolene Epding

#### June 8-9

Jack & Jacki Radosta (death of their daughter, Jaci), family of the Reinhardt family Andy Diaz (health concerns), Fiancée of Nora Collins Irene Marconnet (health concerns), Aunt of Jenny Collins Jack Douglass (skilled care), father of Jane Dowling Donna Funk (bladder cancer/liver issues), daughter of Pearl Haack Chris (cancer diagnosis), friend of Jeff Key Dawn (recovering from a serious infection), friend of Diana and David Koenen

#### June 1-2

Sharon Zeman (battling cancer), friend of Jeff & Lynn Key Nicole (surgery recovery after cancer diagnosis), friend of Sara & Phil Roemaat

#### May 25-26

Meghan Bowen & Family (adoption process), friends of the Kawa family Tony Thibault (in ICU with brain bleed), friend of Julie & Steve Schultz Michael Lemke (rare brain cancer/tumors), friend of the Nustad family Tony Susa (spinal cord injury), brother-in-law of Vivian Clark Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, etc.) overseas and our military personnel: Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank

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COL 5:00 p.m.	Ministers for Saturday, June 15, 2024
Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician:	Maxwell Roemaat Carly Gill Kim Klug TJ Roche Melissa & Kevin Grabowski Kim Klug Praise Band Kevin Nordmeyer Kayla Grabowski
COL 8:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, June 16, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician:	Lauren Brownell, Joleen Tichelaar Brooke Conway, Lucas Conway Elliana Harder, Evan Harder Paul Langer Evan Harder Diane & Dick Dressler Sandi John Praise Band Kevin Nordmeyer Kaleigh Jolliff Praise Band
CTK 10:00 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, June 16, 2024

Set up Leader:	Steve Johnson
Greeters:	Julie Smith, Dawn Suharski
Acolyte:	Annalise Nordstrom, Josephine Toussaint
Ushers:	David Koenen, Jeff Key
Worship Assistant:	
	Jim Johnsen
Communion Assistants:	Jane Boorse, Eric Godfrey
ABC:	Jane Boorse
Musician:	
	Corynn Nordstrom
	Robin Nordstrom
Coffee:	Marge Kipp



# Fifth Weekend after Pentecost

# June 22-23, 2024

Saturday, June 22, 2024 5:00 pm COL

Sunday, June 23, 2024 8:30 am COL 10:00 am CTK Outdoor in Pavilion

Live Streamed at 8:30 am Sundays and available Online anytime afterwards

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#### WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH! We're glad you're here today! UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.

- Children. Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- **Nursery.** Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- Sunday School. All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)

### • At UNITY, the Communion Table is:

- Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
- Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
- Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
- We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
- Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
- If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.
- **Pastors.** UNITY is currently served by three called pastors who are present at both campuses on a rotating basis. Most Saturdays, the weekend preacher is the pastor at that service. On Sundays, the preacher for the weekend travels to both campuses to share the message. Each of the other pastors is then based at one campus or another.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: <u>unitybrookfield.org</u> for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

**GIVING.** If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the COL narthex and by the bulletin board in the CTK narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay is also accepted. Thank you!

	June 22-23, 2024	
Prelude		
"Come,	Thou Fount of Every Blessing" arr. Keveren	(5:00, 8:30, 10:00)
Words of W	elcome	
	<b>Peace</b> The peace of the Lord be with you always. <b>And also with you.</b>	
Call to Wor	<b>ship</b> (Responsive, based on today's readings)	
One:	Some of them pop up from nowhere, others are part or building from hundreds of miles away	f huge squalls,
Many:	summer storms.	
One: Many:	They are not unlike the ones in our lives, some skip inthe small tweaks and twists of daily life.	and out
One: <b>Many:</b>	Others trouble us deeply and for a lifetime the storms that batter our relationshipsour we	orldour souls.
	Weakened or embittered we turn on God Where were you? Why don't you care?	
One:	Appreciative always of our intellect, it is God who lig our souls saying	hts gently upon
Many:	open your hearts, don't shut them tight.	
	And the storm is stilled in that pause between fear and faith, where dea and life begins again and againfor each child of o	

<b>Opening Hymns</b> "We Praise You, O God"	ELW 870 vs. 1-3	(5:00)
"I Have a Friend (Yo Tengo i	un Amigo)"	(8:30, 10:00)
VBS - Primero Dios Theme S		· · · · ·
I have a friend who loves me, who loves me	, who loves me!	
I have a friend who loves me, and Jesus is h	is name!	
I have a friend who loves me, who loves me	, who loves me!	
I have a friend who loves me, and Jesus is h		
He loves me, he loves me, he loves me with	such tender love!	
He loves me, he loves me, and Jesus is his n	ame!	
Yo tengo un amigo que me ama, me ama, m	e ama,	
Yo tengo un amigo que me ama, su nombre		
Que me ama, me ama, me ama con tierno ar		
Me ama, me ama, su nombre es Jesus!		
I have a friend who loves me, who loves me	, who loves me!	
I have a friend who loves me, and Jesus is h	is name!	
And Jesus Is His Name, And Jesus Is His Na	ame	

### Verse (sung three times)

Come, and go with me to my Father's house. Come, and go with me to my Father's house. It's a big, big house with lots and lots of room, a big, big table with lots and lots of food, a big, big yard where we can play football, a big, big house it's my Father's house. (Repeat above three times)

#### Ending

It's my Father's house. It's my Father's house.

### **Children's Message**

## **Greeting and Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

(10:00)

#### Many: And also with you.

One: Let us pray. God who listens and listens...

Many: Thank you.

Thank you for not tuning us out.

Thank you for giving us mouths to speak back to you... even though we don't use our ears to listen to you nearly enough. Thank you for giving us Jesus who called us out for our lack of faith and yet went to the cross to grow it in us forever. Thank you for never being afraid of the life storms that scare us so. O God, who listens and listens....

- One: Thank you.
- Many: Amen.

#### The Washing of Holy Baptism Presentation of the Child

This weekend at the 5:00 service, we welcome Kain Zachary Scott. Kain Zachary is presented by his parents, Abel and Kayla, and sponsors, Heather Houdlett & Bryan Cornejo.

Pastor: Who presents Kain Zachary to receive the blessings of Holy Baptism? Parents & Sponsors: We do.

#### **Role of the Parents and Sponsors**

One: In Christian love you have presented Kain Zachary for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully care for him and help him in every way God gives you opportunity, that Kain Zachary may bear witness to the faith we hold, and that, living in the covenant of her Baptism and in Communion with the people of God, he may lead a life of goodness and service until the day of Jesus Christ. Parents and sponsors, do you promise to fulfill these obligations? If so, please answer, "I do."

#### Prayer

Pastor: Holy God, we give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

By the baptism of his own death and resurrection, your beloved Son, Jesus the Christ, has set us free from the final power of sin and death, and has opened the way to everlasting life. He made water a sign of cleansing and of birth into the family of God. As Jesus' followers, we do as he taught us, making disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit so that Kain Zachary may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as your own sons and daughters, inheritors of your glorious kingdom.

All: Amen.

#### \*Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### The Baptism

#### **Baptismal Prayer**

Pastor: Lord God, we give you thanks for freeing your children from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy washing. Pour your Holy Spirit upon Kain Zachary: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and respect for the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

All: Amen.

# The Mark of Christ

Kain Zachary, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

#### Presentation of the Baptismal Candle

One: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

### Greeting of the Child by the Congregation

- Pastor: Through Baptism, God has made this brother of ours a member of the ministry of reconciliation we all share in Christ Jesus. May we proclaim the greatness and love of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.
- People: Kain Zachary, we welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly father, and a worker with us in the Kingdom of God. Amen.

Pastor: Peace be with you.

Parents & Sponsors: Peace be with you.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

"Celtic Alleluia" ELW 174

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

# Gospel Mark 4:35-41

A convoy of boats hits a storm and the person everyone trusts most is sleeping on a comfy cushion in the rear of one of the boats. After he awakens and stills the storm, he is a tad impatient with his fellow travelers and reminds them that the opposite of fear is faith.

One: The Gospel according to Mark, the fourth chapter

#### Many: Glory to you O, Lord.

<sup>35</sup>When evening had come, Jesus said to the disciples, "Let us go across to the other side." <sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup>A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. <sup>38</sup>But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" <sup>39</sup>He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" <sup>41</sup>And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

One: Many	The Gospel of the Lord! <b>Praise to you, O Christ.</b>		
Message	"Gifted for the Storms of Life"	Jim Ahlquist	
	the Day/Baptismal Hymn Fo, My Children, with My Blessing"	ELW 543 vs. 1-3	(5:00)
	<i>Ay Life Flows On in Endless Song</i> "	ELW 763 vs. 1, 2, 4	(8:30, 10:00)

 My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation, I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

#### Refrain

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing? 2 Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing. It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?" *Refrain* 

3 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing! All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? *Refrain* 

#### The Prayers of the People

One: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. *(Congregation response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer.")*Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Many: Amen.

### **Announcements and Offering**

**Offertory Response** (as gifts are brought forward)

"As the Grains of Wheat" ELW 465 Refrain As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread; So may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.

#### **Prayer of Thanks**

One: Let us pray. Gracious God,

Many: in the abundance of your steadfast love, you call us from death to life, from silence to speech, from idleness to action. With these gifts we offer ourselves to you, and with the Church through all the ages we give thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

- Pastor: The Lord be with you.
- Many: And also with you.
- Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
- Many: We lift them to the Lord.
- Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### **Words of Institution**

(All Services)

#### The Lord's Prayer (traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### **Communion Meditation**

"Blessed Assurance"	arr. Carter	(5:00, 8:30, 10:00)
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#### **Post Communion Blessing**

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace and peace.

Many: Amen.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

- One: Let us pray. Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- Many: Amen.

#### Benediction

#### Sending Hymn

- "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"
- 1 I'm so glad Jesus lifted me. I'm so glad Jesus lifted me. I'm so glad Jesus lifted me. singing glory hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.
- 2 Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me. Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me. Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me. singing glory hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

#### Dismissal

One: Go in peace, serve the Lord! Many: Thanks be to God!

#### Postlude

"Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit"

# ELW 860 vs. 1-3 (5:00, 8:30, 10:00)

3 When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me singing glory hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

arr. Carter

# **UNITY Highlights**

# Summer Worship Hours run through September 1

- Saturdays at 5:00 at COL
- Sundays at 8:30 at COL
- Sundays at 10:00 at CTK Outside in the Pavilion (weather permitting)

Reminder to those who need extra consideration in accessing the pavilion, you are welcome to get dropped off on the asphalt driveway in front of the pavilion, or if you are driving, you may park along the edge of the driveway near the pavilion, allowing continued access to other vehicles for dropping off/picking up.

# "Come Away with Jesus This Summer"... on All of UNITY's Trips!

This summer, we invite you to "Come Away with Jesus" on all of our summer trips! Take a moment now to visit our awesome "Come Away" web page and throughout the summer to view video clips of trip highlights as we visit these awesome destinations ... together!

Summer Trip	Travelers & Destinations	Dates
Vacation Bible School	VBS Kids, Crew & Site Leaders CTK with a "Passport" to El Salvador	June 17-20
Imago Dei Camp	Year 1 Confirmation Students Clintonville, Wisconsin	June 23-28
East Coast Road Trip	Year 2 Confirmation Students Kohler Andrae, Newport, Peninsula & High C	July 9-12 Cliff State Parks
ELCA Youth Gathering	Sr. High Students & Adults New Orleans, Louisiana	July 16-21
El Salvador	Summer Travelers Cordero de Dios & Rutilio Grande	July 23-30

# Stock Sale Going on NOW for Sr. High Summer Trip!

Our Sr. High kids and adult chaperones will be headed to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans July 16-21. We are currently holding a Stock Sale to help raise funds for this trip! Please watch for envelope displays at each campus. You will be invited to complete your information – along with the amount of stock you wish to purchase – and leave it in the envelope. As a special thanks, you will receive updates from our week in New Orleans! Thank you for your support!

**Confirmation Students -** Please look on the C-mail table for your returned forms with responses back from Pastor John on your final C-mails.

**Coming to Online Worship:** Over the summer we will be transitioning from weekly prerecorded online worship services to Live-Streamed Worship. Currently, our online worship service is pre-recorded on Thursdays and Fridays, edited together and uploaded to our website by 5pm Saturday. Live-streaming will free up about 15-20+ hours weekly for our staff to be able to devote to other needs. Starting next weekend, we will be Live-Streaming from COL every **Sunday at 8:30 am**, which can be viewed on our website LIVE or any later time. Stay tuned for more information as we make this transition and thank you for your patience and understanding as there may be a few clunks as we work through the new process. Thank you to all the Flower Sponsors that help keep our Altars looking beautiful each week with Flowers! The calendar is getting pretty full, but there are still dates available. If you want to celebrate, honor or remember someone special through altar flowers, just go to the UNITY webpage. All the details you need are on the SignUp Genius. This is a convenient way to choose a weekend and campus at any time, and the cost is only \$25 (payable by check or online). We have several volunteers who are responsible for arranging a beautiful vase of flowers on your given weekend. You can take flowers home at the end of the weekend's last service, but please return the vase as soon as you can. Keep them watered and you can enjoy them another week or two!

#### Keep Connecting with Us!

We love to hear from you! Please continue to reach out to us at any time.Pastor Jim Ahlquist:Pastor Muriel Otto:jim@unitybrookfield.orgmuriel@unitybrookfield.orgCell: 715-210-2245Cell: 712-254-6515

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Don't know who to contact? Call our Church Office at 262-781-7600. Oftentimes they can assist you with your needs. If not, you will be directed to the proper person. The important thing is to stay in touch with us!

# **Children's Education**

Contact Michelle Aprahamian, c: 414-732-8615, email: michelle@unitybrookfield.org

**ABC Summer Sunday School for grades Pre-K-Grade 3 starts this Sunday,** and will be held during Sunday services through August 25 (no Sunday school 7/7, Happy Fourth of July weekend!): 8:30 am at COL and 10:00 am at CTK. Each week celebrates a new letter of the alphabet through Bible stories, crafts, games, activities, and a snack. There's NO sign up; just show up! Remember: friends and guests are always invited to join us for ABC Summer Sunday School or as the kids call it, *"Funday school"*!

**Teachers, we need just 4 more ABC SSS leaders.** You can sign up to teach using the Ministry Scheduler. Contact Michelle if you have questions on how to sign up to lead ABC SSS. All lessons are planned and prepared. Just bring your big heart and smile for our kids.

**Thank you to all our Sunday School leaders!** We appreciate all your time, energy and love for our kids. We are grateful you are on this faith journey with us.

**Vacation Bible School - THANK YOU to all those that helped make "Primero Dios" a huge success!** We had 126 young people participate in this four day event, 45 crew leaders, and over 40 adult volunteers that helped with every aspect to make it happen. The energy was off the charts, and we are grateful for everyone showing their love for our kids, and taking this faith journey with us.

# Mark your Calendars: ECRT (for Year 2 Confirmation students) - July 9 - 12, 2024 Confirmation Weekend - September 14-15, 2024

#### **Servant Ministries**

Contact Jackie Herington, c: 262-501-6138, e: jackieswan10@icloud.com or Muriel Otto, e: muriel@unitybrookfield.org

#### Food Pantry Volunteer Event at Retzer Center on July 13

To all of our Waukesha Food Pantry Volunteers: Please join the Food Pantry for their Summer Volunteer Appreciation Gathering, to be held Saturday, July 13, from 1-5 pm at Retzer Nature Center in Waukesha. Come enjoy lots of good food, great games, fun fellowship, and a special presentation by Wendy Jones: "Trivia, Folklore, and Fun Facts: An Unusual Exploration of Nature." If you plan to attend, please RSVP to wendy@waukeshafoodpantry.org. This is a great opportunity to give thanks for the blessing of being able to serve others!

#### Thanks from the Food Pantry

Our Summer Bag Sales on June 1-2 & 8-9 for the Waukesha Food Pantry raised \$2,449, allowing us to buy a LOT of chicken and eggs for them! Each \$10 "bag" purchased 3 dozen eggs and 3 lbs. of chicken, so thank you for helping us feed hungry people!

We always need volunteers at the Waukesha Food Pantry. Each month, we help there on fourth Saturdays from 9:00 am-noon and fifth Mondays from 5:30-8:00 pm. We especially need help on two summer Saturdays: July 27 & August 24. Sign up on our Food Pantry SignUp Genius. THANKS!

**Ongoing Service Opportunities:** UNITY has standing volunteer "shifts" at various partners that we commit to covering as a church. Each one is coordinated by a different UNITY member... each one has its own sign up page on the church website... and each one is an opportunity for you!

**Waukesha Food Pantry Food Distribution:** Each month, 4th Saturday, 9am-12pm; 5th Monday 5:45 - 8 pm.

**Serenity Inns Recovery Program Fellowship Dinners:** cook, deliver, or serve a meal for 12 residents. Each month, 1st Sunday and 2nd Friday, 6 - 7pm. Kids welcome.

#### **Property Needs**

Contact David Koenen, c: 414-559-6974, email: davidkoenen@wi.rr.com

**Lawn Mowers:** Thanks to all who have been faithfully keeping our properties cut and looking beautiful! There's still lots of openings going forward. Please use our online sign up, and let's get the roster full. If you need a tutorial or have any questions, contact Property Chair, David Koenen.

#### **Adult Programs**

Contact: Susie Sprecher, c: 262-227-1558 email: <u>wisbadger19@gmail.com</u> or Matt Griepentrog, c: 262-787-8820, e: matt@unitybrookfield.org

**Sunday, June 30, 11:00 AM at CTK - Walk the Trail Behind the Backyard** - Join the GO committee for a walk to explore the trails behind CTK. We are blessed to have a literal connection to the community and nature in our own backyard. Come along to check it out if you haven't seen it already or to experience it once again! Meet on the patio after worship.

# **UNITY Member Care**

Contact: Jim Ahlquist, Minister of Member Care, e: jim@unitybrookfield.org, c: 715-210-2245 Sherrie Lorbeck, sherrie@unitybrookfield.org, c: 414-477-7762 Muriel Otto, e: muriel@unitybrookfield.org, c: 712-254-6515

# Grief Group continues to meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of June from 6:30-8:00 pm at COL - *When Life Isn't the Same* ...

If you have lost a spouse or a parent or someone else close to you, the grieving doesn't end after the funeral. We invite you to a safe space where you can share more about where you are at in your journey ... learn more about the stages of grief ... and get help finding your way through what you need most for the road ahead.

We invite you to join us for our Grief Group, held the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. Our next meetings will be held **June 26**, **July 10 and July 24 from 6:30-8:00 pm at our Cross of Life campus.** These gatherings will be led by Pastor Jim Ahlquist and Nicole Krause. If this is the right time for you, or if someone you know could benefit from being a part of this, please join us! If you have questions or just want to discuss whether this is the right place for you, contact Pastor Jim at jim@unitybrookfield.org or 715-210-2245.

**UNITY Member Care is always here for you.** You don't have to face life's ups and downs alone. Whether it's an unexpected hospitalization, a recent diagnosis, the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, addiction, anxiety, depression, or virtually anything else, the pastors are only a call, text, or email away. Please never hesitate to reach out -- whether we're the only stop you'll make or just the first step in a longer care process.

**Prayer Place cards-** If you have a prayer request that you would like included in the Prayers for Friends and Family section in the bulletin, there are cards available in the narthex near the bulletin board. You can fill out the request and pin it to the bulletin board there. You can fill out a card and place it in the basket and it will be included in the upcoming bulletin. These prayer requests will stay for 4 weeks and then if you need further prayer, repost as often as needed. Any questions, please contact Nancy by phone or email nancy@unitybrookfield.org

Partner we are praying for this month: Hebron Housing Services

*The altar flowers at COL are given by Jane & Vern Hetzel In celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary* 

The altar flowers at CTK are given to the Glory of God

Thank you to Melissa Grabowski for arranging the altar flowers this weekend

This weekend's communion breads were baked by Diane Kotula

### **Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members**

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

#### **Cross of Life Campus**

Linda Langer, Joan Krause, Sandi John, Elias (Åhlquist) Olson, Max Roemaat, Jerry Buenger, Karen Beres, Bob Rusk, Debbie Horne, Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Ardyce Myhre, Paula Dryer, Marlene Jernberg, John Vaughan, Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Alyce Vollan, Barb Purnell, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

#### **Christ the King Campus**

Dawn Suharski, Fred Petran, Sharon Giessen, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Dave Rau

> We give a prayer of thanksgiving for the baptism of: Kain Zachary Scott

We pray our prayers of sympathy for family and loved ones as they mourn the death of a loved one: **Cross of Life Campus** Tom Constable, brother of Jan Constable Marijane Halquist, mother of Tom Halquist Dennis Rainer, brother of Leigh Rainer

# **UNITY Prayer Place**

Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.

# June 22-23

Dean Morstad (recurrence of cancer), sister of Jamie Pratt Michael Johnson (health concerns), son-in-law of Dawn Suharski Tony Susa (spinal cord injury), brother-in-law of Vivian Clark Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

#### June 15-16

Emma Gallo-Chasanoff (surgery), sister of Muriel Otto JP Fisher (3rd heart attack), uncle of Kevin Grabowski Amy Suttle (recovery from knee surgery), niece of Jeff & Lynn Key Dwight Heaney (complications from surgery), brother of Christine Standley Ralph Phillips (lung cancer), uncle of Jolene Epding

#### June 8-9

Jack & Jacki Radosta (death of their daughter, Jaci), family of the Reinhardt family Andy Diaz (health concerns), Fiancée of Nora Collins Irene Marconnet (health concerns), Aunt of Jenny Collins Jack Douglass (skilled care), father of Jane Dowling Donna Funk (bladder cancer/liver issues), daughter of Pearl Haack Chris (cancer diagnosis), friend of Jeff Key Dawn (recovering from a serious infection), friend of Diana and David Koenen

#### June 1-2

Sharon Zeman (battling cancer), friend of Jeff & Lynn Key Nicole (surgery recovery after cancer diagnosis), friend of Sara & Phil Roemaat

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, etc.) overseas and our military personnel: Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank

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COL 5:00 p.m.	Ministers for Saturday, June 22, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician:	Kim Klug Cheryl Caraulia, Kim Klug Kay Koepsel-Benning Janet Day Kay Koepsel-Benning
Song Leader: Nursery:	Nora Schneider, Frances Paradis
COL 8:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, June 23, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders: Nursery:	Darcy & Jan Constable Addison Kahle, Johnny Steigerwald Sally & Eric Thomas David Kapitan Jean Daul Jeanne & Greg Bonk Jeanne Bonk Janet Day Mike Aprahamian Josef Keup Trisha Smith
CTK 10:00 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, June 23, 2024
Greeters: Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders: Nursery:	Jamie Niederbaumer, Eric Godfrey Steve Johnson Julie Smith Melanie & Hayden Stuber Jane Boorse Janet Day Greg Peterson



# Sixth Weekend after Pentecost

# June 29-30, 2024

Saturday, June 29, 2024 5:00 pm COL

Sunday, June 30, 2024 8:30 am COL 10:00 am CTK Outdoor in Pavilion

Live Streamed at 8:30 am Sundays and available Online anytime afterwards

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#### WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH! We're glad you're here today! UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.

- Children. Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- **Nursery.** Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- Sunday School. All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)

### • At UNITY, the Communion Table is:

- Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
- Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
- Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
- We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
- Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
- If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.
- **Pastors.** UNITY is currently served by three called pastors who are present at both campuses on a rotating basis. Most Saturdays, the weekend preacher is the pastor at that service. On Sundays, the preacher for the weekend travels to both campuses to share the message. Each of the other pastors is then based at one campus or another.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: <u>unitybrookfield.org</u> for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

**GIVING.** If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the COL narthex and by the bulletin board in the CTK narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay is also accepted. Thank you!

# Prelude

"I Surrender All"	arr. Lorie Line
"Your Name"	Praise Band

(5:00, 8:30 (10:00)

#### Words of Welcome

#### **Sharing the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Many: And also with you.

### **Call to Worship**

- One: We're created to be free.
- Many: Free from what?
- One: You name it, free from sin, free from everything that weighs us down, holds us back, separates us from one another, free from anything that makes us doubt what God has done!
- Many: Really? It's hard to even imagine; we've been wrapped up in all the things we feel we should be.
- One: For so long and so tightly, hey? But imagine God cutting all the strings and conditions and saying,
- Many: "By grace you have been saved"
- One: Pure gift. Along with being created to be authentic!
- Many: To be who we really are? You mean, as long as it fits the expectations that others have of us, right?
- One: No! Well Yes! But...
- Many: So, which is it?
- One: With Jesus, it's come as you are, but when it comes to us, we more often mask who we really are and expect others to be what we want.
- Many: But Jesus says, "Come, all of you who are carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest."
- One: Exactly. So be brave just as you've been created to be.
- Many: Brave to believe what Jesus teaches and what it all means for us.
- One: Exactly, and brave to seek it, and receive it again and again, and to try to live it,
- Many: bravely as the disciples he calls us to be!
- One: You've got it! Followers of Jesus our whole lives, not just through Confirmation or when we get our kids through Confirmation,
- Many: and not just when we're here at church, and not just when the way is easy, but everywhere and along every road we travel, so people hear of how Jesus' love is always with us,
- One: empowering us with a touch of his power to be disruptors ourselves.
- Many: You mean we can start shouting in the middle of worship?

One: More powerful than that...is to save it for when we see things that could happen or should change, but no one says anything on behalf of another.

#### Many: But Jesus did...

One: and it's what we can do too...to disrupt anything that would try to lead us away from God's ways,

Many: so we have reason to gather to praise the Lord with TRUMPET SOUND!

<b>Opening Hymns</b>	"We Are Called"	ELW 720 all verses	(5:00, 8:30)
	"Here I Am to Worship"	Praise Band	(10:00)

#### Verse 1

Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes, let me see. Beauty that made this heart adore you, hope of a life spent with you.

#### Refrain

Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that you're my God. You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

#### Verse 2

King of all days, oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above.

Humbly you came to the earth you created, all for love's sake became poor.

Refrain

Bridge

And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross,

and I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross.

#### *Refrain (twice)*

Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes, let me see.

# Children's Message

# Greeting and Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

# Many: And also with you.

One: Let us pray. Good God,

Many: Thank you for creating us and giving us life. Help us to remember who you have created us to be...each of us unique, with gifts and strengths to share. May we be generous in using them trusting that when we do, they fill our spirits. For all the things that we can't fully do on our own or can't always control, we ask for your mercy and the power to ask for help. When we find ourselves afraid or anxious, remind us of the power that you give to us! May we seek to follow you each and every day, disrupting anything that tries to lead us, or others, away from your grace and love. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

ELW 174

Acclamation of the Word	"Celtic Alleluia"
Alleluia, alleluia.	
Alleluia, alleluia.	

# First Reading

#### Ephesians 2:4-10

As you listen to this letter that Paul wrote to the Ephesians, listen for what word or phrase or image stands out in your mind and reflect on what Christ might be speaking to you through Paul's words.

<sup>4</sup>But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved - <sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus<sup>,7</sup>so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God -<sup>9</sup>not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

# Second Reading Matthew 11:28-30

Using an image that the crowd could all identify with, the yolk was what was created for the backs of a pair of oxen to pull a heavy load behind them. Jesus calls us to see the purpose we have in doing his work and to trust that he helps us to carry the load.

<sup>28</sup>Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

One: The Word of the Lord!

Many: Thanks be to God

Message "Created to Be..."

# Hymn of the Day

"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" ELW 659 vs. 1-4

- 1 Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.
- 2 We are pilgrims on a journey, we are travelers on the road; we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

# W 659 vs. 1-4 (all services) 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

Sherrie Lorbeck

4 I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

# The Prayers of the People

One:	Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people
	according to their needs.
	(Congregation response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer.")
Pastor:	Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your
	mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Many:	Amen.

#### **Announcements and Offering**

#### **Offertory Response** (as gifts are brought forward)

*"As the Grains of Wheat"* ELW 465 Refrain As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread; So may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.

#### **Prayer of Thanks**

One: Let us pray. our Creator,

Many: you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

- Pastor: The Lord be with you.
- Many: And also with you.
- Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
- Many: We lift them to the Lord.
- Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer (Ecumenical)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (Sung Call and Response)

Our Father, Which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy (unison) name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, On earth As in heav'n. Please give to us All that we need

#### **Communion Meditation**

*"I've Got Peace Like a River" "Remembrance"*  And lead us not Away from you. For thine is the kingdom, And the power And the glory Forever. Amen. And it shall be so. Hallowed be thy

*(unison)* **name.** 

arr. Keveren	(5:00, 8:30)
Praise Band	(10:00)

(All Services)

(10:00)

(5:00, 8:30)

#### **Post Communion Blessing**

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace and peace.

#### Many: Amen.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

One: Let us pray. Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

Many: Amen.

# Benediction

### Sending Hymn

"Take My Life, That I May Be" "Sing of the Lord's Goodness

1 Sing of the Lord's goodness, Father of all wisdom, come to him and bless his name. Mercy he has shown us, his love is forever, faithful to the end of days.

#### **Refrain:**

Come then, all you nations, sing of the Lord's goodness, melodies of praise and thanks to God. Ring out the Lord's glory, praise him with your music, worship him and bless his name.

2 Power he has wielded, honor is his garment, risen from the snares of death. His word he has spoken, one bread he has broken, new life he now gives to all. *Refrain* 

# Dismissal

One: Go in peace, serve the Lord! Many: Thanks be to God!

# Postlude

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God" "Sing of the Lord's Goodness" reprise ELW 583 all vs.

### Praise Band

(5:00, 8:30) (10:00)

3 Courage in our darkness, comfort in our sorrow, Spirit of our God most high; solace for the weary, pardon for the sinner, splendor of the living God. *Refrain* 

4 Praise him with your singing, praise him with the trumpet, praise him with the lute and harp; praise him with the cymbals, praise him with your dancing, praise God till the end of days. *Refrain* 

Watts Praise band (5:00, 8:30) (10:00)

# **UNITY Highlights**

This weekend's worship is based on the theme that our Confirmation students learned about this past week, surrounded by God's creation at Imago Dei Bible Camp in Clintonville! It's also going to be the theme that our Sr. High students will hear in a few weeks on their trip to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans! Today, we invite you to reflect on what it means for you to remember that you have been created and loved by God, who frees us, encourages us to be who we are, gives us the power to be brave, invites us into this purposeful work and calls us to challenge what needs to change! Lots to think about but it's ultimately Good News for us to hear and receive! Thanks be to God!

**Next Week: Guest Preacher Rev. Tina Ettinger, Aspen Center Supervisor.** July 6/7 we will be blessed to have Rev. Tina, on staff at our partner Aspen Center recovery program, bring the message and share about the healing and transformation she gets to witness in her work with Aspen residents, our "resident" experts in resurrection! Thank you for bringing your partner perspective to the pulpit, Tina.

**Follow Unity Summer Adventures with Online Highlight Reel Videos!** This Summer, Jesus invites you to Come Away with him, by checking out the highlight reel videos on our website each week to get a glimpse of all that our UNITY travelers are experiencing and learning along the way. You can check out the ones from Vacation Bible School and our week at Confirmation Camp! In July, be sure to check out what the East Coast Road Trip is all about with our Year 2 Confirmation students, travel to New Orleans with our Sr. High and then head off to visit our friends in El Salvador. (We continue to send our prayers for the flooding there and for help as people deal with the impact! We will send some help ourselves, especially as Soyapango, the community where our partner church, Cordero de Dios was hit so hard.)

# Summer Worship Hours run through September 1

- Saturdays at 5:00 at COL
- Sundays at 8:30 at COL
- Sundays at 10:00 at CTK Outside in the Pavilion (weather permitting)

Reminder to those who need extra consideration in accessing the pavilion, you are welcome to get dropped off on the asphalt driveway in front of the pavilion, or if you are driving, you may park along the edge of the driveway near the pavilion, allowing continued access to other vehicles for dropping off/picking up.

**This Sunday, June 30, 11:00 AM at CTK - Walk the Trail Behind the Backyard -** Join the GO committee for a walk to explore the trails behind CTK. We are blessed to have a literal connection to the community and nature in our own backyard. Come along to check it out if you haven't seen it already or to experience it once again! Meet on the patio after worship.

**Every Sunday after worship at CTK**, join us for coffee hour in the Narthex. Even when we worship outdoors in the pavilion, we continue the tradition of coffee, treats and fellowship after worship.

# "Come Away with Jesus This Summer"... on All of UNITY's Trips!

This summer, we invite you to "Come Away with Jesus" on all of our summer trips! Take a moment now to visit our awesome "Come Away" web page and throughout the summer to view video clips of trip highlights as we visit these awesome destinations ... together!

Summer Trip	Travelers & Destinations	Dates
East Coast Road Trip	Year 2 Confirmation Students Kohler Andrae, Newport, Peninsula & High (	July 9-12 Cliff State Parks
ELCA Youth Gathering	Sr. High Students & Adults New Orleans, Louisiana	July 16-21
El Salvador	Summer Travelers Cordero de Dios & Rutilio Grande	July 23-30

Fundraiser for Senior High: Stock Sale Going on NOW for Summer Trip!

Our Sr. High kids and adult chaperones will be headed to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans July 16-21. We are currently holding a Stock Sale to help raise funds for this trip! Please watch for envelope displays at each campus. You will be invited to complete your information – along with the amount of stock you wish to purchase – and leave it in the envelope. As a special thanks, you will receive updates from our week in New Orleans! Thank you for your support!

**Confirmation Students -** Please look on the C-mail table for your returned forms with responses back from Pastor John on your final C-mails.

**Lunch Bunch** - Join us the second Wednesday of each month at 11:30 am at Maxim's. (18025 W. Capitol Drive in Brookfield.) The next meeting is July 10. Everyone is welcome, no matter your age or stage: younger, older, singles, couples, regular or occasional. Just show up because the nice thing about Maxim's is that seating is endlessly expandable. And, if you have any questions before you come, Esther McKee is your point person: (262) 246-6443.

**Online Worship Live-Streamed:** Over the summer we will be transitioning from weekly pre-recorded online worship services to Live-Streamed Worship. Currently, our online worship service is pre-recorded on Thursdays and Fridays, edited together and uploaded to our website by 5pm Saturday. Live-streaming will free up about 15-20+ hours weekly for our staff to be able to devote to other needs. Starting next weekend, we will be Live-Streaming from COL every Sunday at 8:30 am, which can be viewed on our website LIVE or any later time. Stay tuned for more information as we make this transition and thank you for your patience and understanding as there may be a few clunks as we work through the new process.

Thank you to all the Flower Sponsors that help keep our Altars looking beautiful each week with Flowers! There are many dates still available. If you want to celebrate, honor or remember someone special through altar flowers, just go to the UNITY webpage. All the details you need are on the SignUp Genius. This is a convenient way to choose a weekend and campus at any time, and the cost is only \$25 (payable by check or online). We have several volunteers who are responsible for arranging a beautiful vase of flowers on your

given weekend. You can take flowers home at the end of the weekend's last service, but please return the vase as soon as you can. Keep them watered and you can enjoy them another week or two!

**Looking for family fun this summer?** Grab a puzzle from the UNITY Puzzle Library to enjoy together! See the UNITY website 'Puzzle Library'. Instructions are online or just come in to the COL campus and check it out in person (upstairs outside room 202).

#### Keep Connecting with Us!

We love to hear from you! Please continue to reach out to us at any time.Pastor Jim Ahlquist:Pastor Muriel Otto:jim@unitybrookfield.orgmuriel@unitybrookfield.orgCell: 715-210-2245Cell: 712-254-6515

Pastor Sherrie Lorbeck: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org Cell: 414-477-7762 Pastor Eric Silberschmidt: eric@unitybrookfield.org Cell: 262-716-9854

Don't know who to contact? Call our Church Office at 262-781-7600. Oftentimes they can assist you with your needs. If not, you will be directed to the proper person. The important thing is to stay in touch with us!

#### **Children's Education**

Contact Michelle Aprahamian, c: 414-732-8615, email: michelle@unitybrookfield.org

**ABC Summer Sunday School for grades Pre-K-Grade 3** will be held during Sunday services through **August 25** (no Sunday school 7/7, Happy Fourth of July weekend!): 8:30 am at COL and 10:00 am at CTK. Each week celebrates a new letter of the alphabet through Bible stories, crafts, games, activities, and a snack. Remember: friends and guests are always invited to join us for ABC Summer Sunday School or as the kids call it, *"Funday school"*!

**Teachers, we need just 4 more ABC SSS leaders.** You can sign up to teach using the Ministry Scheduler. Contact Michelle if you have questions on how to sign up to lead ABC SSS. All lessons are planned and prepared. Just bring your big heart and smile for our kids.

**Thank you to all our Sunday School leaders!** We appreciate all your time, energy and love for our kids. We are grateful you are on this faith journey with us.

**Vacation Bible School - THANK YOU to all those that helped make "Primero Dios" a huge success!** We had 126 young people participate in this four day event, 45 crew leaders, and over 40 adult volunteers that helped with every aspect to make it happen. The energy was off the charts, and we are grateful for everyone showing their love for our kids, and taking this faith journey with us.

Mark your Calendars: ECRT (for Year 2 Confirmation students) - July 9 - 12, 2024 Confirmation Weekend - September 14-15, 2024

## Servant Ministries

Contact Jackie Herington, c: 262-501-6138, e: jackieswan10@icloud.com or Muriel Otto, e: muriel@unitybrookfield.org

# Donate Supplies for the Upcoming El Salvador Trip: Drop off by July 15 either campus.

Thanks to everyone who donated books in Spanish, and to our VBS kids for making bookmarks! In addition to these fun gifts our group would also love to bring your donations of little host gifts (aka candles, little art, Wisconsin themed items or clothing) or any of the following new or gently used activity supplies:

-play dough -yarn -embroidery thread -letter beads -pony beads -perler beads--coloring books (adult) -coloring books (kid) -pipe cleaners -nail polish -little hair ties -an iron -bouncy balls -hacky sacks -beach balls -glow sticks -acrylic paint markers -washable markers -scissors

### Food Pantry Volunteer Event at Retzer Center on July 13

To all of our Waukesha Food Pantry Volunteers: Please join the Food Pantry for their Summer Volunteer Appreciation Gathering, to be held **Saturday, July 13, from 1-5 pm at Retzer Nature Center in Waukesha**. Come enjoy lots of good food, great games, fun fellowship, and a special presentation by Wendy Jones: "Trivia, Folklore, and Fun Facts: An Unusual Exploration of Nature." If you plan to attend, please RSVP to wendy@waukeshafoodpantry.org. This is a great opportunity to give thanks for the blessing of being able to serve others!

#### Thanks from the Food Pantry

Our Summer Bag Sales on June 1-2 & 8-9 for the Waukesha Food Pantry raised \$2,449, allowing us to buy a LOT of chicken and eggs for them! Each \$10 "bag" purchased 3 dozen eggs and 3 lbs. of chicken, so thank you for helping us feed hungry people!

We always need volunteers at the Waukesha Food Pantry. Each month, we help there on fourth Saturdays from 9:00 am-noon and fifth Mondays from 5:30-8:00 pm. We especially need help on two summer Saturdays: July 27 & August 24. Sign up on our Food Pantry SignUp Genius. THANKS!

**Ongoing Service Opportunities:** UNITY has standing volunteer "shifts" at various partners that we commit to covering as a church. Each one is coordinated by a different UNITY member... each one has its own sign up page on the church website... and each one is an opportunity for you!

**Waukesha Food Pantry Food Distribution:** Each month, 4th Saturday, 9am-12pm; 5th Monday 5:45 - 8 pm.

**Serenity Inns Recovery Program Fellowship Dinners:** cook, deliver, or serve a meal for 12 residents. Each month, 1st Sunday and 2nd Friday, 6 - 7pm. Kids welcome.

#### **Property Needs**

Contact David Koenen, c: 414-559-6974, email: davidkoenen@wi.rr.com

Help needed at COL this coming week, July 1-3 - There will be lots of activity at the COL campus 7/1-3 including preparations for and planting of new trees in reparation of the January storm damage, and also taking down a large pine tree on Tuesday 7/2. If you have any availability and would like to help, or want more info, please contact UNITY Property Manager, Denny Thompson, at 262-844-0556 or dennyt325@yahoo.com.

**Lawn Mowers:** Thanks to all who have been faithfully keeping our properties cut and looking beautiful! There's still lots of openings going forward *- including this week, 7/3-7/9!* Please use our online sign up, and let's get the roster full. If you need a tutorial or have any questions, contact Property Chair, David Koenen.

## **Adult Programs**

Contact: Susie Sprecher, c: 262-227-1558 email: <u>wisbadger19@gmail.com</u> or Matt Griepentrog, c: 262-787-8820, e: matt@unitybrookfield.org

**UNITY's Moms Group Spring/Summer Schedule: Third Thursdays in the backyard at Christ the King. 5:30-7pm, dinner and childcare provided.** Moms of all ages and stages welcome as we talk, eat, laugh, cry, support, pray. Kids can be in the backyard or in the nursery with sitters. Summer dates: July 18, August 15.

## **UNITY Member Care**

Contact: Jim Ahlquist, Minister of Member Care, e: jim@unitybrookfield.org, c: 715-210-2245 Sherrie Lorbeck, sherrie@unitybrookfield.org, c: 414-477-7762 Muriel Otto, e: muriel@unitybrookfield.org, c: 712-254-6515

# Grief Group continues to meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of July from 6:30-8:00 pm at COL - *When Life Isn't the Same* ...

If you have lost a spouse or a parent or someone else close to you, the grieving doesn't end after the funeral. We invite you to a safe space where you can share more about where you are at in your journey ... learn more about the stages of grief ... and get help finding your way through what you need most for the road ahead.

We invite you to join us for our Grief Group, held the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. Our next meetings will be held **July 10 and July 24 from 6:30-8:00 pm at our Cross of Life campus.** These gatherings will be led by Pastor Jim Ahlquist and Nicole Krause. If this is the right time for you, or if someone you know could benefit from being a part of this, please join us! If you have questions or just want to discuss whether this is the right place for you, contact Pastor Jim at jim@unitybrookfield.org or 715-210-2245.

**UNITY Member Care is always here for you.** You don't have to face life's ups and downs alone. Whether it's an unexpected hospitalization, a recent diagnosis, the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, addiction, anxiety, depression, or virtually anything else, the pastors are only a call, text, or email away. Please never hesitate to reach out -- whether we're the only stop you'll make or just the first step in a longer care process.

**Prayer Place cards-** If you have a prayer request that you would like included in the Prayers for Friends and Family section in the bulletin, there are cards available in the narthex near the bulletin board. You can fill out the request and pin it to the bulletin board there. You can fill out a card and place it in the basket and it will be included in the upcoming bulletin. These prayer requests will stay for 4 weeks and then if you need further prayer, repost as often as needed. Any questions, please contact Nancy by phone or email nancy@unitybrookfield.org

## Worship & Music Opportunities

Children's Choirs, Contact Janet Day, c: 414-975-0286, e: janet@unitybrookfield.org Fellowship Choir, Contact Molly Pufall-Brown, c: 920-265-6881, e: mpufall@gmail.com Handbells & Praise Band, Contact Stacey Nordmeyer, c: 414-617-7673, e: staceynordmeyer72@icloud.com

All-Music Tuesdays - where ALL are Welcome! - is taking a break for the summer. Watch here for future announcements about special music groups gathering to share our gifts over the summer, and also for the restart of All-Music Tuesdays in September. Thanks to all who have shared their gifts with UNITY over this past year. You are a blessing!

## Sr. High and Young Adults

Contact Ryan Johnson, c: 262-825-7331, e: rmjohnson@gmail.com Or Sherrie Lorbeck, c: 414-477-7762 e: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org Matt Griepentrog, c:, e: matt@unitybrookfield.org

For Those Traveling on the Sr. High Trip to the National Youth Gathering! Mark your calendars for our Pre-Trip Information Update and Bonding/Covenant Signing! Sunday, July 7th after worship at the CTK campus. Parents can join us for the first part where we'll go over everything you need to know about the trip and final payments, and then you're welcome to join us for lunch. The rest of our time we'll spend getting to know each other better and getting ready for an amazing week! Please plan to attend! If you have any questions or can help pick up subs/sides for lunch, please contact Sherrie Lorbeck.

Partner we are praying for this month: Hebron Housing Services The altar flowers at COL are given by Carol Steinkraus, Mother of Sally Thomas, in honor of her family The altar flowers at CTK are given to the Glory of God Thank you to Nancy Kostanski for arranging the altar flowers this weekend This weekend's communion breads were baked by Denny Thompson

## **Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members**

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

#### **Cross of Life Campus**

Judy Kolstad, Linda Langer, Joan Krause, Sandi John, Elias (Ahlquist) Olson, Max Roemaat, Jerry Buenger, Karen Beres, Bob Rusk, Debbie Horne, Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Ardyce Myhre, Paula Dryer, Marlene Jernberg, John Vaughan, Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Alyce Vollan, Barb Purnell, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

#### **Christ the King Campus**

Dawn Suharski, Fred Petran, Sharon Giessen, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Dave Rau

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## **UNITY Prayer Place**

Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.

## June 22-23

Dean Morstad (recurrence of cancer), brother of Jamie Pratt Michael Johnson (health concerns), son-in-law of Dawn Suharski Tony Susa (spinal cord injury), brother-in-law of Vivian Clark Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

#### June 15-16

Emma Gallo-Chasanoff (surgery), sister of Muriel Otto JP Fisher (3rd heart attack), uncle of Kevin Grabowski Amy Suttle (recovery from knee surgery), niece of Jeff & Lynn Key Dwight Heaney (complications from surgery), brother of Christine Standley Ralph Phillips (lung cancer), uncle of Jolene Epding

#### June 8-9

Jack & Jacki Radosta (death of their daughter, Jaci), family of the Reinhardt family Andy Diaz (health concerns), Fiancée of Nora Collins Irene Marconnet (health concerns), Aunt of Jenny Collins Jack Douglass (skilled care), father of Jane Dowling Donna Funk (bladder cancer/liver issues), daughter of Pearl Haack Chris (cancer diagnosis), friend of Jeff Key Dawn (recovering from a serious infection), friend of Diana and David Koenen

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, etc.) overseas and our military personnel: Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank

COL 5:00 p.m.	Ministers for Saturday, June 29, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader:	Jackie Herington, Duane Maas Betty Bredemus, James Lorbeck Al Bredemus, Lynn Key Marilyn Ranney Kim Klug Cheryl Caraulia, Tim Culhane Cheryl Caraulia Greg O'Connell Connor Lalor
COL 8:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, June 30, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC:	Tiffany & Scott Reay Connor Hahn Sophie Miesfeld, Carole Syse Leslie O'Connell Leslie O'Connell Sandi John, Barb Consigny Matt Kamenick Greg O'Connell Clyde Reay Trent Reay Megan Van Hoorn Josi Matel
CTK 10:00 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, June 30, 2024
Greeters: Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders: Nursery:	Eric Godfrey, Paul Langer Jim Johnsen Barb Patterson Jane Boorse, Diana VanSlyke Julie Smith Praise Band Praise Band



Seventh Weekend after Pentecost

July 6-7, 2024

Saturday, July 6, 2024 5:00 pm COL

Sunday, July 7, 2024 8:30 am COL 10:00 am CTK Outdoor in Pavilion

Live Streamed at 8:30 am Sundays and available Online anytime afterwards

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#### WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH! We're glad you're here today! UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.

- Children. Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- **Nursery.** Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- Sunday School. All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)

## • At UNITY, the Communion Table is:

- Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
- Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
- Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
- We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
- Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
- If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.
- **Pastors.** UNITY is currently served by three called pastors who are present at both campuses on a rotating basis. Most Saturdays, the weekend preacher is the pastor at that service. On Sundays, the preacher for the weekend travels to both campuses to share the message. Each of the other pastors is then based at one campus or another.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: <u>unitybrookfield.org</u> for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

**GIVING.** If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the COL narthex and by the bulletin board in the CTK narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay is also accepted. Thank you!

## Prelude

"God Will Take Care Of You" "For the Beauty of the Earth" arr. Lorie Line arr. Carter (5:00, 8:30) (10:00)

## Words of Welcome

## **Sharing the Peace**

- Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- Many: And also with you.

**Call to Worship** (based on today's gospel reading from Mark 6)

One: "Holy" is...

Many: A great word to describe our God who is awesome and always present and deeply in love with us.

One: Holy is...

Many: Not such a great word for us...

One: ... for we are deeply aware of flaws that make us unlovable and incomplete.

Many: And in our un-holiness, we sometimes retreat from God...

- One: ...obsessing on our flaws and those of the ENTIRE human race!
- Many: But then...our God...who is deeply in love with us...pulls back the curtain, so to speak...

One: ...allowing us to see that holiness is not something God holds onto but shares.

Many: God heals our wounds, purifies our souls, seeks us out and most of all...

- One: ....sends us! Sends US! Gives purpose. Unites. Believes in us.
- Many: Oh God, how can that be? But it is so! When you next seek us out to forgive or send...
- One: ...may we your people rush to your embrace and with the exuberance of a child confess...
- Many: Here I am, God! Send me!

## **Opening Hymns** "Here I Am, Lord"

1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?" ELW 574 vs. 1-3 (All services)

## Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart. 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*  3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain

#### Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

## **Children's Message**

#### Greeting and Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

Many: And also with you.

One: Let us pray. Spirit of Hope...

Many: ...you turn up in the most unexpected places... on the faces of the dying... in the melting of a cynic's icy heart... in the part of us we hide because we are ashamed. Ground us in your hope, O God. Help us spot your presence in our lives. Open us to the possibility of a future defined by your love. We ask it in the name of the One who lives to see us live in his ways, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#### The Washing of Holy Baptism Presentation of the Child

This weekend at the 10:00 service, we welcome Oliver David Skarie. Oliver David is presented by his parents, Nathan and Emily, and his sponsor, Olivia Kurtz.

Pastor: Who presents Oliver David to receive the blessings of Holy Baptism? Parents & Sponsors: We do.

## **Role of the Parents and Sponsors**

One: In Christian love you have presented Oliver David for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully care for him and help him in every way God gives you opportunity, that Oliver David may bear witness to the faith we hold, and that, living in the covenant of his Baptism and in Communion with the people of God, he may lead a life of goodness and service until the day of Jesus Christ. Parents and sponsors, do you promise to fulfill these obligations? If so, please answer, "I do."

#### Prayer

Pastor: Holy God, we give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

By the baptism of his own death and resurrection, your beloved Son, Jesus the Christ, has set us free from the final power of sin and death, and has opened the way to everlasting life. He made water a sign of cleansing and of birth into the family of God. As Jesus' followers, we do as he taught us, making disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit so that Oliver David may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as your own sons and daughters, inheritors of your glorious kingdom.

All: Amen.

#### \*Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### The Baptism

#### **Baptismal Prayer**

Pastor: Lord God, we give you thanks for freeing your children from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy washing. Pour your Holy Spirit upon Oliver David: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and respect for the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

All: Amen.

## The Mark of Christ

Oliver David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

## Presentation of the Baptismal Candle

One: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

## Greeting of the Child by the Congregation

Pastor: Through Baptism, God has made this brother of ours a member of the ministry of reconciliation we all share in Christ Jesus. May we proclaim the greatness and love of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

#### People: Oliver David, we welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly father, and a worker with us in the Kingdom of God. Amen.

Pastor: Peace be with you. Parents & Sponsors: Peace be with you.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

"Celtic Alleluia"

ELW 174

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

#### Gospel Mark 6:1-13

Jesus experiences a bumpy "welcome" in his hometown, but undeterred by their lack of support, he turns around and sends his disciples out on an ambitious mission. A lesson in leadership, his actions represent a deep trust in God's purposes and deep optimism about people. Jesus wastes no time in grudges or score-settling but builds good things between people. Like him may we want more for each other and recognize it when it happens.

The Gospel according to Mark, the sixth chapter. One:

#### Glory to you O, Lord Manv:

<sup>1</sup> [Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.<sup>2</sup> On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! <sup>3</sup> Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. <sup>4</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." 5 And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. <sup>6</sup>And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. <sup>7</sup>He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup>He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; <sup>9</sup> but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup> He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place.<sup>11</sup> If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." <sup>12</sup> So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. <sup>13</sup> They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The Gospel of the Lord! One:

Many: Praise to you, O Christ

Message "Being the House" ~ Rev. Tina Ettinger, Aspen Center Program Supervisor

#### Hymn of the Day/Baptismal Hymn

"Open Your Ears, O Faithful People"	ELW 519	(5:00, 8:30)
"Have No Fear Little Flock"	ELW 764 vs. 1-4	(10:00)

- 1 Have no fear, little flock; have no fear, little flock, for the Father has chosen to give you the kingdom; have no fear, little flock!
- 2 Have good cheer, little flock; have good cheer, little flock, for the Father will keep you in his love forever; have good cheer, little flock!

- 3 Praise the Lord high above; praise the Lord high above, for he stoops down to heal you, uplift and restore you; praise the Lord high above!
- 4 Thankful hearts raise to God; thankful hearts raise to God, for he stays close beside you, in all things works with you; thankful hearts raise to God!

#### The Prayers of the People

- One: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. *(Congregation response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer.")*
- Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- Many: Amen.

## **Announcements and Offering**

#### Prayer for Sending our Confirmation Travelers on their Way

- One: God of Wonder and Might...
- Many: ...bless our East Coast Road Trip participants in the week ahead. The food will be good, but mostly we ask, fill our spirits. The weather may be good, but shine your Light, no matter what. Caving will be an adventure, but let the best discoveries be about each other. In all things, may you be at the center. Fill our group with fun and purpose and strength. We ask it through the One who comes first for all of us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Offertory Response** (as gifts are brought forward)

*"As the Grains of Wheat"* ELW 465 Refrain As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread; So may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.

## **Prayer of Thanks**

- One: Let us pray. our Creator,
- Many: you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Pastor:	The Lord be with you.	Many:	And also with you.
Pastor:	Lift up your hearts.	Many:	We lift them to the Lord.

(All Services)

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### **Words of Institution**

#### The Lord's Prayer (Ecumenical)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

#### **Communion Meditation**

"Wonderful Words Of Life"	arr. Lorie Line	(5:00, 8:30)
"Fairest Lord Jesus"	arr. Carter	(10:00)

#### **Post Communion Blessing**

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace and peace.

Many: Amen.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

One: Let us pray. Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

Many: Amen.

## Benediction

Se	nding Hymn	"We All Are One in Mission		ELW 576 vs. 1-3	(All services)
1	We all are one	in mission;	2	We all are called for serv	vice,
	we all are one	in call,		to witness in God's name	e.
	our varied gift			Our ministries are different	ent;
	by Christ, the	Lord of all.		our purpose is the same:	
	A single great			to touch the lives of othe	ers
	compels us fro			with God's surprising gra	ace,
	to plan and wo			so ev'ry folk and nation	
	that all may kr	now Christ's love.		may feel God's warm en	nbrace.
	3	Now let us be united, and let	t oi	ur song be heard.	
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Now let us be united, and let our song be heard. Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word. We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

#### Dismissal

One: Go in peace, serve the Lord! Many: Thanks be to God!

#### Postlude

"God Be With You" "O Worship the King" arr. Lorie Line arr. Carter

## **UNITY Highlights**

**This weekend: Guest Preacher Rev. Tina Ettinger, Aspen Center Supervisor.** July 6/7 we will be blessed to have Rev. Tina, on staff at our partner Aspen Center recovery program, bring the message and share about the healing and transformation she gets to witness in her work with Aspen residents, our "resident" experts in resurrection! Thank you for bringing your partner perspective to the pulpit, Tina.

This Sunday, July 7th after worship at the CTK campus for those traveling on the Sr. High Trip to the National Youth Gathering! Pre-Trip Information Update and Bonding/ Covenant Signing! Parents can join us for the first part where we'll go over everything you need to know about the trip and final payments, and then you're welcome to join us for lunch. The rest of our time we'll spend getting to know each other better and getting ready for an amazing week! Please plan to attend! Contact Pastor Sherrie with any questions.

**Follow Unity Summer Adventures with Online Highlight Reel Videos!** This Summer, Jesus invites you to Come Away with him, by checking out the highlight reel videos on our website each week to get a glimpse of all that our UNITY travelers are experiencing and learning along the way. You can check out the ones from Vacation Bible School and our week at Confirmation Camp! In July, be sure to check out what the East Coast Road Trip is all about with our Year 2 Confirmation students, travel to New Orleans with our Sr. High and then head off to visit our friends in El Salvador. (We continue to send our prayers for the flooding there and for help as people deal with the impact! We will send some help ourselves, especially as Soyapango, the community of our partner church, Cordero de Dios was hit so hard.)

## **Summer Worship Hours run through September 1**

- Saturdays at 5:00 at COL
- Sundays at 8:30 at COL
- Sundays at 10:00 at CTK Outside in the Pavilion (weather permitting)

For those needing extra consideration in accessing the pavilion, you are welcome to get dropped off on the driveway in front of the pavilion, or if driving, park along the edge of the drive near the pavilion, leaving access to other vehicles for dropping off/picking up.

**Every Sunday after worship at CTK**, join us for coffee hour in the Narthex. We continue the tradition of coffee, treats and fellowship after worship, even if we are outside.

## "Come Away with Jesus This Summer"... on All of UNITY's Trips!

This summer, we invite you to "Come Away with Jesus" on all of our summer trips! Take a moment now to visit our awesome "Come Away" web page and throughout the summer to view video clips of trip highlights as we visit these awesome destinations ... together!

<u>Summer Trip</u>	Travelers & Destinations	Dates
East Coast Road Trip	Year 2 Confirmation Students Kohler Andrae, Newport, Peninsula & High	July 9-12 Cliff State Parks
ELCA Youth Gathering	Sr. High Students & Adults New Orleans, Louisiana	July 16-21
El Salvador	Summer Travelers Cordero de Dios & Rutilio Grande	July 23-30

## Fundraiser for Senior High: Stock Sale Going on NOW for Summer Trip!

Our Sr. High kids and adult chaperones will be headed to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans July 16-21. We are currently holding a Stock Sale to help raise funds for this trip! Please watch for envelope displays at each campus. You will be invited to complete your information – along with the amount of stock you wish to purchase – and leave it in the envelope. As a special thanks, you will receive updates from our week in New Orleans! Thank you for your support!

**Lunch Bunch** - Join us the second Wednesday of each month at 11:30 am at Maxim's. (18025 W. Capitol Drive in Brookfield.) The next meeting is **July 10**. Everyone is welcome, no matter your age or stage: younger, older, singles, couples, regular or occasional. Just show up because the nice thing about Maxim's is that seating is endlessly expandable. And, if you have any questions before you come, Esther McKee is your point person: (262) 246-6443.

**Online Worship Live-Streamed:** We will be going LIVE this weekend using a new system and process, which allows us to stream directly to Vimeo instead of Facebook. Thank you in advance for your patience as we work through the new process. Over the summer we have been transitioning from weekly pre-recorded online worship services. Live-streaming frees up about 15-20+ hours weekly for our staff to be able to devote to other needs. Live-Streaming will take place from COL every Sunday at 8:30 am, and can be viewed on our website LIVE or any later time. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding as we work through the new process - as there may be a few clunks along the way.

Thank you to all the Flower Sponsors that help keep our Altars looking beautiful each week with Flowers! There are many dates still available. If you want to celebrate, honor or remember someone special through altar flowers, just go to the UNITY webpage. All the details you need are on the SignUp Genius. This is a convenient way to choose a weekend and campus at any time, and the cost is only \$25 (payable by check or online). We have several volunteers who are responsible for arranging a beautiful vase of flowers on your given weekend. You can take flowers home at the end of the weekend's last service, and then return the vase as soon as you can. Keep them watered and enjoy another week or two!

**Looking for family fun this summer?** Grab a puzzle from the UNITY Puzzle Library to enjoy together! See the UNITY website 'Puzzle Library'. Instructions are online or just come in to the COL campus and check it out in person (upstairs outside room 202).

## Keep Connecting with Us!

We love to hear from you! Please continue to reach out to us at any time.Pastor Jim Ahlquist:Pastor Muriel Otto:jim@unitybrookfield.orgmuriel@unitybrookfield.orgCell: 715-210-2245Cell: 712-254-6515Pastor Sherrie Lorbeck:Pastor Eric Silberschmidt:

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Don't know who to contact? Call our Church Office at 262-781-7600. Oftentimes they can assist you with your needs. If not, you will be directed to the proper person. The important thing is to stay in touch with us!

## **Children's Education**

Contact Michelle Aprahamian, c: 414-732-8615, email: michelle@unitybrookfield.org

**ABC Summer Sunday School for grades Pre-K-Grade 3** is taking a break this weekend -Happy 4th of July weekend! It will be held during Sunday services **through August 25** starting again next weekend: 8:30 am at COL and 10:00 am at CTK. Each week celebrates a new letter of the alphabet through Bible stories, crafts, games, activities, and a snack. Remember: friends and guests are always invited to join us for ABC Summer Sunday School or as the kids call it, "Funday school"!

We need just 2 more ABC SSS leaders. You can sign up using MSP. Contact Michelle with questions. All lessons are planned & prepared. Just bring your big heart & smile kids.

**Vacation Bible School - THANK YOU to all those that helped make "Primero Dios" a huge success!** We had 126 young people participate in this four day event, 45 crew leaders, and over 40 adult volunteers that helped with every aspect to make it happen. The energy was off the charts, and we are grateful for everyone showing their love for our kids, and taking this faith journey with us.

## Mark your Calendars: Confirmation Weekend - September 14-15, 2024

## **Servant Ministries**

Contact Jackie Herington, c: 262-501-6138, e: jackieswan10@icloud.com or Muriel Otto, e: muriel@unitybrookfield.org

## Donate Supplies for Upcoming El Salvador Trip: Drop off by July 15 either campus.

Thanks to everyone who donated books in Spanish, and to our VBS kids for making bookmarks! In addition to these fun gifts our group would also love to bring your donations of little host gifts (aka candles, little art, Wisconsin themed items or clothing) or any of the following new or gently used activity supplies:

-play dough	-coloring books (adult/kid)	-hacky sacks
-yarn	-pipe cleaners	-beach balls
-embroidery thread	-nail polish	-glow sticks
-letter beads	-little hair ties	-acrylic paint markers
-pony beads	-an iron	-washable markers
-perler beads-	-bouncy balls	-scissors

**Food Pantry Volunteer Event at Retzer Center on Saturday, July 13 from 1-5pm** To all of our Waukesha Food Pantry Volunteers: Please join the Food Pantry for their Summer Volunteer Appreciation Gathering. Come enjoy lots of good food, great games, fun fellowship, and a special presentation by Wendy Jones: "Trivia, Folklore, and Fun Facts: An Unusual Exploration of Nature." If you plan to attend, please RSVP to wendy@waukeshafoodpantry.org. This is a great opportunity to give thanks for the blessing of being able to serve others!

We always need volunteers at the Waukesha Food Pantry. Each month, we help there on fourth Saturdays from 9:00 am-noon and fifth Mondays from 5:30-8:00 pm. We especially need help on two summer Saturdays: July 27 & August 24. Sign up on our Food Pantry SignUp Genius. THANKS!

**Ongoing Service Opportunities:** UNITY has standing volunteer "shifts" at various partners that we commit to covering as a church. Each one is coordinated by a different UNITY member... each one has its own sign up page on the church website... and each one is an opportunity for you!

- Waukesha Food Pantry Food Distribution: Each month, 4th Saturday, 9am-12pm; 5th Monday 5:45 8 pm.
- Serenity Inns Recovery Program Fellowship Dinners: cook, deliver, or serve a meal for 12 residents. Each month,1st Sunday & 2nd Friday, 6 7pm. Kids welcome.

#### **Property Needs**

Contact David Koenen, c: 414-559-6974, email: davidkoenen@wi.rr.com

Thank you!! To all those who helped at COL this past week with preparations for and planting of new tree, taking down a large pine tree, and also the perpetual pruning and weeding that keeps the property looking beautiful!

Lawn Mowers: Thanks to all who have been faithfully keeping our properties cut and looking beautiful! There's still lots of openings going forward - *including this week*, 7/10-7/16! Please use our online sign up, and let's get the roster full. If you need a tutorial or have any questions, contact Property Chair, David Koenen.

## **Adult Programs**

Contact: Susie Sprecher, c: 262-227-1558 email: <u>wisbadger19@gmail.com</u> or Matt Griepentrog, c: 262-787-8820, e: matt@unitybrookfield.org

**UNITY's Moms Group Spring/Summer Schedule: Third Thursdays in the backyard at Christ the King. 5:30-7pm, dinner and childcare provided.** Moms of all ages and stages welcome as we talk, eat, laugh, cry, support, pray. Kids can be in the backyard or in the nursery with sitters. Summer dates: July 18, August 15.

## **UNITY Member Care**

Contact: Jim Ahlquist-Member Care Minister, e: jim@unitybrookfield.org, c: 715-210-2245 Sherrie Lorbeck, sherrie@unitybrookfield.org, c: 414-477-7762 Muriel Otto, e: muriel@unitybrookfield.org, c: 712-254-6515

# Grief Group continues to meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of July from 6:30-8:00 pm at COL - *When Life Isn't the Same* ...

If you have lost a spouse or a parent or someone else close to you, the grieving doesn't end after the funeral. We invite you to a safe space where you can share more about where you are at in your journey ... learn more about the stages of grief ... and get help finding your way through what you need most for the road ahead.

We invite you to join us for our Grief Group, held the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. Our next meetings will be held **July 10 and July 24 from 6:30-8:00 pm at our Cross of Life campus.** These gatherings will be led by Pastor Jim Ahlquist and Nicole Krause. If this is the right time for you, or if someone you know could benefit from being a part of this, please join us! If you have questions or just want to discuss whether this is the right place for you, contact Pastor Jim at jim@unitybrookfield.org or 715-210-2245.

**UNITY Member Care is always here for you.** You don't have to face life's ups and downs alone. Whether it's an unexpected hospitalization, a recent diagnosis, the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, addiction, anxiety, depression, or virtually anything else, the pastors are only a call, text, or email away. Please never hesitate to reach out -- whether we're the only stop you'll make or just the first step in a longer care process.

**Prayer Place cards-** If you have a prayer request that you would like included in the Prayers for Friends and Family section in the bulletin, there are cards available in the narthex near the bulletin board. You can fill out the request and pin it to the bulletin board or place it in the basket and it will be included in the upcoming bulletin. These prayer requests will stay for 4 weeks and then if you need further prayer, repost as often as needed. Any questions, please contact Nancy by phone or email nancy@unitybrookfield.org

#### Sr. High and Young Adults

Contact Ryan Johnson, c: 262-825-7331, e: rmjohnson@gmail.com Or Sherrie Lorbeck, c: 414-477-7762 e: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org Matt Griepentrog, c:, e: matt@unitybrookfield.org

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Partner we are praying for this month: Bread of Healing Clinic

The altar flowers at COL are given by Deborah & Tim Nustad in celebration of their 34th Anniversary

The altar flowers at CTK are given by Nancy & Ken Kostanski in celebration of their 47th Anniversary

Thank you to Jane Dowling for arranging the altar flowers this weekend

This weekend's communion breads were baked by Kelsey Morrison

## **Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members**

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

## **Cross of Life Campus**

Judy Kolstad, Linda Langer, Joan Krause, Sandi John, Elias (Ahlquist) Olson, Max Roemaat, Jerry Buenger, Karen Beres, Bob Rusk, Debbie Horne, Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Ardyce Myhre, Paula Dryer, Marlene Jernberg, John Vaughan, Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Alyce Vollan, Barb Purnell, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

## Christ the King Campus

Dawn Suharski, Fred Petran, Sharon Giessen, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Dave Rau

> We give a prayer of thanksgiving for the baptism of: Oliver David Skarie

We give a prayer of thanks to celebrate the first communion of: Cece Weitmann

## **UNITY Prayer Place**

Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.

## July 6-7

Ryson Furness (hospitalized), grandson of Laurie Furness Holly Zuleger (recovering from recent hospitalization), grandmother of Danita hahn Kenny Gauerke (in hospice due to cancer), family friend of Danita Hahn Jack Douglass (skilled care), father of Jane Dowling Donna Funk (bladder cancer/liver issues), daughter of Pearl Haack Chris (cancer diagnosis), friend of Jeff Key

## June 22-23

Dean Morstad (recurrence of cancer), brother of Jamie Pratt Mike Johnson (open heart surgery), son-in-law of Dawn Suharski Tony Susa (spinal cord injury), brother-in-law of Vivian Clark Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

## June 15-16

Emma Gallo-Chasanoff (surgery), sister of Muriel Otto Amy Suttle (recovery from knee surgery), niece of Jeff & Lynn Key Dwight Heaney (complications from surgery), brother of Christine Standley Ralph Phillips (lung cancer), uncle of Jolene Epding

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, etc.) overseas and our military personnel: Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank

COL 5:00 p.m.	Ministers for Saturday, July 6, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader:	Jill Barney, Jack Guenther Jeff Key Jeff Key Kim Urchell, Dennis Horne Kim Urchell Lynn Key
COL 8:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, July 7, 2024
Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders: Nursery:	Sandi John, Dave Meissner Johnny Steigerwald Art Keup, Mark Hilgart Susie Hilgart TJ Roche Sandi John, Joy Czarnik Jann & Dave Meissner Lynn Key Eric Gravenkamp Josef Keup Bill Hubert No Sunday School - Happy 4th of July Weekend!
CTK 10:00 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, July 7, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders: Nursery:	Diana Koenen, Julie Smith Robin Cervero-Vrab, Joshua Graesser David Koenen, Harlan Mueller



Eighth Weekend after Pentecost

July 13-14, 2024

Saturday, July 13, 2024 5:00 pm COL

Sunday, July 14, 2024 8:30 am COL 10:00 am CTK Outdoor in Pavilion

Live Streamed at 8:30 am Sundays and available Online anytime afterwards

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#### WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH! We're glad you're here today! UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.

- Children. Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- **Nursery.** Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- Sunday School. All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)

## • At UNITY, the Communion Table is:

- Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
- Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
- Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
- We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
- Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
- If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.
- **Pastors.** UNITY is currently served by three called pastors who are present at both campuses on a rotating basis. Most Saturdays, the weekend preacher is the pastor at that service. On Sundays, the preacher for the weekend travels to both campuses to share the message. Each of the other pastors is then based at one campus or another.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: <u>unitybrookfield.org</u> for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

**GIVING.** If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the COL narthex and by the bulletin board in the CTK narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay is also accepted. Thank you!

## Prelude

"God of Wonders"	Praise Band	(5:00, 8:30)
"Jesus, The Very Thought Of Thee"	arr. Keveren	(10:00)

## Words of Welcome

## **Sharing the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Many: And also with you.

Call to Worship (based on today's gospel reading from Mark 6)

- One: Word was spreading about Jesus and the hope and healing he offered. When Jesus and the Disciples arrived there was already a crowd gathering.
- Many: People were looking for something to change in their lives something to change for the better.
- One: But change is hard and choosing to make those changes is even harder.
- Many: So the people wandered. It felt like they were lost and alone. It felt like they were sheep without a shepherd.
- One: Jesus didn't judge them or announce their lack of faith. Jesus refused to leave them. Jesus showed them the way.
- Many: Jesus loved them and had compassion for them. He taught them that they would never be alone.
- One: Jesus challenged the Disciples to give everyone something to eat. They needed to be fed - body, mind, and Spirit.

Many: The Disciples said, "What a task! We can't do it alone, Lord."

- One: Jesus said to the Disciples, "You will never be alone." Then Jesus took bread and gave thanks. Jesus broke it and shared it with everyone.
- Many: There were a couple of fish too enough to make a meal maybe even enough to get them through today.
- One: The people ate and they were satisfied. There were baskets full of leftovers for tomorrow.
- Many: What a meal! Fed, satisfied . . . and loved. Lord, you are present. We are never alone.

## **Opening Hymns**

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"Sing	of the Lord's Goodness"	Praise Band	(5:00, 8:30)
"Mori	ning Has Broken"	ELW 556 vs. 1-3	(10:00)
1	Morning has broken like the first r blackbird has spoken like the first Praise for the singing! Praise for the Praise for them springing fresh fro	bird. he morning!	
2	Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from like the first dewfall on the first gr Praise for the sweetness of the wet sprung in completeness where Goo	ass. t garden,	
3	Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the n born of the one light Eden saw pla Praise with elation, praise ev'ry m	y!	

## **Children's Message**

## Greeting and Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

## Many: And also with you.

God's re-creation of the new day!

- One: Let us pray. Loving God, sometimes following you seems hard and overwhelming.
- Many: We wander around like lost sheep but Jesus shows us the way and the way is love. Jesus says, "Feed the hungry. Heal the sick. Comfort the grieving. Dance with the children. Be the Church. Follow me."
- One: Maybe it's not as hard as we thought. We are loved. Jesus asks us to share that love with others. We are sheep following our shepherd.

Many: Jesus shows us the way and the way is love. Amen.

#### Anthem

*"5 Bagatelles for Clarinet and Piano, II. Romance"* ~ Gerald Finzi (10:00) Corynn Nordstrom - Clarinet; Janet Day - Accompanist

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

*"Celtic Alleluia"* ELW 174

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

## Gospel Mark 6:34-44

During this part of Mark's Gospel Jesus is doing some amazing things (miracles really) and word was spreading. Jesus had been preaching and teaching and healing many people. He had sent out his Disciples to do the same. Today's story begins because the crowds seemed lost and confused but Jesus had compassion for them. He fed them - body, mind, and spirit - and they were full. The people experienced the abundance of God's love.

One: The Gospel according to Mark, the sixth chapter.

#### Many: Glory to you O, Lord

<sup>34</sup>As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. <sup>35</sup>When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; <sup>36</sup>send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat." <sup>37</sup>But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?" <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, "How many loaves have you? Go and see." When they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." <sup>39</sup>Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. <sup>40</sup>So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. <sup>41</sup>Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. <sup>42</sup>And all ate and were filled; <sup>43</sup>and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. <sup>44</sup>Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

One: The Gospel of the Lord! Many: Praise to you, O Christ

Message	"Give Them Something To Eat"	Eric Silberschmidt	
Hymn of th	e Day		

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

1 Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy: bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

#### **Refrain (sung twice)**

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound! ELW 674 vs. 1-3 (All Services)

- 2 Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone, teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express. *Refrain*
- 3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere! *Refrain*

## The Prayers of the People

- One: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. *(Congregation response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer.")*
- Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- Many: Amen.

## **Announcements and Offering**

### Prayer for Sending our National Youth Gathering Team to New Orleans

- One: God of Wonder and Adventure...
- Many: Bless all our people participating in the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. We lift up Bella, Bree, Caitlin, Cheryl, Claire, Emily, Evan, Grace, Kaleigh, Jason, Karen, Matt, Melissa, Michael, Molly, Parker, Ryan, and Sherrie. Bless their travel and help them experience the bigness of your creation. Bless their worship and service and help them experience the bigness of your Church. Bless their conversations, with each other and with strangers, and help them experience the bigness of your love. Help everything go according to plan but if things go off script, keep them safe and may they encounter you and your Holy Spirit in the heat and the music and the people and the memories made in New Orleans. Fill our group with fun and purpose and laughter. We give thanks that you will be present on their adventure. Amen.

#### **Offertory Response** (as gifts are brought forward)

(All Services)

*"As the Grains of Wheat"* ELW 465 Refrain As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread; So may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.

## **Prayer of Thanks**

- One: Let us pray. Merciful Father,
- Many: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us... ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

- Pastor: The Lord be with you.
- Many: And also with you.
- Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
- Many: We lift them to the Lord.
- Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## **Words of Institution**

## The Lord's Prayer (traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

## **Communion Meditation**

"Here I Am to Worship/Remembrance"	Praise Band	(5:00, 8:30)
"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"	arr. Keveren	(10:00)

### **Post Communion Blessing**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in Pastor: his grace and peace.

Many: Amen.

#### **Praver after Communion**

Let us pray. O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, One: the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Many: Amen.

## **Benediction**

Sending H	Iymn				
"Days of Elijah"			Praise Band		(5:00, 8:30)
"Prais	e the One V	Who Breaks the De	arkness	ELW 843 vs. 1-3	(10:00)
1	praise the Praise the	One who frees the One who preache	e pris'ners d the gospe	s with a liberating l turning blindness in el, healing ev'ry dre with the very bread	to sight. ad disease,
2	praise the Praise the	One who drove ou One who brings c	ut demons ool water f	n with a strong yet with a piercing, two o the desert's burni aching thirst in ev'r	o-edged sword. ng sand;
3	Jesus died Let us sing	and rose for many	y that we n ness, seeing	ist, who suffered in hay know God by g g what our God has the One who make	race. done.
<b>Dismissal</b> One:	Go in pe	ace. serve the Lor	d!		

#### One:

Many:	Thank	ks be	to	God!

#### Postlude

"Days of Elijah" reprise
"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Praise Band arr. Keveren

## **UNITY Highlights**

**Follow Unity Summer Adventures with Online Highlight Reel Videos!** This Summer, Jesus invites you to Come Away with him, by checking out the highlight reel videos on our website each week to get a glimpse of all that our UNITY travelers are experiencing and learning along the way. You can check out the ones from Vacation Bible School and our week at Confirmation Camp! In July, be sure to check out what the East Coast Road Trip is all about with our Year 2 Confirmation students, travel to New Orleans with our Sr. High and then head off to visit our friends in El Salvador. (We continue to send our prayers for the flooding there and for help as people deal with the impact! We will send some help ourselves, especially as Soyapango, the community of our partner church, Cordero de Dios was hit so hard.)

## Summer Worship Hours run through September 1

- Saturdays at 5:00 at COL
- Sundays at 8:30 at COL
- Sundays at 10:00 at CTK Outside in the Pavilion (weather permitting)

For those needing extra consideration in accessing the pavilion, you are welcome to get dropped off on the driveway in front of the pavilion, or if driving, park along the edge of the drive near the pavilion, leaving access to other vehicles for dropping off/picking up.

## "Come Away with Jesus This Summer"... on All of UNITY's Trips!

This summer, we invite you to "Come Away with Jesus" on all of our summer trips! Take a moment now to visit our awesome "Come Away" web page and throughout the summer to view video clips of trip highlights as we visit these awesome destinations ... together!

<u>Summer Trip</u>	<b>Travelers &amp; Destinations</b>	Dates
ELCA Youth Gathering	Sr. High Students & Adults New Orleans, Louisiana	July 16-21
El Salvador	Summer Travelers Cordero de Dios & Rutilio Grande	July 23-30

## Fundraiser for Senior High: Stock Sale Going on NOW for Summer Trip!

Our Sr. High kids and adult chaperones will be headed to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans July 16-21. We are currently holding a Stock Sale to help raise funds for this trip! Please watch for envelope displays at each campus. You will be invited to complete your information – along with the amount of stock you wish to purchase – and leave it in the envelope. As a special thanks, you will receive updates from our week in New Orleans! Thank you for your support!

**Online Worship Live-Streamed:** We are now live streaming our 8:30 am COL service using a new system and process, which allows us to stream directly to Vimeo instead of Facebook. It can also be viewed on our website at any later time. Thank you in advance for your patience as we work through the new process.

Thank you to all the Flower Sponsors that help keep our Altars looking beautiful each week with Flowers! There are many dates still available. If you want to celebrate, honor or remember someone special through altar flowers, just go to the UNITY webpage. All the details you need are on the SignUp Genius. This is a convenient way to choose a weekend and campus at any time, and the cost is only \$25 (payable by check or online). We have several volunteers who are responsible for arranging a beautiful vase of flowers on your given weekend. You can take flowers home at the end of the weekend's last service, and then return the vase as soon as you can. Keep them watered and enjoy another week or two!

**Looking for family fun this summer?** Grab a puzzle from the UNITY Puzzle Library to enjoy together! See the UNITY website 'Puzzle Library'. Instructions are online or just come in to the COL campus and check it out in person (upstairs outside room 202).

#### Keep Connecting with Us!

We love to hear from you! Please continue to reach out to us at any time.Pastor Jim Ahlquist:Pastor Muriel Otto:jim@unitybrookfield.orgmuriel@unitybrookfield.orgCell: 715-210-2245Cell: 712-254-6515

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Don't know who to contact? Call our Church Office at 262-781-7600. Oftentimes they can assist you with your needs. If not, you will be directed to the proper person. The important thing is to stay in touch with us!

## **Children's Education**

Contact Michelle Aprahamian, c: 414-732-8615, email: michelle@unitybrookfield.org

**ABC Summer Sunday School for grades Pre-K-Grade 3** - All are invited to join us during Sunday services through August 25, 8:30 am at COL and 10:00 am at CTK. Each week celebrates a new letter of the alphabet through Bible stories, crafts, games, activities, and a snack. Remember: friends and guests are always invited to join us for ABC Summer Sunday School or as the kids call it, *"Funday school"*!

**Teachers, we need just 2 more ABC SSS leaders.** You can sign up to teach using the Ministry Scheduler. Contact Michelle if you have questions on how to sign up to lead ABC SSS. All lessons are planned and prepared. Just bring your big heart and smile for our kids.

**Thank you to all our Sunday School leaders!** We appreciate all your time, energy and love for our kids. We are grateful you are on this faith journey with us.

## Mark your Calendars:

## Confirmation Weekend - September 14-15, 2024

**Thursday September 19, 2024 - Bible Basics class, 6:30-7:30pm at COL campus -** this is for all second grade and older students who have not yet received their Adventure Bible. Bring an adult with you to class. We will explore the Bible, play a game, and celebrate with ice cream.

September 21-22, 2024 - Bible presentation weekend. Students in second grade and older will be presented with their very own Adventure Bible at the service of your choice, Saturday at 5:00pm or Sunday at 8:30am, 9:30am, or 10:45am.

#### Servant Ministries

Contact Jackie Herington, c: 262-501-6138, e: jackieswan10@icloud.com or Muriel Otto, e: muriel@unitybrookfield.org

## Donate Supplies for Upcoming El Salvador Trip: Drop off by July 15 either campus.

Thanks to everyone who donated books in Spanish, and to our VBS kids for making bookmarks! In addition to these fun gifts our group would also love to bring your donations of little host gifts (aka candles, little art, Wisconsin themed items or clothing) or any of the following new or gently used activity supplies:

-play dough -yarn -embroidery thread -letter beads -pony beads -perler beads-coloring books (adult/kid) -pipe cleaners -nail polish -little hair ties -an iron -bouncy balls -hacky sacks -beach balls -glow sticks -acrylic paint markers -washable markers -scissors

**The Backpack Tree is back!** Grab a tag and fill a backpack with school supplies for kids at our partner Hephatha Lutheran Church. Return by August 4. If you need a tag and can't make it to church, please contact Nancy or Lynn to have one sent to you.

We always need volunteers at the Waukesha Food Pantry. Each month, we help there on fourth Saturdays from 9:00 am-noon and fifth Mondays from 5:30-8:00 pm. We especially need help on two summer Saturdays: July 27 & August 24. Sign up on our Food Pantry SignUp Genius. THANKS!

## Thanks and an update from the Food Pantry!

Our Summer Bag Sales on June 1-2 & 8-9 for the Waukesha Food Pantry raised \$2,449, allowing the food pantry to purchase 1,040 packages of chicken tenders for \$1,910.00 which will last multiple weeks. They also were able to purchase 227 dozen eggs with the rest, which will last 2 days!

**Ongoing Service Opportunities:** UNITY has standing volunteer "shifts" at various partners that we commit to covering as a church. Each one is coordinated by a different UNITY member... each one has its own sign up page on the church website... and each one is an opportunity for you!

- Waukesha Food Pantry Food Distribution: Each month, 4th Saturday, 9am-12pm; 5th Monday 5:45 8 pm.
- Serenity Inns Recovery Program Fellowship Dinners: cook, deliver, or serve a meal for 12 residents. Each month,1st Sunday & 2nd Friday, 6 7pm. Kids welcome.

#### **Property Needs**

Contact David Koenen, c: 414-559-6974, email: davidkoenen@wi.rr.com

Thank you to all those who helped with the recent landscaping updates at COL and continued watering as a result of the January storm damage, taking down a large pine tree, and also the perpetual pruning and weeding that keeps the property looking beautiful!

**Lawn Mowers:** Thanks to all who have been faithfully keeping our properties cut and looking beautiful! There's still lots of openings going forward. Please use our online sign up, and let's get the roster full. If you need a tutorial or have any questions, contact Property Chair, David Koenen.

## **Adult Programs**

Contact: Susie Sprecher, c: 262-227-1558 email: <u>wisbadger19@gmail.com</u> or Matt Griepentrog, c: 262-787-8820, e: matt@unitybrookfield.org

**UNITY's Moms Group Spring/Summer Schedule: Third Thursdays in the backyard at Christ the King. 5:30-7pm, dinner and childcare provided.** Moms of all ages and stages welcome as we talk, eat, laugh, cry, support, pray. Kids can be in the backyard or in the nursery with sitters. Summer dates: **July 18,** August 15.

## **UNITY Member Care**

Contact: Jim Ahlquist-Member Care Minister, e: jim@unitybrookfield.org, c: 715-210-2245 Sherrie Lorbeck, sherrie@unitybrookfield.org, c: 414-477-7762 Muriel Otto, e: muriel@unitybrookfield.org, c: 712-254-6515

# Grief Group will not meet July 24th, but will continue to meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of August from 6:30-8:00 pm at COL - When Life Isn't the Same ....

If you have lost a spouse or a parent or someone else close to you, the grieving doesn't end after the funeral. We invite you to a safe space where you can share more about where you are at in your journey ... learn more about the stages of grief ... and get help finding your way through what you need most for the road ahead.

We invite you to join us for our Grief Group, held the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. **Our next meetings will be held August 14 and 28 from 6:30-8:00 pm at our Cross of Life campus**. These gatherings will be led by Pastor Jim Ahlquist and Nicole Krause. If this is the right time for you, or if someone you know could benefit from being a

part of this, please join us! If you have questions or just want to discuss whether this is the right place for you, contact Pastor Jim at jim@unitybrookfield.org or 715-210-2245.

**UNITY Member Care is always here for you.** You don't have to face life's ups and downs alone. Whether it's an unexpected hospitalization, a recent diagnosis, the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, addiction, anxiety, depression, or virtually anything else, the pastors are only a call, text, or email away. Please never hesitate to reach out -- whether we're the only stop you'll make or just the first step in a longer care process.

**Prayer Place cards-** If you have a prayer request that you would like included in the Prayers for Friends and Family section in the bulletin, there are cards available in the narthex near the bulletin board. You can fill out the request and pin it to the bulletin board or place it in the basket and it will be included in the upcoming bulletin. These prayer requests will stay for 4 weeks and then if you need further prayer, repost as often as needed. Any questions, please contact Nancy by phone or email nancy@unitybrookfield.org

#### Worship & Music Opportunities

Children's Choirs, Contact Janet Day, c: 414-975-0286, e: janet@unitybrookfield.org Fellowship Choir, Contact Molly Pufall-Brown, c: 920-265-6881, e: mpufall@gmail.com Handbells & Praise Band, Contact Stacey Nordmeyer, c: 414-617-7673, e: staceynordmeyer72@icloud.com

**Calling all singers!** Come join us on **Sunday, August 4th** in the backyard at CTK. We will gather at 9am outside to learn a quick song, and sing it at the 10am service. Molly Pufall-Brown will teach and lead us.

**All-Music Tuesdays** - where ALL are Welcome! - is taking a break for the summer. Watch here for future announcements about the restart of All-Music Tuesdays in September. Thanks to all who have shared their gifts with UNITY over this past year. You are a blessing!

Partner we are praying for this month: Bread of Healing Clinic

The altar flowers at COL are given by Lynn & Jeff Key in celebration of their 32nd Anniversary

The altar flowers at CTK are given to the Glory of God

Thank you to Barb Hemmingsen for arranging the altar flowers this weekend

This weekend's communion breads were baked by Barb Borkenhagen

## **Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members**

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

#### **Cross of Life Campus**

Judie McGhee, Judy Kolstad, Linda Langer, Joan Krause, Sandi John, Max Roemaat, Jerry Buenger, Karen Beres, Bob Rusk, Debbie Horne, Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Ardyce Myhre, Paula Dryer, Marlene Jernberg, John Vaughan, Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Alyce Vollan, Barb Purnell, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

#### **Christ the King Campus**

Ann Borowski, Dawn Suharski, Fred Petran, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Dave Rau

We pray our prayers of sympathy for family and loved ones as they mourn the death of a loved one:

## **Cross of Life Campus**

Jon Maas, brother of Duane Maas

## **UNITY Prayer Place**

Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.

## July 13-14

Ralph Phillips (lung cancer), uncle of Jolene Epding

## July 6-7

Ryson Furness (hospitalized), grandson of Laurie Furness Holly Zuleger (recovering from recent hospitalization), grandmother of Danita Hahn Kenny Gauerke (in hospice due to cancer), family friend of Danita Hahn Jack Douglass (skilled care), father of Jane Dowling Donna Funk (bladder cancer/liver issues), daughter of Pearl Haack Chris (cancer diagnosis), friend of Jeff Key

## June 22-23

Dean Morstad (recurrence of cancer), brother of Jamie Pratt Mike Johnson (open heart surgery), son-in-law of Dawn Suharski Tony Susa (spinal cord injury), brother-in-law of Vivian Clark Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, etc.) overseas and our military personnel: Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank Holte, Intervention of Content of Date Trester Jack Peterson, son of Debbie & Frank Holte, Intervention of Content of Date Trester Jack Peterson, son of Debbie & Frank Holte, Intervention of Content of Date Trester Holte, Intervention of Content of Date Trester Holte, Intervention of Holte, Intervention

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COL 5:00 p.m.	Ministers for Saturday, July13, 2024
Worship Coordinator:	
Greeters:	
Acolyte:	Josephine Toussaint, Sebastian Dandridge
Ushers:	Mary Jo & Jim Eggert
Worship Assistant:	Greg Buck
	Eloise Toussaint
	Sue Fisher, Melissa Grabowski
ADC. Musician:	Kim Klug Praise Band
Sound:	Kevin Nordmeyer
Visual Projection	Kayla Grabowski
Song Leader:	Praise Band
Nursery:	Frances Paradis, Nora Schneider
COL 8:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, July 14, 2024
Worship Coordinator:	Fonda Kapitan
	Kathy & Bernd Bruhnke
	Sophia Mrachek, Blake Duerr
	Tracy & Paul Karrels
Worship Assistant:	Paul Langer
Reader:	TJ Roche
Communion Assistants:	Jen Nowak, Tim Herman
ABC:	Jen Nowak
Musician:	Praise Band
	Kevin Nordmeyer
Visual Projection:	David Kapitan
Song Leader:	Praise Band
Sunday School Leaders:	Jensy Engel
	Josi Matel
Coffee:	Kathy Bruhnke
CTK 10:00 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, July 14, 2024

Set up Leader:	
Greeters:	Lisa & Steve Walz
Acolyte:	Annalise Nordstrom, Davy Allar
	Kenny Kostanski, Ken Kostanski
Worship Assistant:	Tyler Nordstrom
Reader:	Jane Boorse
Communion Assistants:	
ABC:	Jane Boorse
Musician:	
Song Leader:	Corynn Nordstrom
Sunday School Leaders:	Korrin Gumieny
Nursery:	Robin Nordstrom
Coffee:	Melanie Stuber



Ninth Weekend after Pentecost

July 20-21, 2024

Saturday, July 20, 2024 5:00 pm COL

Sunday, July 21, 2024 8:30 am COL 10:00 am CTK Outdoor in Pavilion

Live Streamed at 8:30 am Sundays and available Online anytime afterwards

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#### WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH! We're glad you're here today! UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.

- Children. Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- **Nursery.** Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- Sunday School. All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)

# • At UNITY, the Communion Table is:

- Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
- Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
- Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
- We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
- Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
- If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.
- **Pastors.** UNITY is currently served by three called pastors who are present at both campuses on a rotating basis. Most Saturdays, the weekend preacher is the pastor at that service. On Sundays, the preacher for the weekend travels to both campuses to share the message. Each of the other pastors is then based at one campus or another.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: <u>unitybrookfield.org</u> for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

**GIVING.** If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the COL narthex and by the bulletin board in the CTK narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay is also accepted. Thank you!

# Prelude

"In Reverence"	Philip Wesley	(5:00, 8:30)
"God of Wonders"	Praise Band	(10:00)

# Words of Welcome

# **Sharing the Peace**

- Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- Many: And also with you.

# Call to Worship (Responsive)

One: The LORD is our shepherd, always there... to watch over us...to guide us... to lead us on life's holy path. But all of us, like sheep, have gone astray.

# Many: Have mercy, O God.

- One: For all the ways we make ourselves the center of our own universe...
- Many: Have mercy, O God.
- One: For all the ways we try to bend everything around us to our will...

# Many: Have mercy, O God.

One: For all the ways in which we have gotten ourselves lost, we ask you, O God,

# Many: Lead us home.

One: O People of God know this: no matter where you go...or what you do...or what you fail to do... God's goodness and mercy will follow you always. Wherever you go, you will always be held in the No Matter Whatness of God's Great Love.

# Many: Amen.

One: Rejoicing in this Good News of God's Grace, ALL can come freely, to worship and sing...

# **Opening Hymns**

"We Come to You for Healing, Lord" "Shout to the Lord" My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like you. All of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love. My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength; let ev'ry breath, all that I am never cease to worship you. ELW 617 vs. 1-4 (5:00, 8:30) Praise Band (10:00) Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing power and majesty, praise to the King. Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands; forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand. Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

# **Children's Message**

Greeting and Prayer of the Day (based on today's Gospel reading from Mark 6)

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

Many: And also with you.

One: Let us pray. O God,

Many: Like the apostles we gather around Jesus today from wherever we've come. How good that we HAVE come, and how much we have to tell him, so much going on in our lives! Thank you, God, for sending Jesus to us. Thank you for the way he listens. Thank you for his compassion for us. Thank you for his challenges to us. May we experience his real presence today, and be healed. Amen.

# Old Testament Reading: Psalm 23

This familiar psalm's first four verses use the gentle images of God, the Good Shepherd, caring for us, the sheep. The final two verses gain depth and power as they speak of our human hurt and healing. While our experiences vary, God remains the constant.

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

<sup>3</sup>he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

One: The Word of the Lord Many: Thanks be to God.

# **Gospel Acclamation**

*"Celtic Alleluia"* ELW 174

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

# Gospel Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

In a time before internet, photography, or even paper, Jesus has still managed to become something of a celebrity. You'll hear in this passage about crowds- hurrying, begging, pressing in from all around. What drew them to Jesus? What holes in their lives were met by this homeless and homely young man from Galilee? (Hint: It's something to do with a shepherd....)

One: The Gospel according to Mark, the sixth chapter.

# Many: Glory to you O, Lord

<sup>30</sup> The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup> He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. <sup>32</sup> And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. <sup>33</sup> Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. <sup>34</sup> As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

<sup>53</sup> When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. <sup>54</sup> When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, <sup>55</sup> and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. <sup>56</sup> And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

One: The Gospel of the Lord! Many: Praise to you, O Christ

Message "A Perpetual Home"

# Hymn of the Day

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" "10,000 Reasons"

# Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul Worship His holy name Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your holy name

1 The sun comes up it's a new day dawning It's time to sing Your song again Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me

Let me be singing when the evening comes

# Muriel Otto

ELW 611 vs. 1-3	(5:00, 8:30)
Praise Band	(10:00)

#### Chorus

- 2 You're rich in love and You're slow to anger Your name is great and Your heart is kind For all Your goodness I will keep on singing Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find *Chorus*
- 3 And on that day when my strength is failing The end draws near and my time has come Still my soul will sing Your praise unending Ten thousand years and then forevermore *Chorus*

#### The Prayers of the People

- One: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. *(Congregation response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer.")*
- Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- Many: Amen.

#### **Announcements and Offering**

**Prayer for Sending our El Salvador travelers -** Caitlin D, Jenny D, Laura D, John H-I, Michael H-I, Natalie K, Kim K, Josef K, Nicole K, Beth N, Laura N, Cate O, Alice O, Muriel O, Sal O, Katie R, Gavin R, Susie S and Kylie S.

**Offertory Response** (as gifts are brought forward)

(All Services)

"As the Grains of Wheat" ELW 465 Refrain As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread; So may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.

# **Prayer of Thanks**

- One: Let us pray. Merciful God,
- Many: in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you embrace our lives with your great love for humanity. With joy and gladness we ask that these gifts may be for many a sign of that love, and that we may continue to share in your divine life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

- Pastor: The Lord be with you.
- Many: And also with you.
- Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
- Many: We lift them to the Lord.
- Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### **Words of Institution**

#### The Lord's Prayer (traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### **Communion Meditation**

"I Love to Tell the Story"	arr. Keveren	(5:00, 8:30)
"Here I Am to Worship"	Praise Band	(10:00)

#### **Post Communion Blessing**

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace and peace.

Many: Amen.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

One: Let us pray. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Many: Amen.

#### Benediction

#### Sending Hymn

"Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak" "Days of Elijah"

#### Verse 1

These are the days of Elijah Declaring the Word of the Lord And these are the days of Your servant Moses Righteousness being restored And though these are days of great trials Of famine and darkness and sword Still we are the voice in the desert crying Prepare ye the way of the Lord

#### Chorus

Behold He comes Riding on the clouds Shining like the sun At the trumpet call Lift your voice It's the year of Jubilee And out of Zion's hill Salvation comes

ELW 676 vs. 1-4	(5:00, 8:30)
Praise Band	(10:00)

#### Verse 2

And these are the days of Ezekiel The dry bones becoming as flesh And these are the days of Your servant David rebuilding a temple of praise And these are the days of the harvest The fields are as white in Your world And we are the laborers in Your vineyard Declaring the Word of the Lord

#### Chorus

Behold He comes Riding on the clouds Shining like the sun At the trumpet call Lift your voice It's the year of Jubilee And out of Zion's hill Salvation come (Sing 3 times)

Tag

Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee And out of Zion's hill salvation comes

#### Dismissal

One: Go in peace, serve the Lord! Many: Thanks be to God! Postlude

"I Worship You Almighty God" "Days of Elijah reprise" Corbett-Wood Praise Band (5:00, 8:30) (10:00)

# **UNITY Highlights**

**Follow Unity Summer Adventures with Online Highlight Reel Videos!** This Summer, Jesus invites you to Come Away with him, by checking out the highlight reel videos on our website each week to get a glimpse of all that our UNITY travelers are experiencing and learning along the way. You can check out the ones from Vacation Bible School and our week at Confirmation Camp! In July, be sure to check out what the East Coast Road Trip is all about with our Year 2 Confirmation students, travel to New Orleans with our Sr. High and then head off to visit our friends in El Salvador.

**This Week in Trip News:** Pray for our Unity crew finishing up their National Youth Gathering experience in New Orleans this week! Meaningful worship, purposeful service, and the powerful experience of being together with SO many other young people who care about their faith. Thank you to everyone who supported them, we hope all their "investors" have enjoyed the daily email updates, and let's pray them home!

#### **Summer Worship Hours run through September 1**

- Saturdays at 5:00 at COL
- Sundays at 8:30 at COL
- Sundays at 10:00 at CTK Outside in the Pavilion (weather permitting)

For those needing extra consideration in accessing the pavilion, you are welcome to get dropped off on the driveway in front of the pavilion, or if driving, park along the edge of the drive near the pavilion, leaving access to other vehicles for dropping off/picking up.

# "Come Away with Jesus This Summer"... on All of UNITY's Trips!

This summer, we invite you to "Come Away with Jesus" on all of our summer trips! Take a moment now to visit our awesome "Come Away" web page and throughout the summer to view video clips of trip highlights as we visit these awesome destinations ... together!

<u>Summer Trip</u>	Travelers & Destinations	Dates
ELCA Youth Gathering	Sr. High Students & Adults New Orleans, Louisiana	July 16-21
El Salvador	Summer Travelers Cordero de Dios & Rutilio Grande	July 23-30

Save the Date for Purposeful Play with Partners in the Pavilion this August! -Sunday, August 18, 11:30am: Post-worship picnic and games with men in recovery at Aspen Center -Saturday, August 24, 5pm and 6pm: Worship, dinner, and fellowship will Hephatha Lutheran Church in the Christ the King backyard. \*this Saturday only\* Saturday 5pm worship will be at CHRIST THE KING and OUTSIDE in the pavilion. -Wednesday, August 21, 6:30pm: Outdoor summer concert with Tonight Only! Info below.

**Tonight Only Band Concert: August 21 @ 6:30 pm at CTK -** Hey everyone! UNITY's favorite band is back! **The Tonight Only Band will perform a FREE concert Wednesday, August 21, at 6:30 pm in CTK's Pavilion.** Come to hear hits that span from the 60's through (almost) today!

There's nothing better than live music outside on a summer evening, so head over to CTK for great songs performed by this band that features UNITY members Mark Krause (guitar), Ty Hauser (Bass), Jay Hill (Keyboard/Guitar) and David Wickert (Vocals/Guitar), as well as Paul Whitaker (Drums), Laura Lehmann (Vocals) and Paula Treacy (Vocals). See you there!

**Online Worship Live-Streamed:** We are now live streaming our 8:30 am COL service using a new system and process, which allows us to stream directly to Vimeo instead of Facebook. It can also be viewed on our website at any later time. Thank you in advance for your patience as we work through the new process.

Thank you to all the Flower Sponsors that help keep our Altars looking beautiful each week with Flowers! There are many dates still available. If you want to celebrate, honor or remember someone special through altar flowers, just go to the UNITY webpage. All the details you need are on the SignUp Genius. This is a convenient way to choose a weekend and campus at any time, and the cost is only \$25 (payable by check or online). We have several volunteers who are responsible for arranging a beautiful vase of flowers on your given weekend. You can take flowers home at the end of the weekend's last service, and then return the vase as soon as you can. Keep them watered and enjoy another week or two!

**Looking for family fun this summer?** Grab a puzzle from the UNITY Puzzle Library to enjoy together! See the UNITY website 'Puzzle Library'. Instructions are online or just come in to the COL campus and check it out in person (upstairs outside room 202).

#### Keep Connecting with Us!

We love to hear from you! Please continue to reach out to us at any time.Pastor Jim Ahlquist:Pastor Muriel Otto:jim@unitybrookfield.orgmuriel@unitybrookfield.orgCell: 715-210-2245Cell: 712-254-6515Pastor Sherrie Lorbeck:Pastor Eric Silberschmidt:sherrie@unitybrookfield.orgeric@unitybrookfield.orgCell: 414-477-7762Cell: 262-716-9854

Don't know who to contact? Call our Church Office at 262-781-7600. Oftentimes they can assist you with your needs. If not, you will be directed to the proper person. The important thing is to stay in touch with us!

# **Children's Education**

Contact Michelle Aprahamian, c: 414-732-8615, email: michelle@unitybrookfield.org

**ABC Summer Sunday School for grades Pre-K-Grade 3** - All are invited to join us during Sunday services through August 25, 8:30 am at COL and 10:00 am at CTK. Each week celebrates a new letter of the alphabet through Bible stories, crafts, games, activities, and a snack. Remember: friends and guests are always invited to join us for ABC Summer Sunday School or as the kids call it, *"Funday school"*!

**Teachers, we need just 2 more ABC SSS leaders.** You can sign up to teach using the Ministry Scheduler. Contact Michelle if you have questions on how to sign up to lead ABC SSS. All lessons are planned and prepared. Just bring your big heart and smile for our kids.

Thank you to all our Sunday School leaders! We appreciate all your time, energy and love for our kids. We are grateful you are on this faith journey with us.

# Mark your Calendars:

# Confirmation Weekend - September 14-15, 2024

**Thursday September 19, 2024 - Bible Basics class, 6:30-7:30pm at COL campus -** this is for all second grade and older students who have not yet received their Adventure Bible. Bring an adult with you to class. We will explore the Bible, play a game, and celebrate with ice cream.

September 21-22, 2024 - Bible presentation weekend. Students in second grade and older will be presented with their very own Adventure Bible at the service of your choice, Saturday at 5:00pm or Sunday at 8:30am, 9:30am, or 10:45am.

#### Servant Ministries

Contact Jackie Herington, c: 262-501-6138, e: jackieswan10@icloud.com or Muriel Otto, e: muriel@unitybrookfield.org

**The Backpack Tree is back!** Grab a tag and fill a backpack with school supplies for kids at our partner Hephatha Lutheran Church. Return by August 4. If you need a tag and can't make it to church, please contact Nancy or Lynn to have one sent to you.

We always need volunteers at the Waukesha Food Pantry. Each month, we help there on fourth Saturdays from 9:00 am-noon and fifth Mondays from 5:30-8:00 pm. August 24 still has a couple openings. Sign up on our Food Pantry SignUp Genius. THANKS!

# Thanks and an update from the Food Pantry!

Our Summer Bag Sales on June 1-2 & 8-9 for the Waukesha Food Pantry raised \$2,449, allowing the food pantry to purchase 1,040 packages of chicken tenders for \$1,910.00

which will last multiple weeks. They also were able to purchase 227 dozen eggs with the rest, which will last 2 days!

**Ongoing Service Opportunities:** UNITY has standing volunteer "shifts" at various partners that we commit to covering as a church. Each one is coordinated by a different UNITY member... each one has its own sign up page on the church website... and each one is an opportunity for you!

- Waukesha Food Pantry Food Distribution: Each month, 4th Saturday, 9am-12pm; 5th Monday 5:45 8 pm.
- Serenity Inns Recovery Program Fellowship Dinners: cook, deliver, or serve a meal for 12 residents. Each month,1st Sunday & 2nd Friday, 6 7pm. Kids welcome.

#### **Property Needs**

Contact David Koenen, c: 414-559-6974, email: davidkoenen@wi.rr.com

Thank you to all those who helped with the recent landscaping updates at COL and continued watering as a result of the January storm damage, taking down a large pine tree, and also the perpetual pruning and weeding that keeps the property looking beautiful!

**Lawn Mowers:** Thanks to all who have been faithfully keeping our properties cut and looking beautiful! There's still lots of openings going forward. Please use our online sign up, and let's get the roster full. If you need a tutorial or have any questions, contact Property Chair, David Koenen.

# **Adult Programs**

Contact: Susie Sprecher, c: 262-227-1558 email: <u>wisbadger19@gmail.com</u> or Matt Griepentrog, c: 262-787-8820, e: matt@unitybrookfield.org

# **UNITY Member Care**

Contact: Jim Ahlquist-Member Care Minister, e: jim@unitybrookfield.org, c: 715-210-2245 Sherrie Lorbeck, sherrie@unitybrookfield.org, c: 414-477-7762 Muriel Otto, e: muriel@unitybrookfield.org, c: 712-254-6515

# Grief Group will not meet July 24th, but will continue to meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of August from 6:30-8:00 pm at COL - When Life Isn't the Same ....

If you have lost a spouse or a parent or someone else close to you, the grieving doesn't end after the funeral. We invite you to a safe space where you can share more about where you are at in your journey ... learn more about the stages of grief ... and get help finding your way through what you need most for the road ahead.

We invite you to join us for our Grief Group, held the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. **Our next meetings will be held August 14 and 28 from 6:30-8:00 pm at our Cross of Life campus**. These gatherings will be led by Pastor Jim Ahlquist and Nicole Krause. If this is the right time for you, or if someone you know could benefit from being a

part of this, please join us! If you have questions or just want to discuss whether this is the right place for you, contact Pastor Jim at jim@unitybrookfield.org or 715-210-2245.

**UNITY Member Care is always here for you.** You don't have to face life's ups and downs alone. Whether it's an unexpected hospitalization, a recent diagnosis, the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, addiction, anxiety, depression, or virtually anything else, the pastors are only a call, text, or email away. Please never hesitate to reach out -- whether we're the only stop you'll make or just the first step in a longer care process.

**Prayer Place cards-** If you have a prayer request that you would like included in the Prayers for Friends and Family section in the bulletin, there are cards available in the narthex near the bulletin board. You can fill out the request and pin it to the bulletin board or place it in the basket and it will be included in the upcoming bulletin. These prayer requests will stay for 4 weeks and then if you need further prayer, repost as often as needed. Any questions, please contact Nancy by phone or email nancy@unitybrookfield.org

# Worship & Music Opportunities

Children's Choirs, Contact Janet Day, c: 414-975-0286, e: janet@unitybrookfield.org Fellowship Choir, Contact Molly Pufall-Brown, c: 920-265-6881, e: mpufall@gmail.com Handbells & Praise Band, Contact Stacey Nordmeyer, c: 414-617-7673, e: staceynordmeyer72@icloud.com

**Fall Worship Times -** Looking ahead to September when we return to the Program year worship schedule, we are going to move the later service at COL from 10:30 a.m. BACK TO the time of 10:45 a.m. that is has historically been. There are a few reasons for this. We had thought the 8:30, 9:30 and 10:30 might make it easier for people to remember, but the times have made it more challenging to have transition time between worship and the education hour and allowing time for pastors and members to go back and forth as needed. Hopefully, the extra 15 minutes will allow us to get back to offering both Sunday School and Adult ed opportunities in between services at the COL campus.

**Calling all singers!** Come join us on **Sunday, August 4th** in the backyard at CTK. We will gather at 9am outside to learn a quick song, and sing it at the 10am service. Molly Pufall-Brown will teach and lead us.

All-Music Tuesdays - where ALL are Welcome! - is taking a break for the summer. Watch here for future announcements about the restart of All-Music Tuesdays in September. Thanks to all who have shared their gifts with UNITY over this past year. You are a blessing!

Partner we are praying for this month: Bread of Healing Clinic

The altar flowers at COL are given by Eric and Kathy Weil in celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary on July 20th

Thank you to Melissa Grabowski for arranging the altar flowers this weekend

This weekend's communion breads were baked by Cathy Buck

# **Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members**

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

#### **Cross of Life Campus**

Judie McGhee, Judy Kolstad, Linda Langer, Joan Krause, Sandi John, Max Roemaat, Jerry Buenger, Karen Beres, Bob Rusk, Debbie Horne, Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Ardyce Myhre, Paula Dryer, Marlene Jernberg, John Vaughan, Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Alyce Vollan, Barb Purnell, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

#### **Christ the King Campus**

Ann Borowski, Dawn Suharski, Fred Petran, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Dave Rau

# **UNITY Prayer Place**

Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.

#### July 20-21

Tony Susa (spinal cord injury), brother-in-law of Vivian Clark Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

#### July 13-14

Ralph Phillips (lung cancer), uncle of Jolene Epding

# July 6-7

Ryson Furness (hospitalized), grandson of Laurie Furness Holly Zuleger (recovering from recent hospitalization), grandmother of Danita Hahn Kenny Gauerke (in hospice due to cancer), family friend of Danita Hahn Jack Douglass (skilled care), father of Jane Dowling Donna Funk (bladder cancer/liver issues), daughter of Pearl Haack Chris (cancer diagnosis), friend of Jeff Key

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, etc.) overseas and our military personnel: Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank

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COL 5:00 p.m.	Ministers for Saturday, July 20, 2024
Worship Coordinator:	
Greeters:	/
Acolyte:	Betty Bredemus
Ushers:	Cheryl Caraulia, Al Bredemus
Worship Assistant: Reader:	Marilyn Kanney
Communion Assistants:	Nicki & Mark Shady
ABC.	Cheryl Caraulia
Musician <sup>•</sup>	Greg O'Connell
Sound:	Greg O'Connell Connor Lalor
Visual Projection:	
Song Leader:	Nicole Krause
Nursery:	Chloe O'Connell
COL 8:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, July 21, 2024
Worship Coordinator:	Steve Taipala
Greeters:	
Acolyte:	Addison Kahle, Connor Hahn
Ushers:	Danita & Nicholas Hahn
Worship Assistant:	Susie Hilgart
Reader:	
Communion Assistants:	
ABC:	Matt Kamenick
Musician:	Greg O'Connell
Sound:	Trent Reay
Visual Projection:	Clyde Reay
Song Leader:	Trisha Smith
	Lisa Kahle
	Josi Matel
Coffee:	Suzanne Taipala
CTK 10:00 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, July 21, 2024

Set up Leader:	
	Julie Smith, Marge Kipp
Acolyte:	Emma Jansson, Joshua Graesser
Ushers:	Fred Petran, Jim Leifer
Worship Assistant:	Mary Huss
Reader:	Barb Patterson
Communion Assistants:	Diana VanSlyke, Joy Czarnik
ABC:	Barb Hemmingsen
Musician:	Praise Band
Song Leader:	Praise Band
Sunday School Leaders:	Maija Ochs
Nursery:	Robin Nordstrom
Coffee:	Sharon Giessen



Tenth Weekend after Pentecost

July 27-28, 2024

Saturday, July 27, 2024 5:00 pm COL

Sunday, July 28, 2024 8:30 am COL 10:00 am CTK Outdoor in Pavilion

Live Streamed at 8:30 am Sundays and available Online anytime afterwards

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#### WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH! We're glad you're here today! UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.

- Children. Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- **Nursery.** Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- Sunday School. All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)

# • At UNITY, the Communion Table is:

- Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
- Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
- Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
- We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
- Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
- If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.
- **Pastors.** UNITY is currently served by three called pastors who are present at both campuses on a rotating basis. Most Saturdays, the weekend preacher is the pastor at that service. On Sundays, the preacher for the weekend travels to both campuses to share the message. Each of the other pastors is then based at one campus or another.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: <u>unitybrookfield.org</u> for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

**GIVING.** If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the COL narthex and by the bulletin board in the CTK narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay is also accepted. Thank you!

# Tenth Weekend after Pentecost July 27-28, 2024

# Prelude

*"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" "I Surrender All"*  arr. Martin arr. Lorie Line (5:00, 8:30) (10:00)

#### Words of Welcome

#### Sharing the Peace

- Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- Many: And also with you.

**Call to Worship** (Responsive, adapted from the worship of the ELCA Youth Gathering) One: People of God, this is the day that the Lord has made!

Many: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

One: You are created in the image of God.

Many: We are created to be loved, free and covered by grace!

One: You are created to be brave.

Many: We are created to be truth-tellers, bold to speak and live Jesus' ways!

One: You are created to be authentic.

Many: We are created to be who we are, to share the gifts we've been given!

One: You are created to be disruptive at tables where injustice is revealed.

Many: We are created to be disciples who follow Jesus.

One: People of God, come, now is the time to worship!

Many: Just as we are, before our God!

<b>Opening Hymns</b> <i>"Come, Now Is the Time to</i>	Worship" (All services)
Come, now is the time to worship.	Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.	Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship.	Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God.	Come, just as you are before your God.
Come.	Come.
One day ev'ry tongue will confess you	Come.
are God.	Come, just as you are.
One day ev'ry knee will bow.	Come.
Still the greatest treasure remains for	
those who gladly choose you now.	

# **Children's Message**

# Greeting and Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

Many: And also with you.

One: Let us pray. Lord God,

Many: you remind us that we are not alone in this world. You search us and know us. You invite us to remember that you see us and love us and call us by name. You are our light and salvation, why should we be afraid? You invite us to let our light shine and to use our freedom in you as an opportunity to serve others. You remind us of your example of turning over tables by getting in the way of injustice, oppression, and pain. Create us to be all that you desire for the world that we might follow in the footsteps of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# **Reading** Ephesians 3:14-21

We have been rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, which surpasses all human knowledge. Because Christ dwells in our hearts, our lives are continuously strengthened and empowered by the ongoing presence of the Spirit.

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, <sup>17</sup>and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup>I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup>Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God.

# **Gospel Acclamation**

"Celtic Alleluia" ELW 174

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

# Gospel Matthew 22:36-40

With over six hundred commandments in the Scriptures that people were given to live by, Jesus simplifies all of them into these two. The first come from Deuteronomy and are a part of what everyone was to remember upon leaving or entering their house. The second is one that Jesus adds. When we recognize the amazing love that God has for us, we are able to more easily respond with gratitude and love toward God and one another in return!

One: The Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

# Many: Glory to you O, Lord

<sup>36</sup> "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" <sup>37</sup> He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' <sup>38</sup> This is the greatest and first commandment. <sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' <sup>40</sup> On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

One: The Gospel of the Lord!

#### Many: Praise to you, O Christ

Message Dave Patterson (Saturday) Sherrie Lorbeck (Sunday)

# Hymn of the Day "Sanctuary"

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true; With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You.

# The Prayers of the People

One: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. *(Congregation response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer.")*Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Many: Amen.

#### **Announcements and Offering**

**Offertory Response** (as gifts are brought forward)

*"As the Grains of Wheat"* ELW 465 Refrain As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread; So may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.

#### **Prayer of Thanks**

- One: Let us pray. Gracious God,
- Many: in the abundance of your steadfast love, you call us from death to life, from silence to speech, from idleness to action. With these gifts we offer ourselves to you, and with the Church through all the ages we give thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

- Pastor: The Lord be with you.
- Many: And also with you.
- Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
- Many: We lift them to the Lord.
- Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

# **Words of Institution**

# **The Lord's Prayer** (traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

(All Services)

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#### **Communion Meditation**

"For the Beauty of the Earth"	arr. Keveren	(5:00, 8:30)
"I've Got Peace Like a River"	arr. Keveren	(10:00)

# **Post Communion Blessing**

- Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace and peace.
- Many: Amen.

# **Prayer after Communion**

- One: Let us pray...Lord God, we who do new things, sometimes feel afraid,
- Many: So make us brave.
- One: We who live this life as a full gift from you, are often challenged,
- Many: So make us authentic.
- One: We who serve others, sometimes are held back,
- Many: So make us free.
- One: We who trouble the systems of this world as it is, invite anger.

# Many: So make us disruptive.

- One: Now send us out created to be your disciples in the world that we may tell the story of your love.
- Many: Amen.

# Benediction

Sending Hymn "We Are Called" Verse 1	ELW 720 vs. 1-3 (All Services) Verse 2	
Come! Live in the light!	Come! Open your heart!	
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.	Show you mercy to all those in fear! We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and blindness will be no more. <i>Refrain</i>	
Refrain	Verse 3	
We are called to act with justice,	Sing! Sing a new song!	
We are called to love tenderly;	Sing of that great day when all will be one!	
We are called to serve one another,	God will reign, and we'll walk with each other	
To walk humbly with God.	As sisters and brothers united in love.	

#### Refrain

# Dismissal

One: Go in peace, serve the Lord! Many: Thanks be to God!

# Postlude

*"The Church's One Foundation" "I Came to Praise the Lord"* 

arr. Scott	
William Gaither	

(5:00, 8:30) (10:00)

# **UNITY Highlights**

**Thanks to Pastor Dave Patterson**, member of UNITY, for bringing the Good News and leading us in worship on Saturday evening!

**Follow Unity Summer Adventures with Online Highlight Reel Videos!** This Summer, Jesus invites you to Come Away with him, by checking out the highlight reel videos on our website each week to get a glimpse of all that our UNITY travelers are experiencing and learning along the way. You can check out the ones from Vacation Bible School and our week at Confirmation Camp! In July, be sure to check out what the East Coast Road Trip is all about with our Year 2 Confirmation students, travel to New Orleans with our Sr. High and then head off to visit our friends in El Salvador.

**This Week in Trip News:** We continue to pray for our El Salvador travelers who are spending the week building relationships with our siblings in Christ at Cordero de Dios in Soyapango and those at Rutilio Grande. Caitlin D, Jenny D, Laura D, John H-I, Michael H-I, Natalie K, Kim K, Josef K, Nicole K, Beth N, Laura N, Cate O, Alice O, Muriel O, Sal O, Katie R, Gavin R, Susie S and Kylie S.

Thanks from those returning from the National Youth Gathering! Thank you UNITY! This was such a great experience of being able to meet people from all around the country who have a love for God and their church just like us! It's hard to fully share the impact of it all with you, but we thank you for your prayers and for your financial support to allow us to be able to have this chance to go! In three years from now, it will take place in Minneapolis. For anyone in Confirmation now, we hope you will be brave to go! It will be an unforgettable experience of a lifetime! Thanks to Cheryl Dominski, Jason King, Matt Jolliff, Karen Murphy for spending your week traveling along with our youth and to Davida Kroepfl, Kate Harder, and Pastor Muriel for all your help with getting us to the airport and back!

# Summer Worship Hours run through September 1

- Saturdays at 5:00 at COL
- Sundays at 8:30 at COL
- Sundays at 10:00 at CTK Outside in the Pavilion (weather permitting)

For those needing extra consideration in accessing the pavilion, you are welcome to get dropped off on the driveway in front of the pavilion, or if driving, park along the edge of the drive near the pavilion, leaving access to other vehicles for dropping off/picking up.

# "Come Away with Jesus This Summer"... on All of UNITY's Trips!

This summer, we invite you to "Come Away with Jesus" on all of our summer trips! Take a moment now to visit our awesome "Come Away" web page and throughout the summer to view video clips of trip highlights as we visit these awesome destinations ... together!

<u>Summer Trip</u>	Travelers & Destinations	<b>Dates</b>
El Salvador	Summer Travelers Cordero de Dios & Rutilio Grande	July 23-30

Saturday, August 10 - Mo's Farewell Brewers Game & Tailgate! - Sign-up on the UNITY website. Join us as we take Mo and her family out to the ballgame! We will be meeting at COL at 4 PM on August 10th and caravanning to the game for a tailgate. Once

in the ballpark we'll sit together and cheer the Brewers on to a win! Plus, the giveaway for this game is a Contreras City Jersey! Please choose an item from the list below to bring along. The game time is 6:10 PM vs the Reds. Ticket cost is \$33 per person. The family max price is \$70. Contact Matt Griepentrog with questions.

Lutherdale Fest Quilt Auction August 10: Online & In-Person - Bid on Quilts made by UNITY Member Cindy Boyd! Throughout the year, UNITY's Sew Comfy Group makes heart-shaped pillows for people having breast cancer surgery. These pillows are available in the narthex for members to give to friends or family who may have a need for one. Pillows are donated to Froedtert Hospital and UW Cancer Center for patients throughout the year. UNITY member Cynthia Boyd has beautifully created guilts from the fabric scraps from these pillows. Two of Cynthia's quilts have been generously donated to Lutherdale Church Camp for their Quilt Sale & Auction. "Cheerio Cancer" exudes a message of hope lovingly stitched into a quilt. "Fly Away Home" was created during the darkness of 2020 and includes a rainbow of colors to bring light and happiness to its new owner. See photos in the UNITY August newsletter or www.lutherdale.org/quilt-auction quilts W217 and W218. The Lutherdale Fest Quilt Auction is on Saturday, August 10, from 9 am- 3 pm. Quilts will be for sale or are in a live auction which begins at 10 am. There is a Pre-Fest at Lutherdale on Friday, August 9, from 4-7 pm, which includes a preview of the quilts and a Fish Fry. For more info and to view all quilts for sale, visit lutherdale.org. Lutherdale is located at N7891 U.S. Hwy 12 in Elkhorn, Wis. All are welcome to attend both events, and remember: you can bid in person or via their live auction!

**Come for Cookie Potlucks on August 17 & 25:** Join us for one (or both) of our Cookie Potlucks to celebrate Mo: **Saturday, August 17, at COL after the 5 pm service** and **Sunday, August 25, at CTK after the 10 am service**. Bring any kind of cookies you like for a giant cookie feast! (It's Mo's favorite food). What to bring? Store-bought, home-made... the more variety, the better! We'll have ice cream too, so bring your sweet tooth!

Save the Date for Purposeful Play with Partners in the Pavilion this August!

- Sunday, August 18, 11:30am: Post-worship picnic and games with men in recovery at Aspen Center. In 2024, we are participating in events every other month with Aspen Center which means our next event will be in August. Did you know that August is National Family Fun Month? This provides the perfect opportunity to acknowledge the diversity that exists within the term "family". And what better way to celebrate than a "Family Reunion" and grilling out with our friends from Aspen Center!! Join us under the Pavilion at the CTK campus on Sunday, August 18 after service (from 11:30 to 1) we're looking for Unity families to help grill out and supply salads and desserts for a picnic under the pavilion. Please sign up in the Sign-up Genius post on the church website. Unity will supply the hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, and drinks. Unity staff is onboard for leading some fun games, too! Hope to see you there! Questions? Please contact Cindy Boyd at dcboyd1985@sbcglobal.net.
- Saturday, August 24, 5pm and 6pm: Worship, dinner, and fellowship with Hephatha Lutheran Church in the Christ the King backyard. \*this Saturday only\* Saturday 5pm worship will be at CHRIST THE KING and OUTSIDE in the pavilion.

# **Tonight Only Band Concert: August 21** @ 6:30 pm at CTK - UNITY's favorite band is back! **Tonight Only will perform a FREE concert Wednesday, August 21, at 6:30 pm in CTK's Pavilion.** Come to hear hits that span from the 60's through (almost) today!

There's nothing better than live music outside on a summer evening, so head over to CTK for great songs performed by this band that features UNITY members Mark Krause (guitar), Ty Hauser (Bass), Jay Hill (Keyboard/Guitar) and David Wickert (Vocals/Guitar), as well as Paul Whitaker (Drums), Laura Lehmann (Vocals) and Paula Treacy (Vocals). See you there!

**Farewell Receptions to be Held August 24 & 25 -** We will celebrate Muriel and thank her for her ministry among us at receptions following services the **weekend of August 24-25.** Please watch for more details to come as we get closer to the dates, then join us to lift up her almost 11 years with us.

# Perfect Parting Gifts for Mo: A Costume Chest!

Other than all the cookies in the kitchen, Mo's favorite thing about this church is the plethora of costume options. Help build a costume collection for Muriel to bring to her next church! Bring in anything you think might be fun, both kid- and adult-sized. Think costumes, hats, masks, Bible story props (new or used!) for vignettes, VBS, Christmas programs, acting out Bible stories, etc. Thanks!

# ~ A Letter from Muriel ~

# Dear UNITY Family,

When we shared the news of our pastoral transition plan back in October of 2023, our parting seemed AGES away, hardly worth even considering yet. And now we are on our last month together! When we did share the news, you responded so graciously. The kind words and prayers you've offered have given me such energy to end well, encouragement launching into the future, and gratitude for all we've shared these past almost 11 years.

A little update on our plans... the decision to leave came from our desire to find our permanent home, hopefully near some portion of family (both sides are a bit scattered), with timing that was good for UNITY. This is still the hope, but we don't know yet where that will be. Trying to make such big choices and to job search in the midst of our usual life chaos was a bit much, so we decided to just focus all our energy on finishing strong here and take the fall to regroup. Our kids are on track to return to their Milwaukee schools in September while I take some time off ministry to figure out what is next. We trust God will lead us to the right place at the right time!

This still seems like a good time for UNITY to transition us out, so I will still wrap up my time with you at the end of August, even though we will still be in the area. You are in great hands with Pastors Eric, Jim, and Sherrie, and Nicole Krause will be lending staff support to most of my areas for the time being. Their faith, skill, and heart make it SO much easier to step away from all of you and a place I love so much!

Let's make the most of our last month together, hey? We've planned several chances to be together that we hope will be fun, easy, and connectional – and that include all our favorite things about this place! Summer schedules are crazy but come to one if you can, and let's keep praying for each other, ok? Thanks be to God! ~ Muriel

**Online Worship Live-Streamed:** We are now live streaming our 8:30 am COL service using a new system and process, which allows us to stream directly to Vimeo instead of Facebook. It can also be viewed on our website at any later time. Thank you in advance for your patience as we work through the new process.

Thank you to all the Flower Sponsors that help keep our Altars looking beautiful each week with Flowers! There are many dates still available. If you want to celebrate, honor or remember someone special through altar flowers, just go to the UNITY webpage. All the details you need are on the SignUp Genius. This is a convenient way to choose a weekend and campus at any time, and the cost is only \$25 (payable by check or online). We have several volunteers who are responsible for arranging a beautiful vase of flowers on your given weekend. You can take flowers home at the end of the weekend's last service, and then return the vase as soon as you can. Keep them watered and enjoy another week or two!

# Keep Connecting with Us!

We love to hear from you! Please continue to reach out to us at any time.Pastor Jim Ahlquist:Pastor Muriel Otto:jim@unitybrookfield.orgmuriel@unitybrookfield.orgCell: 715-210-2245Cell: 712-254-6515

Pastor Sherrie Lorbeck: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org Cell: 414-477-7762 Pastor Eric Silberschmidt: eric@unitybrookfield.org Cell: 262-716-9854

Don't know who to contact? Call our Church Office at 262-781-7600. Oftentimes they can assist you with your needs. If not, you will be directed to the proper person. The important thing is to stay in touch with us!

# **Children's Education**

Contact Michelle Aprahamian, c: 414-732-8615, email: michelle@unitybrookfield.org

**ABC Summer Sunday School for grades Pre-K-Grade 3** - All are invited to join us during Sunday services through August 25, 8:30 am at COL and 10:00 am at CTK. Each week celebrates a new letter of the alphabet through Bible stories, crafts, games, activities, and a snack. Remember: friends and guests are always invited to join us for ABC Summer Sunday School or as the kids call it, *"Funday school"*!

**Teachers, we need just <u>2 more</u> ABC SSS leaders.** You can sign up to teach using the Ministry Scheduler. Contact Michelle if you have questions on how to sign up to lead ABC SSS. All lessons are planned and prepared. Just bring your big heart and smile for our kids. **Thank you to all our Sunday School leaders!** We appreciate all your time, energy and love for our kids. We are grateful you are on this faith journey with us.

**Rally Weekend is approaching fast!** Fall Sunday school starts Sept.7-8 for grades PreK-6. Registration is now live, so be sure to register children at unitybrookfield.org for all our Sunday school times.

Attention All Sunday School Teachers! Unity will again use the Ministry Scheduler Pro (MSP) for scheduling teaching starting with Rally Weekend 2024. You will get emails from Nancy Kostanski, Volunteer Coordinator, before being scheduled asking about service and class preferences, dates you are not available, etc. Once the schedule is produced, you will get an email with all your scheduled dates, and automatic reminders will come out the week before you are scheduled as well. With the downloadable app you can also see all your information, and that for your family. This was a great help last year making it easier for everyone working with our Sunday School kids!

# Mark your Calendars:

# Confirmation Weekend - September 14-15, 2024

**Thursday September 19, 2024 - Bible Basics class, 6:30-7:30pm at COL campus -** this is for all second grade and older students who have not yet received their Adventure Bible. Bring an adult with you to class. We will explore the Bible, play a game, and celebrate with ice cream.

September 21-22, 2024 - Bible presentation weekend. Students in second grade and older will be presented with their very own Adventure Bible at the service of your choice, Saturday at 5:00pm or Sunday at 8:30am, 9:30am, or 10:45am.

#### Servant Ministries

Contact Jackie Herington, c: 262-501-6138, e: jackieswan10@icloud.com or Muriel Otto, e: muriel@unitybrookfield.org

**The Backpack Tree is back for just one more week!** Grab a tag and fill a backpack with school supplies for kids at our partner Hephatha Lutheran Church. **Return by August 4**. If you need a tag and can't make it to church, please contact Nancy or Lynn to have one sent to you.

**El Salvador Trip Donations:** Thank you for your generous support of this important ministry! We plan to connect via phone with our El Salvador travelers during our 10:00 outdoor service at CTK this weekend. Join us then to be a part of the connection!

We always need volunteers at the Waukesha Food Pantry. Each month, we help there on fourth Saturdays from 9:00 am-noon and fifth Mondays from 5:30-8:00 pm. August 24 still has a couple openings. Sign up on our Food Pantry SignUp Genius. THANKS!

# Thanks and an update from the Food Pantry!

Our Summer Bag Sales on June 1-2 & 8-9 for the Waukesha Food Pantry raised \$2,449, allowing the food pantry to purchase 1,040 packages of chicken tenders for \$1,910.00 which will last multiple weeks. They also were able to purchase 227 dozen eggs with the rest, which will last 2 days!

**Ongoing Service Opportunities:** UNITY has standing volunteer "shifts" at various partners that we commit to covering as a church. Each one is coordinated by a different UNITY member... each one has its own sign up page on the church website... and each one is an opportunity for you!

- Waukesha Food Pantry Food Distribution: Each month, 4th Saturday, 9am-12pm; 5th Monday 5:45 8 pm.
- Serenity Inns Recovery Program Fellowship Dinners: cook, deliver, or serve a meal for 12 residents. Each month,1st Sunday & 2nd Friday, 6 7pm. Kids welcome.

#### **Property Needs**

Contact David Koenen, c: 414-559-6974, email: davidkoenen@wi.rr.com

**Lawn Mowers:** Thanks to all who have been faithfully keeping our properties cut and looking beautiful! There's still lots of openings going forward. Please use our online sign up, and let's get the roster full. If you need a tutorial or have any questions, contact Property Chair, David Koenen.

# **Adult Programs**

Contact: Susie Sprecher, c: 262-227-1558 email: <u>wisbadger19@gmail.com</u> or Matt Griepentrog, c: 262-787-8820, e: matt@unitybrookfield.org

Lunch Bunch - Join us the second Wednesday of each month at 11:30 am at Maxim's. (18025 W. Capitol Drive in Brookfield.) The next meeting is **August 14**. Everyone is welcome, no matter your age or stage: younger, older, singles, couples, regular or occasional. Just show up because the nice thing about Maxim's is that seating is endlessly expandable. And, if you have any questions before you come, Esther McKee is your point person: (262) 246-6443.

UNITY's Moms Group Summer Schedule: Third Thursdays in the backyard at Christ the King. 5:30-7pm, dinner and childcare provided. Moms of all ages and stages welcome as we talk, eat, laugh, cry, support, pray. Kids can be in the backyard or in the nursery with sitters. Summer dates: August 15.

# **UNITY Member Care**

Contact: Jim Ahlquist-Member Care Minister, e: jim@unitybrookfield.org, c: 715-210-2245 Sherrie Lorbeck, sherrie@unitybrookfield.org, c: 414-477-7762 Muriel Otto, e: muriel@unitybrookfield.org, c: 712-254-6515

# Grief Group will continue to meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of August from 6:30-8:00 pm at COL - When Life Isn't the Same ....

If you have lost a spouse or a parent or someone else close to you, the grieving doesn't end after the funeral. We invite you to a safe space where you can share more about where you are at in your journey ... learn more about the stages of grief ... and get help finding your way through what you need most for the road ahead.

We invite you to join us for our Grief Group, held the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. **Our next meetings will be held August 14 and 28 from 6:30-8:00 pm at our** 

**Cross of Life campus**. These gatherings will be led by Pastor Jim Ahlquist and Nicole Krause. If this is the right time for you, or if someone you know could benefit from being a part of this, please join us! If you have questions or just want to discuss whether this is the right place for you, contact Pastor Jim at jim@unitybrookfield.org or 715-210-2245.

**UNITY Member Care is always here for you.** You don't have to face life's ups and downs alone. Whether it's an unexpected hospitalization, a recent diagnosis, the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, addiction, anxiety, depression, or virtually anything else, the pastors are only a call, text, or email away. Please never hesitate to reach out -- whether we're the only stop you'll make or just the first step in a longer care process.

**Prayer Place cards-** If you have a prayer request that you would like included in the Prayers for Friends and Family section in the bulletin, there are cards available in the narthex near the bulletin board. You can fill out the request and pin it to the bulletin board or place it in the basket and it will be included in the upcoming bulletin. These prayer requests will stay for 4 weeks and then if you need further prayer, repost as often as needed. Any questions, please contact Nancy by phone or email nancy@unitybrookfield.org

# Worship & Music Opportunities

Children's Choirs, Contact Janet Day, c: 414-975-0286, e: janet@unitybrookfield.org Fellowship Choir, Contact Molly Pufall-Brown, c: 920-265-6881, e: mpufall@gmail.com Handbells & Praise Band, Contact Stacey Nordmeyer, c: 414-617-7673, e: staceynordmeyer72@icloud.com

**Fall Worship Times -** Looking ahead to September when we return to the Program year worship schedule, we are going to move the later service at COL from 10:30 a.m. BACK TO the time of 10:45 a.m. that is has historically been. There are a few reasons for this. We had thought the 8:30, 9:30 and 10:30 might make it easier for people to remember, but the times have made it more challenging to have transition time between worship and the education hour and allowing time for pastors and members to go back and forth as needed. Hopefully, the extra 15 minutes will allow us to get back to offering both Sunday School and Adult ed opportunities in between services at the COL campus.

**Calling all singers!** Come join us on **Sunday, August 4th** in the backyard at CTK. We will gather at 9am outside to learn a quick song, and sing it at the 10am service. Molly Pufall-Brown will teach and lead us.

All-Music Tuesdays - where ALL are Welcome! - is taking a break for the summer. Watch here for future announcements about the restart of All-Music Tuesdays in September. Thanks to all who have shared their gifts with UNITY over this past year. You are a blessing!

Partner we are praying for this month: Bread of Healing Clinic Thank you to Leslie O'Connell for arranging the altar flowers this weekend This weekend's communion breads were baked by Diane Kotula

# **Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members**

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

#### **Cross of Life Campus**

Judie McGhee, Judy Kolstad, Linda Langer, Joan Krause, Sandi John, Max Roemaat, Jerry Buenger, Karen Beres, Bob Rusk, Debbie Horne, Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Ardyce Myhre, Paula Dryer, Marlene Jernberg, John Vaughan, Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Alyce Vollan, Barb Purnell, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

#### **Christ the King Campus**

Ann Borowski, Dawn Suharski, Fred Petran, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Dave Rau

We give a prayer of thanks to celebrate the first communion of: Charlie Swain

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# **UNITY Prayer Place**

Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.

# July 27-28

Carol Steinkraus (recovering in hospital from fall that dislocated new hip), mother of Sally Thomas

# July 20-21

Tony Susa (spinal cord injury), brother-in-law of Vivian Clark Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

# July 13-14

Ralph Phillips (lung cancer), uncle of Jolene Epding

# July 6-7

Ryson Furness (hospitalized), grandson of Laurie Furness Holly Zuleger (recovering from recent hospitalization), grandmother of Danita Hahn Kenny Gauerke (in hospice due to cancer), family friend of Danita Hahn Jack Douglass (skilled care), father of Jane Dowling Donna Funk (bladder cancer/liver issues), daughter of Pearl Haack Chris (cancer diagnosis), friend of Jeff Key

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, etc.) overseas and our military personnel: Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank Holte, Intervention of Content of Cont

COL 5:00 p.m.	Ministers for Saturday, July 27, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader:	Lorie Collins, Jamie Niederbaumer Nate Maritz Dan Collins, Duane Maas Greg Buck Cathy James Cathy James, Kim Klug Jeff Key Janet Day Kay Koepsel-Benning
COL 8:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, July 28, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders: Nursery:	Jann & Dave Meissner Sophia Mrachek, Max Herington Inara Hamilton, Mark Hilgart Susie Hilgart Josh Bemus Melissa Bemus, Violet Herington Jann & Dave Meissner Janet Day Tim Herman Kaleigh Jolliff
CTK 10:00 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, July 28, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders: Nursery:	Chris Wagner, Diana VanSlyke Annalise Nordstrom, Davy Allar Kenny Kostanski, Ken Kostanski Melanie Stuber Eric Godfrey



**Eleventh Weekend after Pentecost** 

August 3-4, 2024

Saturday, August 3, 2024 5:00 pm COL

Sunday, August 4, 2024 8:30 am COL 10:00 am CTK Outdoor in Pavilion

Live Streamed at 8:30 am Sundays and available Online anytime afterwards

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#### WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH! We're glad you're here today! UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.

- Children. Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- **Nursery.** Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- Sunday School. All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)

# • At UNITY, the Communion Table is:

- Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
- Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
- Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
- We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
- Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
- If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.
- **Pastors.** UNITY is currently served by three called pastors who are present at both campuses on a rotating basis. Most Saturdays, the weekend preacher is the pastor at that service. On Sundays, the preacher for the weekend travels to both campuses to share the message. Each of the other pastors is then based at one campus or another.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: <u>unitybrookfield.org</u> for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

**GIVING.** If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the COL narthex and by the bulletin board in the CTK narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay is also accepted. Thank you!

# Prelude

"Simple Gifts" "On Eagle's Wings"

arr. Carter

(5:00, 8:30) (10:00)

# Words of Welcome

# Sharing the Peace

- Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- Many: And also with you.

# **Call to Worship**

- One: This is the day that the Lord has made!
- Many: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!
- One: We are loved and blessed. We are created in the image of God!
- Many: We are created to be authentic. We are created to share our blessings with others.
- One: God's love set the people of God free from slavery in Egypt.
- Many: The people of God wandered in the wilderness and complained "We are hungry."
- One: God's love fed the people body, mind, and spirit.
- Many: The people of God responded, "Manna and quail is boring. Can we order pizza?"
- One: Jesus feeds us here today love in the form of bread and wine.
- Many: May the people of God respond, "This is a simple menu but we are fed and we are full and we are forgiven!
- One: No one knows what challenges this day will bring. No one knows where we will wander. But we know about God's love and faithfulness.

Many: This is the day that the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

# **Opening Hymns**

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"	ELW 461 all verses	(All Services)
Verse 1	Verse 2	
All who hunger, gather gladly;	All who hunger, never stra	ingers;
holy manna is our bread.	seeker, be a welcome guest.	
Come from wilderness and wandering.	Come from restlessness and roaming.	
Here in truth we will be fed.	Here in joy we keep the fe	ast.
You that yearn for days of fullness,	We that once were lost and	1 scattered
all around us is our food.	in communion's love have	stood
Taste and see the grace eternal.	Taste and see the grace ete	
Taste and see that God is good.	Taste and see that God is g	good.

*Verse 3* All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread. Come from loneliness and longing. Here in peace we have been fed.

Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

#### Children's Message

#### Greeting and Prayer of the Day

- Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!
- Many: And also with you.
- One: Let us pray. Loving and Faithful God,
- Many: Your gifts to us are without end. You see that we are enslaved and your love sets us free. Instead of being filled with gratitude, we complain and wander off on our own. You hear that we are hungry and your faithfulness is the difference between life and death in the wilderness. Instead of being filled with gratitude, we complain that the menu choices are limited. Open our eyes and our hearts to truly receive your blessings. Help us share your love and faithfulness and healing with the world. Instead of wandering off on our own, teach us to follow you. Amen

#### Reading Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

A food crisis becomes a faith crisis for the Israelites in the wilderness. The hungry people forget God's saving work in the exodus, and they wish for the food they had in Egypt. Nevertheless, God miraculously meets their needs, with manna for bread and quail for meat.

<sup>2</sup>The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

<sup>4</sup>Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not."

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" <sup>10</sup>And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup>The Lord spoke to Moses and said, <sup>12</sup>"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

<sup>13</sup>In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup>When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup>When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God.

*"We Come Together Here"* Williams/Stevens (10:00)Anthem Summer Choir, Molly Pufall-Brown, Director; Janet Day, Accompanist

**Gospel Acclamation** *"Celtic Alleluia"* ELW 174 Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel John 6:24-35

> Many of the five thousand people Jesus fed in the wilderness continued to follow him throughout the countryside. Jesus challenges them to consider the real nature of their quest.

The Gospel according to John, the sixth chapter. One<sup>.</sup>

#### Many: Glory to you O, Lord

<sup>24</sup>When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

<sup>25</sup>When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup>Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." <sup>28</sup>Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." <sup>30</sup>So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? <sup>31</sup>Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" <sup>32</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." <sup>34</sup>They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

<sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

The Gospel of the Lord! One:

"Who's Ordering Pizza?"

# Many: Praise to you, O Christ

Message

Eric Silberschmidt

#### Hymn of the Day

"Gather Us In"

#### Verse 1

Here in this place the new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreaming brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

(All Services) ELW 532 all verses Verse 2

We are the young, our lives are a mystery, we are the old who yearn for your face; we have been sung throughout all of history called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.

Verse 3

Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daughters,

call us anew to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true. Verse 4

Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away here in this place the new light is shining, now is the kingdom, and now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own; gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

# The Prayers of the People

- One: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. *(Congregation response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer.")*Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your
- mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Many: Amen.

# **Announcements and Offering**

**Offertory Response** (as gifts are brought forward)

"As the Grains of Wheat" ELW 465 Refrain As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread; So may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.

# **Prayer of Thanks**

One: Let us pray. God, our Creator,

Many: you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

- Many: And also with you.
- Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
- Many: We lift them to the Lord.
- Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

# **Words of Institution**

(All Services)

#### The Lord's Prayer (Ecumenical version)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

#### **Communion Meditation**

"Be Thou My Vision"		(5:00, 8:30)
"Amazing Grace"	arr. Carter	(10:00)

#### **Post Communion Blessing**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in Pastor: his grace and peace.

Amen. Many:

#### **Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray. Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us One: gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

Many: Amen.

# Benediction

# Sending Hymn

"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"

#### Verse 1

Guide me ever, great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your pow'rful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, Feed me now and evermore. Feed me now and evermore.

#### Verse 3

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.

#### Dismissal

Go in peace, serve the Lord! One<sup>.</sup> Manv: Thanks be to God!

#### Postlude

"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer" reprise "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" arr. Carter

ELW 618 all verses (All Services) Verse 2 Open now the crystal fountain where the healing waters flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, Shield me with your mighty arm, shield me with your mighty arm.

Songs and praises, songs and praises I will raise forevermore. I will raise forevermore

(5:00, 8:30)(10:00)

# **UNITY Highlights**

**Check out UNITY Summer Adventures with Online Highlight Reel Videos!** We give great thanks for an amazing summer of fun, making memories and growing in faith together through Vacation Bible School, Confirmation Camp, The East Coast Road Trip for our Year 2 Confirmation Students, the National Youth Gathering for our Sr. High and Young Adults......and BACK this week, our El Salvador travelers.

This Summer, Jesus invites you to Come Away with him, by checking out the highlight reel videos on our website each week to get a glimpse of all that our UNITY travelers are experiencing and learning along the way. You can check out the ones from Vacation Bible School and our week at Confirmation Camp! In July, be sure to check out what the East Coast Road Trip is all about with our Year 2 Confirmation students, travel to New Orleans with our Sr. High and then head off to visit our friends in El Salvador.

**Welcome home, El Salvador Travelers!** Everyone returned safely home at 2am Wednesday morning ... Returned with bug bites, several varieties of mild illnesses, and super sleep deprived but hearts so very full from a week with our partners at Cordero de Dios and Rutilio Grande. Highlights included: taking shelter under the new elementary school roof during a downpour, Laura Dressler cutting the ribbon on the new preschool fence (which is SO much more than a fence, it is a whole enclosed plaza, stage, and play area!), double retreat day in the mountains with both communities, and lots of reflections and well wishes for John and Muriel and our 21 years of partnership together. Hear from travelers firsthand in worship Aug 10/11.

#### Summer Worship Hours run through September 1

- Saturdays at 5:00 at COL
- Sundays at 8:30 at COL
- Sundays at 10:00 at CTK Outside in the Pavilion (weather permitting)

For those needing extra consideration in accessing the pavilion, you are welcome to get dropped off on the driveway in front of the pavilion, or if driving, park along the edge of the drive near the pavilion, leaving access to other vehicles for dropping off/picking up.

\*Saturday Worship OUTSIDE AT CTK one week only, Saturday, August 24 for outdoor worship and picnic with partners Hephatha Lutheran Church\*

#### "Come Away with Jesus This Summer"... on All of UNITY's Trips!

The last Unity traveler group is back in the nest after a summer full of adventures, learning, and growing in faith. Visit our "Come Away" web page and social media sites to view video clips and highlights from a summer doing what Jesus' people do best: getting out on the road and being blessed by those we meet along the way. Thank you to those who travel and to ALL of you for the prayer, donation, and financial support that make these experiences possible.

Join us for Playful with a Purpose fun as we host partners in the Pavilion this August: August 18, 11:30am Picnic and Games with men in recovery from Aspen Center August 24, 5pm Worship, Dinner, and Games with Hephatha Lutheran Church More details on support needed and how to participate under Servant Ministries section.

#### **Outdoor Concert Series:**

• Tonight Only Band Concert: August 21 @ 6:30 pm at CTK - UNITY's favorite band is back! Tonight Only will perform a FREE concert Wednesday, August 21, at 6:30 pm in CTK's Pavilion. Come to hear hits that span from the 60's through (almost) today! There's nothing better than live music outside on a summer evening, so head over to CTK for great songs performed by this band that features UNITY members Mark Krause (guitar), Ty Hauser (Bass), Jay Hill (Keyboard/Guitar) and David Wickert (Vocals/Guitar), as well as Paul Whitaker (Drums), Laura Lehmann (Vocals) and Paula Treacy (Vocals). See you there!

Plus - in the meantime you can catch them live at the State Fair this Saturday, August 3rd, and next Saturday, August 9th, at the Leadfoot/Roberts Stage from 7:00-11:30pm.

• Unaccompanied Minors & Genesis: Monday, August 26th @ 7 PM at CTK - All are invited to a free concert under CTK's Pavilion on Monday, August 26, at 7 pm. Come enjoy the sounds of the two a cappella groups from Brookfield East High School: "Unaccompanied Minors" and "Genesis." (Fun side "note" ... UNITY member Kyra Jester performs with Unaccompanied Minors.) Please bring your own lawn chairs or use the ones provided for worship at CTK.

# Come Celebrate and Thank Muriel for her almost 11 years of Ministry among us at the following events:

• Saturday, August 10 - Mo's Farewell Brewers Game & Tailgate! - Sign-up Here. Join us as we take Mo and her family out to the ballgame! We will be meeting at COL at 4 PM on August 10th and caravanning to the game for a tailgate. Once in the ballpark we'll sit together and cheer the Brewers on to a win! Plus, the giveaway for this game is a Contreras City Jersey! Please choose an item from the list below to bring along. The game time is 6:10 PM vs the Reds. Ticket cost is \$33 per person. The family max price is \$70. Contact Matt Griepentrog with questions.

Join us for one (or all) of our in-house celebrations:

- Saturday, August 17 at COL: Cookie Potluck after the 5 pm service (6-7:30)
- Sunday, August 18 at COL: Cookie Potluck after the 8:30am service
- Sunday, August 25 at CTK: Luncheon and Cookie Potluck after the 10 am service (11:00-12:30)

For the cookie potlucks, bring ANY kind of cookies you like for a giant cookie feast! (It's Mo's favorite food). What to bring? Store-bought, homemade... the more variety, the better! We'll have ice cream too, so bring your sweet tooth! (If you bring homemade, please bring along the recipe as a nice keepsake for Mo!)

#### Perfect Parting Gifts for Mo:

Sign the card for Muriel in the Narthex and if you'd like to contribute to a special gift to what's near and dear to her in honor of her almost 11 years of ministry, you can do that as well in person or online. (Just add "Muriel" in the memo line).

#### And ... Help us Fill A Costume Chest for Muriel!

Other than all the cookies in the kitchen, Mo's favorite thing about this church is the plethora of costume options. Help build a costume collection for Muriel to bring to her next church! Bring in anything you think might be fun, both kid- and adult-sized. Think costumes, hats, masks, Bible story props (new or used!) for vignettes, VBS, Christmas programs, acting out Bible stories, etc. Thanks!

# ~ A Letter from Muriel ~

Dear UNITY Family,

When we shared the news of our pastoral transition plan back in October of 2023, our parting seemed AGES away, hardly worth even considering yet. And now we are on our last month together! When we did share the news, you responded so graciously. The kind words and prayers you've offered have given me such energy to end well, encouragement launching into the future, and gratitude for all we've shared these past almost 11 years.

A little update on our plans... the decision to leave came from our desire to find our permanent home, hopefully near some portion of family (both sides are a bit scattered), with timing that was

good for UNITY. This is still the hope, but we don't know yet where that will be. Trying to make such big choices and to job search in the midst of our usual life chaos was a bit much, so we decided to just focus all our energy on finishing strong here and take the fall to regroup. Our kids are on track to return to their Milwaukee schools in September while I take some time off ministry to figure out what is next. We trust God will lead us to the right place at the right time!

This still seems like a good time for UNITY to transition us out, so I will still wrap up my time with you at the end of August, even though we will still be in the area. You are in great hands with Pastors Eric, Jim, and Sherrie, and Nicole Krause will be lending staff support to most of my areas for the time being. Their faith, skill, and heart make it SO much easier to step away from all of you and a place I love so much!

Let's make the most of our last month together, hey? We've planned several chances to be together that we hope will be fun, easy, and connectional – and that include all our favorite things about this place! Summer schedules are crazy but come to one if you can, and let's keep praying for each other, ok? Thanks be to God!  $\sim$  Muriel

#### **Children's Education**

Contact Michelle Aprahamian, c: 414-732-8615, email: michelle@unitybrookfield.org

**ABC Summer Sunday School for grades Pre-K-Grade 3** - All are invited to join us during Sunday services through August 25, 8:30 am at COL and 10:00 am at CTK. Each week celebrates a new letter of the alphabet through Bible stories, crafts, games, activities, and a snack. Remember: friends and guests are always invited to join us for ABC Summer Sunday School or as the kids call it, *"Funday school"*!

**Teachers, we need just <u>3 more</u> ABC SSS leaders.** You can sign up to teach using the Ministry Scheduler. Contact Michelle if you have questions on how to sign up to lead ABC SSS. All lessons are planned and prepared. Just bring your big heart and smile for our kids.

**Thank you to all our Sunday School leaders!** We appreciate all your time, energy and love for our kids. We are grateful you are on this faith journey with us.

**Rally Weekend is approaching fast!** Fall Sunday school starts Sept.7-8 for grades PreK-6. Registration is now live, so be sure to register children at unitybrookfield.org for all our Sunday school times.

Attention All Sunday School Teachers! Unity will again use the Ministry Scheduler Pro (MSP) for scheduling teaching starting with Rally Weekend 2024. You will get emails from Nancy Kostanski, Volunteer Coordinator, before being scheduled asking about service and class preferences, dates you are not available, etc. Once the schedule is produced, you will get an email with all your scheduled dates, and automatic reminders will come out the week before you are scheduled as well. With the downloadable app you can also see all your information, and that for your family. This was a great help last year making it easier for everyone working with our Sunday School kids!

#### Mark your Calendars:

#### Confirmation Weekend - September 14-15, 2024

**Thursday September 19, 2024 - Bible Basics class, 6:30-7:30pm at COL campus -** this is for all second grade and older students who have not yet received their Adventure Bible. Bring an adult with you to class. We will explore the Bible, play a game, and celebrate with ice cream.

**September 21-22, 2024 - Bible presentation weekend.** Students in second grade and older will be presented with their very own Adventure Bible at the service of your choice, Saturday at 5:00pm or Sunday at 8:30am, 9:30am, or 10:45am.

# Servant Ministries

Contact Jackie Herington, c: 262-501-6138, e: jackieswan10@icloud.com or Muriel Otto, e: muriel@unitybrookfield.org

**The Backpack Tree is back now empty!** Thank You to all who picked up and filled them for kids at our partner Hephatha Lutheran Church. Be sure to return them by this Sunday August 4.

**El Salvador Trip Donations:** Thank you for your generous support of this important ministry! We plan to connect via phone with our El Salvador travelers during our 10:00 outdoor service at CTK this weekend. Join us then to be a part of the connection!

#### Save the Date for Purposeful Play with Partners in the Pavilion this August!

- Sunday, August 18, 11:30am: Post-worship picnic and games with men in recovery at Aspen Center. In 2024, we are participating in events every other month with Aspen Center which means our next event will be in August. Did you know that August is National Family Fun Month? This provides the perfect opportunity to acknowledge the diversity that exists within the term "family". And what better way to celebrate than a "Family Reunion" and grilling out with our friends from Aspen Center!! Join us under the Pavilion at the CTK campus on Sunday, August 18 after service (from 11:30 to 1) we're looking for Unity families to help grill out and supply salads and desserts for a picnic under the pavilion. Please sign up in the Sign-up Genius post on the church website. Unity will supply the hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, and drinks. Unity staff is on-board for leading some fun games, too! Hope to see you there! Questions? Please contact Cindy Boyd at dcboyd1985@sbcglobal.net.
- Saturday, August 24, 5pm and 6pm: Worship, dinner, and fellowship with Hephatha Lutheran Church in the Christ the King backyard. \*this Saturday only\* Saturday 5pm worship will be at CHRIST THE KING and OUTSIDE in the pavilion.

**Lutherdale Fest Quilt Auction August 10: Online & In-Person -** Bid on Quilts made by UNITY Member Cindy Boyd! Throughout the year, UNITY's Sew Comfy Group makes heart-shaped pillows for people having breast cancer surgery. These pillows are available in the narthex for members to give to friends or family who may have a need for one. Pillows are donated to Froedtert Hospital and UW Cancer Center for patients throughout the year.

UNITY member Cynthia Boyd has beautifully created quilts from the fabric scraps from these pillows. Two of Cynthia's quilts have been generously donated to Lutherdale Church Camp for their Quilt Sale & Auction. "Cheerio Cancer" exudes a message of hope lovingly stitched into a quilt. "Fly Away Home" was created during the darkness of 2020 and includes a rainbow of colors to bring light and happiness to its new owner. See photos in the UNITY August newsletter or www.lutherdale.org/quilt-auction quilts W217 and W218.

The Lutherdale Fest Quilt Auction is on **Saturday, August 10, from 9 am- 3 pm**. Quilts will be for sale or are in a live auction which begins at 10 am. There is a Pre-Fest at Lutherdale on **Friday, August 9, from 4-7 pm**, which includes a preview of the quilts and a Fish Fry. For more info and to view all quilts for sale, visit lutherdale.org. Lutherdale is located at N7891 U.S. Hwy 12 in Elkhorn,. All are welcome to attend both events, and remember: you can bid in person or via live auction!

We always need volunteers at the Waukesha Food Pantry. Each month, we help there on fourth Saturdays from 9:00 am-noon and fifth Mondays from 5:30-8:00 pm. Sign up on our Food Pantry SignUp Genius. THANKS!

**Ongoing Service Opportunities:** UNITY has standing volunteer "shifts" at various partners that we commit to covering as a church. Each one is coordinated by a different UNITY member... each one has its own sign up page on the church website... and each one is an opportunity for you!

- Waukesha Food Pantry Food Distribution: Each month, 4th Saturday, 9am-12pm; 5th Monday 5:45 8 pm.
- Serenity Inns Recovery Program Fellowship Dinners: cook, deliver, or serve a meal for 12 residents. Each month, 1st Sunday & 2nd Friday, 6 7pm. Kids welcome.

#### **Property Needs**

Contact David Koenen, c: 414-559-6974, email: davidkoenen@wi.rr.com

**Lawn Mowers:** Thanks to all who have been faithfully keeping our properties cut and looking beautiful! There's still lots of openings going forward. Please use our online sign up, and let's get the roster full. If you need a tutorial or have any questions, contact Property Chair, David Koenen.

#### **Adult Programs**

Contact: Susie Sprecher, c: 262-227-1558 email: <u>wisbadger19@gmail.com</u> or Matt Griepentrog, c: 262-787-8820, e: matt@unitybrookfield.org

**Lunch Bunch** - Join us the second Wednesday of each month at 11:30 am at Maxim's. (18025 W. Capitol Drive in Brookfield.) The next meeting is **August 14**. Everyone is welcome, no matter your age or stage: younger, older, singles, couples, regular or occasional. Just show up because the nice thing about Maxim's is that seating is endlessly expandable. And, if you have any questions before you come, Esther McKee is your point person: (262) 246-6443.

UNITY's Moms Group Summer Schedule: Third Thursdays in the backyard at Christ the King. 5:30-7pm, dinner and childcare provided. Moms of all ages and stages welcome as we talk, eat, laugh, cry, support, pray. Kids can be in the backyard or in the nursery with sitters. Summer dates: August 15.

# **UNITY Member Care**

Contact: Jim Ahlquist-Member Care Minister, e: jim@unitybrookfield.org, c: 715-210-2245 Sherrie Lorbeck, sherrie@unitybrookfield.org, c: 414-477-7762 Muriel Otto, e: muriel@unitybrookfield.org, c: 712-254-6515

# Grief Group will continue to meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of August from 6:30-8:00 pm at COL - When Life Isn't the Same ....

If you have lost a spouse or a parent or someone else close to you, the grieving doesn't end after the funeral. We invite you to a safe space where you can share more about where you are at in your journey ... learn more about the stages of grief ... and get help finding your way through what you need most for the road ahead.

We invite you to join us for our Grief Group, held the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. **Our next meetings will be held August 14 and 28 from 6:30-8:00 pm at our Cross of Life campus**. These gatherings will be led by Pastor Jim Ahlquist and Nicole Krause. If this is the right time for you, or if someone you know could benefit from being a part of this, please join us! If you have questions or just want to discuss whether this is the right place for you, contact Pastor Jim at jim@unitybrookfield.org or 715-210-2245.

**UNITY Member Care is always here for you.** You don't have to face life's ups and downs alone. Whether it's an unexpected hospitalization, a recent diagnosis, the death of a loved one, the loss of a

job, addiction, anxiety, depression, or virtually anything else, the pastors are only a call, text, or email away. Please never hesitate to reach out -- whether we're the only stop you'll make or just the first step in a longer care process.

**Prayer Place cards-** If you have a prayer request that you would like included in the Prayers for Friends and Family section in the bulletin, there are cards available in the narthex near the bulletin board. You can fill out the request and pin it to the bulletin board or place it in the basket and it will be included in the upcoming bulletin. These prayer requests will stay for 4 weeks and then if you need further prayer, repost as often as needed. Any questions, please contact Nancy by phone or email nancy@unitybrookfield.org

#### **Worship & Music Opportunities**

Children's Choirs, Contact Janet Day, c: 414-975-0286, e: janet@unitybrookfield.org Fellowship Choir, Contact Molly Pufall-Brown, c: 920-265-6881, e: mpufall@gmail.com Handbells & Praise Band, Contact Stacey Nordmeyer, c: 414-617-7673, e: staceynordmeyer72@icloud.com

**Fall Worship Times -** Looking ahead to September when we return to the Program year worship schedule, we are going to move the later service at COL from 10:30 a.m. BACK TO the time of 10:45 a.m. that it has historically been. There are a few reasons for this. We had thought the 8:30, 9:30 and 10:30 might make it easier for people to remember, but the times have made it more challenging to have transition time between worship and the education hour and allowing time for pastors and members to go back and forth as needed. Hopefully, the extra 15 minutes will allow us to get back to offering both Sunday School and Adult ed opportunities in between services at the COL campus.

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The altar flowers at COL are given by Jane & Vern Hetzel in celebration of Christine Meyers birthday, and also by Cindy & Brian Flynn in celebration of the wedding of Maddy Flynn & Justin Pipol this weekend in Northern Wisconsin

The altar flowers at CTK are given by Kathy Savignac in remembrance of Jerold Vreeland's Birthday

Thank you to Jane Dowling for arranging the altar flowers this weekend

This weekend's communion breads were baked by Kelsey Morrison

# **Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members**

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

#### **Cross of Life Campus**

Joseph Nutt, Judie McGhee, Judy Kolstad, Linda Langer, Joan Krause, Sandi John, Max Roemaat, Jerry Buenger, Karen Beres, Bob Rusk, Debbie Horne, Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Ardyce Myhre, Paula Dryer, Marlene Jernberg, John Vaughan, Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Alyce Vollan, Barb Purnell, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

#### **Christ the King Campus**

Parker Godfrey, Ann Borowski, Dawn Suharski, Fred Petran, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Dave Rau

# **UNITY Prayer Place**

Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.

#### August 3-4

Robert Morstad (in hospice), father of Jamie Pratt Michael Lemke & Family (in hospice bravely battling brain cancer), friend of Flynn Family Tammy Widener (surgery for possible cancer), cousin of Kim Klug Jack Douglass (skilled care), father of Jane Dowling Donna Funk (bladder cancer/liver issues), daughter of Pearl Haack

#### July 27-28

Carol Steinkraus (recovering in hospital from fall that dislocated new hip), mother of Sally Thomas

# July 20-21

Tony Susa (spinal cord injury), brother-in-law of Vivian Clark Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

#### July 13-14

Ralph Phillips (lung cancer), uncle of Jolene Epding

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, etc.) overseas and our military personnel: Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank

COL 5:00 p.m.	Ministers for Saturday, August 3, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader:	Michelle Wilkins Dawn Conlin, Melissa Grabowski Kim Klug Praise Band Kevin Nordmeyer Duane Maas
COL 8:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, August 4, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders: Nursery:	Barb Consigny, Jean Daul Mackenzie Kiefer, Charlie Rentmeester Darcy & Jan Constable Sally Thomas Sally Thomas Tami Miller, Tim Herman Jan Constable Praise Band Kevin Nordmeyer Clyde Reay Praise band
CTK 10:00 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, August 4, 2024
Set up Leader: Greeters: Acolyte:	Chris Wagner, Diana VanSlyke

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Ushers:	Jerry Kipp, Harlan Mueller
Worship Assistant:	Paul Langer
Reader:	Sharon Giessen
Communion Assistants:	Janet & Dan Brophey
ABC:	Barb Hemmingsen
Musician:	Janet Day
Song Leader:	Greg Peterson
Sunday School Leaders:	Jessica Loomis
Nursery:	Ali Allar
Coffee:	Marge Kipp



Twelfth Weekend after Pentecost

# August 10-11, 2024

Saturday, August 10, 2024 5:00 pm COL

Sunday, August 11, 2024 8:30 am COL 10:00 am CTK Indoors

# Live Streamed at 8:30 am Sundays and available Online anytime afterwards

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#### WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH! We're glad you're here today! UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.

- Children. Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- Nursery. Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- **Sunday School.** All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old - Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)

# At UNITY, the Communion Table is:

- Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
- Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
- Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
- We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
- Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
- If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.
- **Pastors.** UNITY is currently served by three called pastors who are present at both campuses on a rotating basis. Most Saturdays, the weekend preacher is the pastor at that service. On Sundays, the preacher for the weekend travels to both campuses to share the message. Each of the other pastors is then based at one campus or another.

WELCOME VISITORS! If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: unitybrookfield.org for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

GIVING. If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the COL narthex and by the bulletin board in the CTK narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay and Venmo are also accepted. Thank you!



# Prelude

"Just As I Am" "Arise"

arr. Lorie Line Praise Band (5:00, 8:30) (10:00)

#### Words of Welcome

#### **Sharing the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always. Many: And also with you.

#### **Call to Worship**

One: Here we are, gathered together in the house of the Lord.

Many: Literally IN-side this week, even the 10am service at Christ the King!

- One: When we gather like this, we call it a worship "service." But who is doing the serving?
- Many: We all do some... Some serve by setting the altar...
- One: Others make coffee, bring treats, read Scripture, pass plates, greet guests...

Many: Today returned travelers will share testimony... and ALL of us add our voice to songs and our best intentions to prayer.

- One: But when Martin Luther changed the name from "mass" to "service" in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, it wasn't our service he was talking about.
- Many: First and foremost the one doing the serving is God.
- One: In worship God serves us with lavish gifts:
- Many: Songs of encouragement, words of inspiration, food for our souls...
- One: God serves us in the hope we will eventually respond, and share all we've been given. That is our service.
- Many: But God's service is primary. God always makes the first move.
- One: You are here today as God's guest of honor.
- Many: May God grant us great openness today... to receive everything God longs to give us.
- One: For the next hour, may we rest from the trials of the week past...
- Many: And receive all we need for the week to come.
- One: Trusting our Great, Big, GLOBAL God is also an intimately present LOCAL God
- Many: Here with us even now.

#### **Opening Hymns**

"God Is Here!"	ELW 526 all verses	(5:00, 8:30)
"Your Name"	Praise Band	(10:00)

#### **Children's Message**

Greeting and Prayer of the Day (based on today's Gospel)

- Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!
- Many: And also with you.
- One: Let us pray. God the Good Sower,
- Many: We thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. It amazes us to think about how you go about it: scattering seeds everywhere, graciously, abundantly, lovingly. Thank you!

O God, protect us from all that seeks to interfere with our growing. Keep us safe from the thorns that try to choke us out. Guide us so our roots can go deep. Help us to marvel at the bounty of the harvest. Then send us out to be sowers ourselves, and help us nurture all that has already been planted. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation "Celtic Alleluia" ELW 174 Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

# Gospel: Matthew 13:1–9

This parable of Jesus gets an allegorical interpretation later in the chapter. In an allegory, each item in the story symbolizes something. But that interpretation is slightly separated from the actual parable; an indication that the parable stood by itself and someone, Jesus himself, or the disciples, added the allegory later. If you just read the parable for itself it drives to the end line as its only point: there's plenty of good soil out there for the seed of the Good News to fall into!

# One: The Gospel according to Matthew, the thirteenth chapter

# Many: Glory to you, O Lord

<sup>1</sup>That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup>Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup>But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>Let anyone with ears listen!"

One: The Gospel of the Lord! Many: Praise to you, O Christ

Message "Pupusas are the Best Soil"

El Salvador Travelers

# Hymn of the Day

"Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"

ELW 512 Sung Twice

(All Services)

#### The Prayers of the People

- One: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. *(Congregation response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer.")*
- Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- Many: Amen.

# **Announcements and Offering**

#### **Offertory Response** (as gifts are brought forward)

(All Services)

*"As the Grains of Wheat"* ELW 465 Refrain As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread; So may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.

#### **Prayer of Thanks**

One: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

Many: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us... ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

- Pastor: The Lord be with you.
- Many: And also with you.
- Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
- Many: We lift them to the Lord.
- Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### Words of Institution

#### The Lord's Prayer (traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### **Communion Meditation**

"(Jesus Is) In this Very Room"	Harris	(5:00, 8:30)
"Offering"	Praise Band	(10:00)

#### **Post Communion Blessing**

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace and peace.

#### Many: Amen.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

One: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Many: Amen.

# Benediction

#### **Sending Hymn**

"On What Has Now Been Sown"	ELW 550 all verses	(5:00, 8:30)
"For All That You Have Done"	Praise Band	(10:00)

#### Dismissal

One: Go in peace, serve the Lord! Many: Thanks be to God!

#### Postlude

"On Our Way Rejoicing"	Abriol	(5:00, 8:30)
"For All That You Have Done" reprise	Praise Band	(10:00)

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# **UNITY Highlights**

**Returned El Salvador Travelers Speaking in Worship this Weekend -** Everyone returned safely home at 2am Wednesday morning... Returned with bug bites, several varieties of mild illnesses, and super sleep deprived but hearts so very full from a week with our partners at Cordero de Dios and Rutilio Grande. Highlights included: taking shelter under the new elementary school roof during a downpour, Laura Dressler cutting the ribbon on the new preschool fence (which is SO much more than a fence, it is a whole enclosed plaza, stage, and play area!), double retreat day in the mountains with both communities, and lots of reflections and well wishes for John and Muriel and our 21 years of partnership together. Hear from travelers firsthand in worship this weekend!

# Save the Date for 2025 El Salvador Trips: February 15-22 Medical/Education Clinic; August 5-12 Relationship-Building Summer Trip.

Online Worship Live-Streamed: We are now live streaming our 8:30 am COL service using a new system and process, which allows us to stream directly to Vimeo instead of Facebook. It can also be viewed on our website at any later time. Thank you in advance for your patience as we work through the new process.

# Summer Worship Hours run through September 1

- Saturdays at 5:00 at COL
- Sundays at 8:30 at COL
- Sundays at 10:00 at CTK Outside in the Pavilion (weather permitting)

For those needing extra consideration in accessing the pavilion, you are welcome to get dropped off on the driveway in front of the pavilion, or if driving, park along the edge of the drive near the pavilion, leaving access to other vehicles for dropping off/picking up.

\*Sunday 10am worship INSIDE AT CTK this week only to make room for partners using the pavilion\*

\*Saturday Worship OUTSIDE AT CTK one week only, Saturday, August 24 for outdoor worship and picnic with partners Hephatha Lutheran Church\*

Join us for Playful with a Purpose fun as we host partners in the Pavilion this August: August 18, 11:00am Aspen Center: Picnic and Games with men in recovery August 24, 5pm Hephatha Lutheran Church: Worship, Dinner, Fellowship, Bounce House Lots of help and hosts needed! More info under the Servant Ministries section.

# Free Outdoor Concert Series (& Ice Cream Truck!) at the UNITY Pavilion :

• Tonight Only Band Concert: August 21 @ 6:30 pm at CTK - Hey everyone! UNITY's favorite band is back! The Tonight Only Band will perform a FREE concert Wednesday, August 21, at 6:30 pm in CTK's Pavilion. Come to hear hits that span from the 60's through (almost) today! There's nothing better than live music outside on a summer evening, so head over to CTK for great songs performed by this band that features UNITY members Mark Krause (guitar), Ty Hauser (Bass), Jay Hill (Keyboard/ Guitar) and David Wickert (Vocals/Guitar), as well as Paul Whitaker (Drums), Nicole Krause (Vocals), Laura Lehmann (Vocals) and Paula Treacy (Vocals). See you there!

- Special Treat for Tonight Only Concert enjoy a visit from the *Ice Cream Truck!* Everything is \$1!
- Unaccompanied Minors & Genesis: Monday, August 26th @ 7 PM at CTK All are invited to a free concert under CTK's Pavilion on Monday, August 26, at 7 pm. Come enjoy the sounds of the two a cappella groups from Brookfield East High School: "Unaccompanied Minors" and "Genesis." (Fun side "note" ... UNITY member Kyra Jester performs with Unaccompanied Minors.)
- Bring your own lawn chairs or use the ones from worship at CTK.

# ~ A Letter from Muriel ~

# Dear UNITY Family,

When we shared the news of our pastoral transition plan back in October of 2023, our parting seemed AGES away, hardly worth even considering yet. And now we are on our last month together! When we did share the news, you responded so graciously. The kind words and prayers you've offered have given me such energy to end well, encouragement launching into the future, and gratitude for all we've shared these past almost 11 years.

A little update on our plans... the decision to leave came from our desire to find our permanent home, hopefully near some portion of family (both sides are a bit scattered), with timing that was good for UNITY. This is still the hope, but we don't know yet where that will be. Trying to make such big choices and to job search in the midst of our usual life chaos was a bit much, so we decided to just focus all our energy on finishing strong here and take the fall to regroup. Our kids are on track to return to their Milwaukee schools in September while I take some time off ministry to figure out what is next. We trust God will lead us to the right place at the right time!

This still seems like a good time for UNITY to transition us out, so I will still wrap up my time with you at the end of August, even though we will still be in the area. You are in great hands with Pastors Eric, Jim, and Sherrie, and Nicole Krause will be lending staff support to most of my areas for the time being. Their faith, skill, and heart make it SO much easier to step away from all of you and a place I love so much!

Let's make the most of our last month together, hey? We've planned several chances to be together that we hope will be fun, easy, and connectional – and that include all our favorite things about this place! Summer schedules are crazy but come to one if you can, and let's keep praying for each other, ok? Thanks be to God! ~ Muriel

**Come Celebrate and Thank Muriel for her almost 11 years of Ministry among us at the following events:** Join us for one (or all) of our in-house celebrations:

- Saturday, August 17 at COL: Cookie Potluck after the 5 pm service (6-7:30)
- Sunday, August 18 at COL: Cookie Potluck after the 8:30am service
- Sunday, August 25 at CTK: Luncheon and Cookie Potluck after the 10 am service (11:00-12:30)

For the cookie potlucks, bring ANY kind of cookies you like for a giant cookie feast! (It's Mo's favorite food). What to bring? Store-bought, homemade... the more variety, the better! We'll have ice cream too, so bring your sweet tooth! (If you bring homemade, please bring along the recipe as a nice keepsake for Mo!)

# Perfect Parting Gifts for Mo:

Sign the card for Muriel in the Narthex and if you'd like to contribute to a special gift to what's near and dear to her in honor of her almost 11 years of ministry, you can do that as well in person or online. (Just add "Muriel" in the memo line).

# And ... Help us Fill A Costume Chest for Muriel!

Other than all the cookies in the kitchen, Mo's favorite thing about this church is the plethora of costume options. Help build a costume collection for Muriel to bring to her next church! Bring in anything you think might be fun, both kid- and adult-sized. Think costumes, hats, masks, Bible story props (new or used!) for vignettes, VBS, Christmas programs, acting out Bible stories, etc. Thanks!

If you have some time to help clean and organize Muriels office and the staff work room at COL, please contact Muriel or Lynn Key!

*Keep Connecting with Us!* We love to hear from you! Please continue to reach out to us at any time.

Pastor Jim Ahlquist: jim@unitybrookfield.org Cell: 715-210-2245

Pastor Sherrie Lorbeck: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org Cell: 414-477-7762 Pastor Muriel Otto: muriel@unitybrookfield.org Cell: 712-254-6515

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Don't know who to contact? Call our Church Office at 262-781-7600. Oftentimes they can assist you with your needs. If not, you will be directed to the proper person. The important thing is to stay in touch with us!

#### **Children's Education**

Contact Michelle Aprahamian, c: 414-732-8615, email: michelle@unitybrookfield.org

**ABC Summer Sunday School for grades Pre-K-Grade 3** - All are invited to join us during Sunday services **through August 25**, 8:30 am at COL and 10:00 am at CTK. Each week celebrates a new letter of the alphabet through Bible stories, crafts, games, activities, and a snack. Remember: friends and guests are always invited to join us for ABC Summer Sunday School or as the kids call it, *"Funday school"*!

**Teachers, we need just <u>2 more</u> ABC SSS leaders.** You can sign up to teach using the Ministry Scheduler. Contact Michelle if you have questions on how to sign up to lead ABC SSS. All lessons are planned and prepared. Just bring your big heart and smile for our kids.

Thank you to all our Sunday School leaders! We appreciate all your time, energy and love for our kids. We are grateful you are on this faith journey with us.

**Rally Weekend is approaching fast!** Fall Sunday school starts Sept.7-8 for grades PreK-6. Registration is now live, so be sure to register children at unitybrookfield.org for all our Sunday school times.

Attention All Sunday School Teachers! Unity will again use the Ministry Scheduler Pro (MSP) for scheduling teaching starting with Rally Weekend 2024. You will get emails from Nancy Kostanski, Volunteer Coordinator, before being scheduled asking about service and class preferences, dates you are not available, etc. Once the schedule is produced, you will get an email with all your scheduled dates, and automatic reminders will come out the week before you are scheduled as well. With the downloadable app you can also see all your information, and that for your family. This was a great help last year making it easier for everyone working with our Sunday School kids!

**Thank you to all our Sunday School leaders!** We appreciate all your time, energy and love for our kids. We are grateful you are on this faith journey with us.

Mark your Calendars:

September 14-15, 2024 - Confirmation Weekend

September 15, 2024 - Confirmation Kick-Off (4-6pm at CTK campus) September 18, 2024 - Confirmation Orientation / Info Meeting (6:15-7:45pm at COL) Thursday September 19, 2024 - Bible Basics class, 6:30-7:30pm at COL campus - this is for all second grade and older students who have not yet received their Adventure Bible. Bring an adult with you to class. We will explore the Bible, play a game, and celebrate with

ice cream.

**September 21-22, 2024 - Bible presentation weekend.** Students in second grade and older will be presented with their very own Adventure Bible at the service of your choice, Saturday at 5:00pm or Sunday at 8:30am, 9:30am, or 10:45am.

September 25, 2024 - Confirmation classes start Wednesdays 6:15-7:45pm, COL

#### Servant Ministries

Contact Ellen Vermillion, c: 262-565-8512, e: evermill61@gmail.com or Nicole Krause, e: nicole@unitybrookfield.org

**The Backpacks have been delivered to Hephatha!** Thank You to all who picked up and filled them for kids at our partner Hephatha Lutheran Church. Because of your generosity, 66 backpacks were filled with school supplies and delivered with love this past week! That amazing gift will help this group of 66 students start out on the right foot when school resumes. See the emails and September newsletter for pictures.

# Save the Date for Purposeful Play with Partners in the Pavilion this August!

Sunday, August 18, 11:00am: Post-worship picnic and games with men in recovery at Aspen Center. In 2024, we are participating in events every other month with Aspen Center – which means our next event will be in August. Did you know that August is National Family Fun Month? This provides the perfect opportunity to acknowledge the diversity that exists within the term "family". And what better way to celebrate than a "Family Reunion" and grilling out with our friends from Aspen Center!! Join us under the Pavilion at the CTK campus on Sunday, August 18 after service (from 11:00 to 1) – we're looking for Unity families to help grill out and supply salads and desserts for a picnic under the pavilion. Please sign up in the Sign-up Genius post on the church website. Unity will supply the hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, and drinks. Unity staff is onboard for leading some fun games, too! Hope to see you there! Questions? Please contact Cindy Boyd at dcboyd1985@sbcglobal.net.

• Saturday, August 24, 5pm and 6pm: Worship, dinner, and fellowship with Hephatha Lutheran Church in the Christ the King backyard. \*this Saturday only\* Saturday 5pm worship will be at CHRIST THE KING and OUTSIDE in the pavilion.

**Volunteer Treasurer Needed for Bread of Healing Clinic.** We give thanks for UNITY member Doreen Brecheisen who has served as the treasurer for our free clinic partner in Milwaukee for the last 4 years, and are looking for the next great person to fill the role. Might this be your next calling? The role involves working with the accountant's financials to produce monthly reports for the board and assist with the budget. A combination of monthly in-person meetings and working from home. About 10 hours/ week. Accounting background and knowledge of quickbooks would be big assets. Doreen would be happy to talk with anyone interested in the role (norskjohnson@gmail.com) or you can reach out directly to Barb Horner-Ibler at the clinic: (414) 313-9430. This is an organization you would be proud to support. Thanks for considering and spreading the word.

**Ongoing Service Opportunities:** UNITY has standing volunteer "shifts" at various partners that we commit to covering as a church. Each one is coordinated by a different UNITY member... each one has its own sign up page on the church website... and each one is an opportunity for you!

- Waukesha Food Pantry Food Distribution: Each month, 4th Saturday, 9am-12pm; 5th Monday 5:45 8 pm.
- Serenity Inns Recovery Program Fellowship Dinners: cook, deliver, or serve a meal for 12 residents. Each month,1st Sunday & 2nd Friday, 6 7pm. Kids welcome.

Save the Date for 2025 El Salvador Trips: February 15-22 Medical/Education Clinic; August 5-12 Relationship-Building Summer Trip.

#### **Property Needs**

Contact Al Bengston, c: 414-322-6445, email: abengston4@gmail.com or Property Manager Denny Thompson, c: 262-844-0556, email: dennyt325@yahoo.com

**Lawn Mowers:** Thanks to all who have been faithfully keeping our properties cut and looking beautiful! There's still lots of openings going forward. Please use our online sign up, and let's get the roster full. If you need a tutorial or have any questions, contact Property Chair, Al Bengston.

#### **Adult Programs**

Contact: Todd Blatnik, email: todd.blatnik@wi.rr.com or Matt Griepentrog, c: 262-787-8820, e: matt@unitybrookfield.org

Adult Programs is beginning to brainstorm programming ideas for fall and winter planning. If you have any ideas for groups, events, studies, or speakers that you'd like us to know about, please reach out to our new Adult Programs chairperson, Todd Blatnik, at todd.blatnik@wi.rr.com.

Lunch Bunch - Join us the second Wednesday of each month at 11:30 am at Maxim's. (18025 W. Capitol Drive in Brookfield.) The next meeting is **August 14**. Everyone is welcome, no matter your age or stage: younger, older, singles, couples, regular or occasional. Just show up because the nice thing about Maxim's is that seating is endlessly expandable. And, if you have any questions before you come, Esther McKee is your point person: (262) 246-6443.

UNITY's Moms Group Summer Schedule: Third Thursdays in the backyard at Christ the King. 5:30-7pm, dinner and childcare provided. Moms of all ages and stages welcome as we talk, eat, laugh, cry, support, pray. Kids can be in the backyard or in the nursery with sitters. Summer dates: August 15.

# **UNITY Member Care**

Contact: Jim Ahlquist-Member Care Minister, e: jim@unitybrookfield.org, c: 715-210-2245 Sherrie Lorbeck, sherrie@unitybrookfield.org, c: 414-477-7762 Muriel Otto, e: muriel@unitybrookfield.org, c: 712-254-6515

# Grief Group will continue to meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of August from 6:30-8:00 pm at COL - When Life Isn't the Same ....

If you have lost a spouse or a parent or someone else close to you, the grieving doesn't end after the funeral. We invite you to a safe space where you can share more about where you are at in your journey ... learn more about the stages of grief ... and get help finding your way through what you need most for the road ahead.

We invite you to join us for our Grief Group, held the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. **Our next meetings will be held August 14 and 28 from 6:30-8:00 pm at our Cross of Life campus**. These gatherings will be led by Pastor Jim Ahlquist and Nicole Krause. If this is the right time for you, or if someone you know could benefit from being a part of this, please join us! If you have questions or just want to discuss whether this is the right place for you, contact Pastor Jim at jim@unitybrookfield.org or 715-210-2245.

**UNITY Member Care is always here for you.** You don't have to face life's ups and downs alone. Whether it's an unexpected hospitalization, a recent diagnosis, the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, addiction, anxiety, depression, or virtually anything else, the pastors are only a call, text, or email away. Please never hesitate to reach out -- whether we're the only stop you'll make or just the first step in a longer care process.

**Prayer Place cards-** If you have a prayer request that you would like included in the Prayers for Friends and Family section in the bulletin, there are cards available in the narthex near the bulletin board. You can fill out the request and pin it to the bulletin board or place it in the basket and it will be included in the upcoming bulletin. These prayer requests will stay for 4 weeks and then if you need further prayer, repost as often as needed. Any questions, please contact Nancy by phone or email nancy@unitybrookfield.org

#### Worship & Music Opportunities

Children's Choirs, Contact Janet Day, c: 414-975-0286, e: janet@unitybrookfield.org Fellowship Choir, Contact Molly Pufall-Brown, c: 920-265-6881, e: mpufall@gmail.com Handbells & Praise Band, Contact Stacey Nordmeyer, c: 414-617-7673, e: staceynordmeyer72@icloud.com

**Fall Worship Times -** Looking ahead to September when we return to the Program year worship schedule, we are going to move the later service at COL from 10:30 a.m. BACK TO the time of 10:45 a.m. that it has historically been. There are a few reasons for this. We had thought the 8:30, 9:30 and 10:30 might make it easier for people to remember, but the times have made it more challenging to have transition time between worship and the education hour and allowing time for pastors and members to go back and forth as needed. Hopefully, the extra 15 minutes will allow us to get back to offering both Sunday School and Adult ed opportunities in between services at the COL campus.

All-Music Tuesdays resume in September and run every Tuesday night (except for holiday weeks) through mid-May. Nursery and child care will be available. Parents, join an adult music group that rehearses on the same night as your child's youth music group! One night each week - All-Music Tuesdays! Can't make it every week? Don't let that stop you - we can work with you. We'd love to make music to the glory of God with you in whatever way we can. Talk to any of our music staff if you have questions.

- JOYFUL NOISE MUSIC MAKERS starts September 24 Ages PreK–Grade 1 6:00pm to 6:30pm Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall Directed by Janet Day While learning beginning music concepts, the Joyful Noise Music Makers will sing songs, play music games, play instruments, move and rejoice, and most importantly, have fun in a safe, group setting!
- CELEBRATION MUSIC MAKERS starts September 24 Ages Grade 2–Grade 6 Tuesdays: 6:30pm to 7:15pm Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall Directed by Janet Day While learning elementary music concepts, the Celebration Choir will have units on World Music Drumming, Orff Instruments, Recorders, Bucket Drumming, Boomwhackers, Ukuleles, Hand Chimes all while singing praises and learning to work together in a group to share our talents in worship service once a month.
- HOSANNA BELLS starts September 24 Ages Grade 6–Beginning Adult Tuesdays: 7:15pm to 8:00pm Cross of Life Sanctuary Join the fun! Play handbells with your friends and family to share an anthem in a worship service once a month. This beginning handbell group will teach handbell playing techniques, challenge and improve your musical skills, develop teamwork, improve your physical coordination, attention span, and self-discipline, teach patience and cooperation, and so much more. A great group for a parent and child music experience!
- FELLOWSHIP CHOIR starts September 10 Ages 7th Grade-Adult Tuesdays: 7:15pm to 8:15pm Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall Directed by Molly Pufall-Brown Accompanied by Lynn Key Let's sing to the Lord a new song! Join the Fellowship Choir to share your love of music and your Christian faith at the same time. This choral group will rehearse once a week and sing in worship once a month. Whether you are a non-music reader or an experienced sight-singer, you will be able to participate successfully with our choir.
- GLORIA DEI BELLS starts September 10 Ages College–Adult Tuesdays: 6:15pm to 7:15pm Cross of Life Sanctuary Directed by Stacey Nordmeyer. This intermediate/advanced handbell ensemble will challenge and improve your musical skills. This group rehearses once a week and plays in worship once a month. Think of all the benefits of playing in an accomplished handbell ensemble PLUS you get to spend the evening with wonderful friends who share the same interests and love of music. What could be better?

#### The altar flowers at COL are given by Cynthia Boyd in memory of David Boyd

Thank you to Barb Hemmingsen for arranging the altar flowers this weekend

This weekend's communion breads were baked by Barb Borkenhagen

# **Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members**

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

#### **Cross of Life Campus**

Joseph Nutt, Judie McGhee, Judy Kolstad, Linda Langer, Sandi John, Max Roemaat, Jerry Buenger, Karen Beres, Bob Rusk, Debbie Horne, Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Ardyce Myhre, Paula Dryer, Marlene Jernberg, John Vaughan, Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Alyce Vollan, Barb Purnell, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

#### **Christ the King Campus**

Parker Godfrey, Ann Borowski, Dawn Suharski, Fred Petran, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Dave Rau

> We give a prayer of thanksgiving for the renewed health of: Joan Krause

# **UNITY Prayer Place**

Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.

#### August 10-11

Sue Taylor (breast cancer), cousin of Debbie Riederer Sadie Nakamura (hospitalized with broken back), granddaughter of Cheryl Caraulia Ron Kadolph (in home hospice for terminal cancer), uncle of Jeff Key Ralph Phillips (lung cancer), uncle of Jolene Epding

#### August 3-4

Robert Morstad (in hospice), father of Jamie Pratt Michael Lemke & Family (in hospice bravely battling brain cancer), friend of Flynn Family Tammy Widener (surgery for possible cancer), cousin of Kim Klug Jack Douglass (skilled care), father of Jane Dowling Donna Funk (bladder cancer/liver issues), daughter of Pearl Haack

#### July 27-28

Carol Steinkraus (recovering in hospital from fall that dislocated new hip), mother of Sally Thomas

#### July 20-21

Tony Susa (spinal cord injury), brother-in-law of Vivian Clark Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, etc.) overseas and our military personnel: Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank

COL 5:00 p.m.	Ministers for Saturday, August 10, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader:	Karen Beres, Kim Urchell Maxwell Roemaat Nicki & Mark Shady Leslie O'Connell Sue Fisher Karen Mischuk, Kim Urchell Kim Urchell Greg O'Connell
COL 8:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, August 11, 2024
Acolyte:	Diane & Dick Dressler Sally Thomas Becky Conway Abigail Mace, Nelson Brownell Colleen King Greg O'Connell Ryan King Brendan King Lisa Kahle
CTK 10:00 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, August 11, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders:	Eric Godfrey Nancy Kostanski, Patty Zais Patty Zais Praise Band Praise Band Korrin Gumieny Bree Godfrey



Thirteenth Weekend after Pentecost

August 17-18, 2024

Saturday, August 17, 2024 5:00 pm COL

Sunday, August 18, 2024 8:30 am COL 10:00 am CTK Outdoor in Pavilion

Live Streamed at 8:30 am Sundays and available Online anytime afterwards

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#### WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH! We're glad you're here today! UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.

- Children. Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- **Nursery.** Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- Sunday School. All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)

# • At UNITY, the Communion Table is:

- Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
- Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
- Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
- We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
- Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
- If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.
- **Pastors.** UNITY is currently served by three called pastors who are present at both campuses on a rotating basis. Most Saturdays, the weekend preacher is the pastor at that service. On Sundays, the preacher for the weekend travels to both campuses to share the message. Each of the other pastors is then based at one campus or another.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: <u>unitybrookfield.org</u> for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

**GIVING.** If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the COL narthex and by the bulletin board in the CTK narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay and Venmo are also accepted. Thank you!



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Prelude			
	Your Blessings"	arr. Lorie Line	(5:00, 10:00
<i>"Jesus,</i> (	Our Divine Companion"	Robert Hebble	(8:30
Words of W	elcome		
Sharing the	Peace		
Pastor:	The peace of the Lord be wit	h you always.	
Many:	And also with you.		
Call to Wor	ship		
	"What must I do to inherit et		
v	Someone asks this of Jesus		
One:	The Greek has multiple mean		
Monu	words, what is needed for a good life here and a forever life after this one?		
•	Jesus answers different ways at different times		
	"Give everything you have to the poor," he tells this supplicant. "Believe in me," he tells another.		
One:	And yet another answer in today's Gospel reading:		
	"Eat my flesh and drink my blood."		
	What?! The disciples are confused. "Are we supposed to gnaw on his arm?"		
Many:	They took him too literally,	something his first follow	ers were prone to do
One:	Today we too come seeking.		
Many:	A good life now, and the fer this life.	vent hope that there will l	be more than just
One:	And Jesus answers us in all different ways too. But we we are more prone		
	to taking Jesus too metaphorically:		
•	a nice symbol, nice ideals to hold, a nice interpretation of life.		
One:	Which falls so short of all you long to give us. O God, may your Spirit meet		
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One:	May it- they- lead us to the L	ife of which you speak.	
Opening Hy	ymn "You Are Holy"	ELW 525 sung ty	vice (All Services
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	ays evermore	You are holy, you are	
than we even	understand.	you are present.	-
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Let the cosmos praise you, Lord!

Sing hosanna in the highest!

Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to our God!

Blessed are you coming here to your church in wine and bread,

You are always at hand.

Blessed are you coming near.

# **Children's Message**

# Greeting and Prayer of the Day

- Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!
- Many: And also with you.
- One: Let us pray. Eternally Present God,
- Many: ...you turn up in the most unexpected places... in the womb of a peasant girl named Mary... on the faces of the dying... in the part of us we hide because we are ashamed.

Make us ever more aware of you, O God. Help us spot your presence in our lives and in each other. Open us to the possibility of a future defined by your love. We ask it in the name of the One who made a human body the home of your holiness, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#### The Washing of Holy Baptism Presentation of the Child

This weekend at the 5:00 service, we welcome Alexandra Kate Garcia. Alexandra Kate is presented by her parents, Arnoldo and Karissa, and her sponsors, Kristi and Terry Knull.

Pastor: Who presents Alexandra Kate to receive the blessings of Holy Baptism? Parents & Sponsors: We do.

#### **Role of the Parents and Sponsors**

One: In Christian love you have presented Alexandra Kate for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully care for her and help her in every way God gives you opportunity, that Alexandra Kate may bear witness to the faith we hold, and that, living in the covenant of her Baptism and in Communion with the people of God, she may lead a life of goodness and service until the day of Jesus Christ. Parents and sponsors, do you promise to fulfill these obligations? If so, please answer, "I do."

# Prayer

Pastor: Holy God, we give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

By the baptism of his own death and resurrection, your beloved Son, Jesus the Christ, has set us free from the final power of sin and death, and has opened the way to everlasting life. He made water a sign of cleansing and of birth into the family of God. As Jesus' followers, we do as he taught us, making disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit so that Alexandra Kate may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as your own children, inheritors of your glorious kingdom.

All: Amen.

#### \*Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### The Baptism

#### **Baptismal Prayer**

Pastor: Lord God, we give you thanks for freeing your children from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy washing. Pour your Holy Spirit upon Alexandra Kate: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and respect for the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

All: Amen.

#### The Mark of Christ

Alexandra Kate, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

#### Presentation of the Baptismal Candle

One: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

#### Greeting of the Child by the Congregation

- Pastor: Through Baptism, God has made this sister of ours a member of the ministry of reconciliation we all share in Christ Jesus. May we proclaim the greatness and love of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.
- People: Alexandra Kate, we welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly father, and a worker with us in the Kingdom of God. Amen.

Pastor: Peace be with you.

Parents & Sponsors: Peace be with you.

### Gospel Acclamation "Celtic Alleluia" ELW 174 Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

# Gospel: John 6:51-58

More. Bread. The Gospel of John is known not only for its poetry, its rich imagery, its emphasis on Jesus' divinity... but also its redundancy. This week the Lectionary schedule of Bible readings is on week 4 of 5, all in John Chapter 6, and all about bread. Again this week we hear about how Jesus is the bread of life, and again this week his listeners fail to understand. While we might be tempted to just move on already, John's repetitiveness can best be seen as a sign that what's being said is both difficult to understand and important: in these words lie the road to God and to Life- both abundant and eternal.

# One: The Gospel according to John, the sixth chapter **Many:** Glory to you, O Lord

"A Love Letter to UNITY"

<sup>51</sup>I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." <sup>52</sup>The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" <sup>53</sup>So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; <sup>55</sup>for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup>"Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

Muriel Otto

One:	The Gospel of the Lord!
Many:	Praise to you, O Christ

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Baptismal Hymn	"Borning Cry"	ELW 732	(5:00)
<b>Hymn of the Day</b> <i>"I Come with Joy"</i>		ELW 482 vs. 1-4 (8:30, 10:00)	
<i>Verse 1</i>		Verse 3	
I come with joy, a child of God,		As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,	
forgiven, loved, and free,		each proud division ends.	
the life of Jesus to recall		The love that made us, makes us one,	
in love laid down for me,		and strangers now are friends,	
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<i>Verse 2</i>		<i>Verse 4</i>	
I come with Christians far and near		The Spirit of the risen Christ,	
to find, as all are fed,		unseen, but ever near,	
the new community of love		is in such friendship better known,	
in Christ's communion bread,		alive among us here,	
in Christ's communion bread.		alive among us here.	

# The Prayers of the People

One: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

(Congregation response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer.")

- Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- Many: Amen.

#### **Announcements and Offering**

**Offertory Response** (as gifts are brought forward)

(All Services)

*"As the Grains of Wheat"* ELW 465 Refrain As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread; So may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.

# **Prayer of Thanks**

- One: Let us pray. Blessed are you,
- Many: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

- Pastor: The Lord be with you.
- Many: And also with you.
- Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
- Many: We lift them to the Lord.
- Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### Words of Institution

#### The Lord's Prayer (traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

## **Communion Meditation**

"I Come with Joy"	Setting by Carter	(5:00, 10:00)
"As the Deer with Fairest Lord Jesus"	arr. Mark Hayes	(8:30)

#### **Post Communion Blessing**

- Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace and peace.
- Many: Amen.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

One: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

(All Services)

Many: Amen.

#### Benediction

Sending Hymn	"Joy to the World"	ELW 267 all verses	(All Servic
Verse 1	2	Verse 3	× ×
Joy to the world, th Let earth receive he let ev'ry heart prep	er king;	No more let sin and so nor thorns infest the gr he comes to make his l	round;
and heav'n and nat and heav'n and nat and heav'n, and he	<b>U</b> ,	far as the curse is foun far as the curse is foun far as, far as the curse	d,
<i>Verse 2</i> Joy to the earth, the Let all their songs of while fields and flo rocks, hills, and pla repeat the sounding repeat the sounding repeat, repeat the so	employ, oods, ans g joy, g joy,	Verse 4 He rules the world with and makes the nations the glories of his righte and wonders of his low and wonders of his low and wonders, wonders	prove eousness e, e,
	peace, serve the Lord!		

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Many: Thanks be to God!

### Postlude

"Joy to the World"	arr. Lani Smith	(5:00, 10:00)
"Joy to the World"	arr. Franklin Ritter	(8:30)

## Fall Worship Schedule Begins September 7/8, Third Sunday Service Back to 10:45am

- Saturdays at 5:00 at COL
- Sundays 8:30 at COL, 9:30am at CTK, 10:45am at COL

This fall we will return to our previous scheduled third service time of 10:45am. We had liked the easy-to-remember 8:30/9:30/10:30 schedule but our in-between services education hour suffered and staffing was complex. It is our hope that the extra 15 minutes will allow more time for more robust education opportunities for adults and confirmation students between services, as well as pastors and musicians traveling between campuses.

**Registration is LIVE on our website for Sunday School and Music Groups!** This year's Sunday School program for kids PreK-grade 6 will run at all service times, both campuses, and music groups for ALL ages 3K-adult (kids and adult choirs, beginning and advanced handbells), all on Tuesday nights. Check out the Education and Music Opportunities sections below for more info.

**Online Worship Live-Streamed:** We are now live streaming our 8:30 am COL service using a new system and process, which allows us to stream directly to Vimeo instead of Facebook. It can also be viewed on our website at any later time. Thank you in advance for your patience as we work through the new process.

## Summer Worship Hours run through September 1 (Labor Day Weekend)

- Saturdays at 5:00 at COL
- Sundays at 8:30 at COL
- Sundays at 10:00 at CTK Outside in the Pavilion (weather permitting)

For those needing extra consideration in accessing the pavilion, you are welcome to get dropped off on the driveway in front of the pavilion, or if driving, park along the edge of the drive near the pavilion, leaving access to other vehicles for dropping off/picking up.

\*Saturday Worship OUTSIDE AT CTK one week only, Saturday, August 24 for outdoor worship and picnic with partners Hephatha Lutheran Church\*

**Aug 24 Packers Tickets Available for a Donation to Senior High!** Pete Meiklejohn has 4 tickets that could be YOURS in exchange for a donation to church to support our senior high ministries. Noon game, Saturday August 24, against the Baltimore Ravens. Section 131 Row 54 seats 11-14. Right above the tunnel where the players run out! Tickets can be electronically transferred. If multiple people are interested we will do it auction style and go to the highest bidder. Win win! Thanks, Pete!

## Join us for Playful with a Purpose fun as we host partners in the Pavilion this August:

- Picnic and Games with men in recovery Will be rescheduled due to covid 😕
- August 24, 5pm Hephatha Lutheran Church: Worship, Dinner, Fellowship, Bounce House. Lots of help and hosts needed! More info under the Servant Ministries section.

## Free Outdoor Concert Series (& Ice Cream Truck!) at the UNITY Pavilion :

- Tonight Only Band Concert: August 21 @ 6:30 pm at CTK Hey everyone! UNITY's favorite band is back! The Tonight Only Band will perform a FREE concert Wednesday, August 21, at 6:30 pm in CTK's Pavilion. Come to hear hits that span from the 60's through (almost) today! There's nothing better than live music outside on a summer evening, so head over to CTK for great songs performed by this band that features UNITY members Mark Krause (guitar), Ty Hauser (Bass), Jay Hill (Keyboard/ Guitar) and David Wickert (Vocals/Guitar), as well as Paul Whitaker (Drums), Nicole Krause (Vocals), Laura Lehmann (Vocals) and Paula Treacy (Vocals). See you there!
- Special Treat for Tonight Only Concert enjoy a visit from the *Ice Cream Truck!* Everything is \$1!
- Unaccompanied Minors & Genesis: Monday, August 26th @ 7 PM at CTK All are invited to a free concert under CTK's Pavilion on Monday, August 26, at 7 pm. Come enjoy the sounds of the two a cappella groups from Brookfield East High School: "Unaccompanied Minors" and "Genesis." (Fun side "note" ... UNITY member Kyra Jester performs with Unaccompanied Minors.)
- Bring your own lawn chairs or use the ones from worship at CTK.

## ~ A Letter from Muriel ~

Dear UNITY Family,

When we shared the news of our pastoral transition plan back in October of 2023, our parting seemed AGES away, hardly worth even considering yet. And now we are on our last month together! When we did share the news, you responded so graciously. The kind words and prayers you've offered have given me such energy to end well, encouragement launching into the future, and gratitude for all we've shared these past almost 11 years.

A little update on our plans... the decision to leave came from our desire to find our permanent home, hopefully near some portion of family (both sides are a bit scattered), with timing that was good for UNITY. This is still the hope, but we don't know yet where that will be. Trying to make such big choices and to job search in the midst of our usual life chaos was a bit much, so we decided to just focus all our energy on finishing strong here and take the fall to regroup. Our kids are on track to return to their Milwaukee schools in September while I take some time off ministry to figure out what is next. We trust God will lead us to the right place at the right time!

This still seems like a good time for UNITY to transition us out, so I will still wrap up my time with you at the end of August, even though we will still be in the area. You are in great hands with Pastors Eric, Jim, and Sherrie, and Nicole Krause will be lending staff support to most of my areas for the time being. Their faith, skill, and heart make it SO much easier to step away from all of you and a place I love so much!

Let's make the most of our last month together, hey? We've planned several chances to be together that we hope will be fun, easy, and connectional – and that include all our favorite things about this place! Summer schedules are crazy but come to one if you can, and let's keep praying for each other, ok? Thanks be to God! ~ Muriel

**Come Celebrate and Thank Muriel for her almost 11 years of Ministry among us at the following events:** Join us for one (or all) of our in-house celebrations:

- Saturday, August 17 at COL: Cookie Potluck after the 5 pm service (6-7:30)
- Sunday, August 18 at COL: Cookie Potluck after the 8:30am service
- Sunday, August 25 at CTK: Luncheon and Cookie Potluck after the 10 am service For the cookie potlucks, bring ANY kind of cookies you like for a giant cookie feast! (It's Mo's favorite food). What to bring? Store-bought, homemade... the more variety, the better! We'll have ice cream too, so bring your sweet tooth! (If you bring homemade, please bring along the recipe as a nice keepsake for Mo!)

#### Adding a couple additional informal gatherings for her final week...

- Karaoke on the Patio! Monday August 19, 6pm until we run out of songs.
- Sheepshead! Tuesday, August 20 at CTK, 7pm until Mo is winning. Indulge her with one more chance to play this very specifically Wisconsin card game.

**Sheepshead/Card Players...** if you are not available Tuesday but interested in future card nights, let us know. Sounds like we might have critical mass for an ongoing group. Mo can put you on the contact list if you are interested.

#### **Perfect Parting Gifts for Mo:**

Sign the card for Muriel in the Narthex and if you'd like to contribute to a special gift to what's near and dear to her in honor of her almost 11 years of ministry, you can do that as well in person or online. (Just add "Muriel" in the memo line).

#### And ... Help us Fill A Costume Chest for Muriel!

Other than all the cookies in the kitchen, Mo's favorite thing about this church is the plethora of costume options. Help build a costume collection for Muriel to bring to her next church! Bring in anything you think might be fun, both kid- and adult-sized. Think costumes, hats, masks, Bible story props (new or used!) for vignettes, VBS, Christmas programs, acting out Bible stories, etc. Thanks!

*If you have some time* ... to help clean and organize Muriels office and/or the staff work room at COL, please contact Muriel or Lynn Key!

*Keep Connecting with Us!* We love to hear from you! Please continue to reach out to us at any time.

Pastor Jim Ahlquist: jim@unitybrookfield.org Cell: 715-210-2245

Pastor Sherrie Lorbeck: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org Cell: 414-477-7762 Pastor Muriel Otto: muriel@unitybrookfield.org Cell: 712-254-6515

Pastor Eric Silberschmidt: eric@unitybrookfield.org Cell: 262-716-9854

Don't know who to contact? Call our Church Office at 262-781-7600. Oftentimes they can assist you with your needs. If not, you will be directed to the proper person. The important thing is to stay in touch with us!

#### **Children's Education**

Contact Michelle Aprahamian, c: 414-732-8615, email: michelle@unitybrookfield.org

**ABC Summer Sunday School for grades Pre-K-Grade 3** - All are invited to join us during Sunday services **through August 25**, 8:30 am at COL and 10:00 am at CTK. Each week celebrates a new letter of the alphabet through Bible stories, crafts, games, activities, and a snack. Remember: friends and guests are always invited to join us for ABC Summer Sunday School or as the kids call it, *"Funday school"*!

**Teachers, we need just <u>1 more</u> ABC SSS leader for August 25 at 8:30.** You can sign up to teach using the Ministry Scheduler. Contact Michelle if you have questions on how to sign up to lead ABC SSS. All lessons are planned and prepared. Just bring your big heart and smile for our kids.

**Rally Weekend is approaching fast!** Fall Sunday school starts Sept.7-8 for grades PreK-6. Registration is now **live**, so be sure to register children at unitybrookfield.org for all our Sunday school times.

Attention All Sunday School Teachers! UNITY will again use the Ministry Scheduler Pro (MSP) for scheduling teaching starting with Rally Weekend 2024. You will get emails from Nancy Kostanski, Volunteer Coordinator, before being scheduled asking about service and class preferences, dates you are not available, etc. Once the schedule is produced, you will get an email with all your scheduled dates, and automatic reminders will come out the week before you are scheduled as well. With the downloadable app you can also see all your information, and that for your family. This was a great help last year making it easier for everyone working with our Sunday School kids!

*A New Way to Help!* Sunday School Support Person - You will work with a team of volunteers on a weekly rotating schedule so that you would help with Sunday school 1-2 times per month. Support persons are there to assist the Sunday school leader. You might help with a craft, assist a child who needs a bathroom break or a walk in the hallway or some quiet time outside of the classroom. You are an extra set of hands to gather supplies or help with clean-up. You are the "go to" for any last minute or unexpected needs. No teaching experience is necessary. Just a love for kids and an understanding of the impact one caring adult can have on the life of a child on their Faith journey.

**Thank you to all our Sunday School leaders!** We appreciate all your time, energy and love for our kids. We are grateful you are on this faith journey with us.

Mark your Calendars:

Confirmation Weekend - September 14-15, 2024 (9th graders graduating program) Confirmation Kick-Off - September 15, 2024 (4-6pm at CTK campus, just students) Confirmation Orientation / Info Meeting - September 18, 2024 (6:15-7:45pm at COL. Students and parents both) **Thursday September 19, 2024 - Bible Basics class, 6:30-7:30pm at COL campus -** this is for all second grade and older students who have not yet received their Adventure Bible. Bring an adult with you to class. We will explore the Bible, play a game, and celebrate with ice cream.

September 21-22, 2024 - Bible presentation weekend. Students in second grade and older will be presented with their very own Adventure Bible at the service of your choice, Saturday at 5:00pm or Sunday at 8:30am, 9:30am, or 10:45am.

September 25, 2024 - Confirmation classes start Wednesdays 6:15-7:45pm, COL

#### Servant Ministries

Contact Ellen Vermillion, c: 262-565-8512, e: evermill61@gmail.com or Nicole Krause, e: nicole@unitybrookfield.org

**The Backpacks have been delivered to Hephatha!** Thank You to all who picked up and filled them for kids at our partner Hephatha Lutheran Church. Because of your generosity, 66 backpacks were filled with school supplies and delivered with love this past week! That amazing gift will help this group of 66 students start out on the right foot when school resumes. See the emails and September newsletter for pictures.

Saturday, August 24, 5pm: Help us Host Hephatha Lutheran Church for joint worship, fellowship, and dinner in the CTK backyard. This week only we will move Saturday worship OUTDOORS at CTK to share the beautiful backyard with our partners. We will worship together, including a blessing of the long awaited Hephatha VAN (Lent offering 2023), games, bounce houses, and a taco dinner.

**Volunteer Treasurer Needed for Bread of Healing Clinic.** We give thanks for UNITY member Doreen Brecheisen who has served as the treasurer for our free clinic partner in Milwaukee for the last 4 years, and are looking for the next great person to fill the role. Might this be your next calling? The role involves working with the accountant's financials to produce monthly reports for the board and assist with the budget. A combination of monthly in-person meetings and working from home. About 10 hours/week. Accounting background and knowledge of quickbooks would be big assets. Doreen would be happy to talk with anyone interested in the role (norskjohnson@gmail.com) or you can reach out directly to Barb Horner-Ibler at the clinic: (414) 313-9430. This is an organization you would be proud to support. Thanks for considering and spreading the word.

**Ongoing Service Opportunities:** UNITY has standing volunteer "shifts" at various partners that we commit to covering as a church. Each one is coordinated by a different UNITY member... each one has its own sign up page on the church website... and each one is an opportunity for you!

- Waukesha Food Pantry Food Distribution: Each month, 4th Saturday, 9am-12pm; 5th Monday 5:30 8 pm.
- Serenity Inns Recovery Program Fellowship Dinners: cook, deliver, or serve a meal for 12 residents. Each month, 1st Sunday & 2nd Friday, 6 7pm. Kids welcome.

## Save the Date for 2025 El Salvador Trips:

- February 15-22 Medical/Education Clinic;
- August 5-12 Relationship-Building Summer Trip.

#### **Property Needs**

Contact Al Bengston, c: 414-322-6445, email: abengston4@gmail.com or Property Manager Denny Thompson, c: 262-844-0556, email: dennyt325@yahoo.com

**Lawn Mowers:** Thanks to all who have been faithfully keeping our properties cut and looking beautiful! There's still lots of openings going forward. Please use our online sign up, and let's get the roster full. If you need a tutorial or have any questions, contact Property Chair, Al Bengston.

## **Adult Programs**

Contact: Todd Blatnik, email: todd.blatnik@wi.rr.com or Matt Griepentrog, c: 262-787-8820, e: matt@unitybrookfield.org

#### Watch for this upcoming adult forum:

**September 22nd, 9:30 AM COL** - Finance Forum: Topics of YOUR Choosing! The Stewardship Team will be discussing All-Things-Financial and we invite YOU to choose the topics!

Adult Programs is beginning to brainstorm programming ideas for fall and winter planning. If you have any ideas for groups, events, studies, or speakers that you'd like us to know about, please reach out to our new Adult Programs chairperson, Todd Blatnik, at todd.blatnik@wi.rr.com.

## **UNITY Member Care**

Contact: Jim Ahlquist-Member Care Minister, e: jim@unitybrookfield.org, c: 715-210-2245 Sherrie Lorbeck, sherrie@unitybrookfield.org, c: 414-477-7762 Muriel Otto, e: muriel@unitybrookfield.org, c: 712-254-6515

# Grief Group will continue to meet the 4th Wednesday of August from 6:30-8:00 pm at COL - When Life Isn't the Same ....

If you have lost a spouse or a parent or someone else close to you, the grieving doesn't end after the funeral. We invite you to a safe space where you can share more about where you are at in your journey ... learn more about the stages of grief ... and get help finding your way through what you need most for the road ahead.

We invite you to join us for our Grief Group, held the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. **Our next meeting will be held August 28 from 6:30-8:00 pm at our Cross of Life campus**. These gatherings will be led by Pastor Jim Ahlquist and Nicole Krause. If this is the right time for you, or if someone you know could benefit from being a part of this, please join us! If you have questions or just want to discuss whether this is the right place for you, contact Pastor Jim at jim@unitybrookfield.org or 715-210-2245.

**UNITY Member Care is always here for you.** You don't have to face life's ups and downs alone. Whether it's an unexpected hospitalization, a recent diagnosis, the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, addiction, anxiety, depression, or virtually anything else, the pastors are only a call, text, or email away. Please never hesitate to reach out -- whether we're the only stop you'll make or just the first step in a longer care process.

**Prayer Place cards-** If you have a prayer request that you would like included in the Prayers for Friends and Family section in the bulletin, there are cards available in the narthex near the bulletin board. You can fill out the request and pin it to the bulletin board or place it in the basket and it will be included in the upcoming bulletin. These prayer requests will stay for 4 weeks and then if you need further prayer, repost as often as needed. Any questions, please contact Nancy by phone or email nancy@unitybrookfield.org

## Worship & Music Opportunities

Children's Choirs, Contact Janet Day, c: 414-975-0286, e: janet@unitybrookfield.org Fellowship Choir, Contact Molly Pufall-Brown, c: 920-265-6881, e: mpufall@gmail.com Handbells & Praise Band, Contact Stacey Nordmeyer, c: 414-617-7673, e: staceynordmeyer72@icloud.com

**Fall Worship Times -** Looking ahead to September when we return to the Program year worship schedule, we are going to move the later service at COL from 10:30 a.m. BACK TO the time of 10:45 a.m. that it has historically been. There are a few reasons for this. We had thought the 8:30, 9:30 and 10:30 might make it easier for people to remember, but the times have made it more challenging to have transition time between worship and the education hour and allowing time for pastors and members to go back and forth as needed. Hopefully, the extra 15 minutes will allow us to get back to offering both Sunday School and Adult ed opportunities in between services at the COL campus.

All-Music Tuesdays resume in September and sign ups are now live! Every Tuesday night (except for holiday weeks) through mid-May join us at COL to make music. Nursery and child care will be available. Parents, join an adult music group that rehearses on the same night as your child's youth music group! One night each week - All-Music Tuesdays! Can't make it every week? Don't let that stop you - we can work with you. We'd love to make music to the glory of God with you in whatever way we can. Talk to any of our music staff if you have questions.

- JOYFUL NOISE MUSIC MAKERS starts September 24 Ages PreK–Grade 1 6:00pm to 6:30pm Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall Directed by Janet Day While learning beginning music concepts, the Joyful Noise Music Makers will sing songs, play music games, play instruments, move and rejoice, and most importantly, have fun in a safe, group setting!
- CELEBRATION MUSIC MAKERS starts September 24 Ages Grade 2–Grade 6 Tuesdays: 6:30pm to 7:15pm Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall Directed by Janet Day While learning elementary music concepts, the Celebration Choir will have units on World Music Drumming, Orff Instruments, Recorders, Bucket Drumming,

Boomwhackers, Ukuleles, Hand Chimes all while singing praises and learning to work together in a group to share our talents in worship service once a month.

- HOSANNA BELLS starts September 24 Ages Grade 6–Beginning Adult Tuesdays: 7:15pm to 8:00pm Cross of Life Sanctuary Join the fun! Play handbells with your friends and family to share an anthem in a worship service once a month. This beginning handbell group will teach handbell playing techniques, challenge and improve your musical skills, develop teamwork, improve your physical coordination, attention span, and self-discipline, teach patience and cooperation, and so much more. A great group for a parent and child music experience!
- FELLOWSHIP CHOIR starts September 10 Ages 7th Grade–Adult Tuesdays: 7:15pm to 8:15pm • Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall • Directed by Molly Pufall-Brown • Accompanied by Lynn Key • Let's sing to the Lord a new song! Join the Fellowship Choir to share your love of music and your Christian faith at the same time. This choral group will rehearse once a week and sing in worship once a month. Whether you are a non-music reader or an experienced sight-singer, you will be able to participate successfully with our choir.
- GLORIA DEI BELLS starts September 10 Ages College–Adult Tuesdays: 6:15pm to 7:15pm Cross of Life Sanctuary Directed by Stacey Nordmeyer. This intermediate/ advanced handbell ensemble will challenge and improve your musical skills. This group rehearses once a week and plays in worship once a month. Think of all the benefits of playing in an accomplished handbell ensemble PLUS you get to spend the evening with wonderful friends who share the same interests and love of music. What could be better?

#### Sr. High and Young Adults

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**Tuesday, August 27th from 5:30-9:30** - Join us for a special outing to watch the Dockhounds! Meet at COL at 5:30PM and return around 9:30. We will be in a Dockhounds Dock, which is a special pontoon seating area. We will also be cheering on UNITY's own Mitchell Mueller, who is on the Dockhounds roster! Tickets are \$20 per person and include 2 sodas. You are welcome to bring your own money for other concessions. Parents, you are welcome to attend as well. If you'd like to help as a driver, please let us know and we'll cover the cost of your ticket. Questions? Get in touch with Matt at 262-787-8820.

## Save the date: July 19-26, 2025 Boundary Waters

*The altar flowers at CTK are given by Diana & David Koenen in celebration of their 5th wedding anniversary* 

Thank you to Leslie O'Connell for arranging the altar flowers this weekend

This weekend's communion breads were baked by Cathy Buck

## **Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members**

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

#### **Cross of Life Campus**

Joseph Nutt, Judie McGhee, Judy Kolstad, Linda Langer, Sandi John, Max Roemaat, Jerry Buenger, Karen Beres, Bob Rusk, Debbie Horne, Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Ardyce Myhre, Paula Dryer, Marlene Jernberg, John Vaughan, Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Alyce Vollan, Barb Purnell, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

#### Christ the King Campus

Parker Godfrey, Ann Borowski, Dawn Suharski, Fred Petran, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Dave Rau

> We pray our prayers of sympathy for family and loved ones as they mourn the death of a loved one:

## **Cross of Life Campus**

Mary Iwen, sister of Karen Hartzler, aunt and Godmother of Kate Hartzler

## Christ the King Campus

Jan Mitchell, mother of Chris Keim

## **UNITY Prayer Place**

Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.

#### August 17-18

Tony Susa (spinal cord injury), brother-in-law of Vivian Clark Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

#### August 10-11

Sue Taylor (breast cancer), cousin of Debbie Riederer Sadie Nakamura (hospitalized with broken back), granddaughter of Cheryl Caraulia Ron Kadolph (in home hospice for terminal cancer), uncle of Jeff Key Ralph Phillips (lung cancer), uncle of Jolene Epding

#### August 3-4

Robert Morstad (in hospice), father of Jamie Pratt Michael Lemke & Family (in hospice bravely battling brain cancer), friend of Flynn Family Tammy Widener (surgery for possible cancer), cousin of Kim Klug Jack Douglass (skilled care), father of Jane Dowling Donna Funk (bladder cancer/liver issues), daughter of Pearl Haack

#### July 27-28

Carol Steinkraus (recovering in hospital from fall that dislocated new hip), mother of Sally Thomas

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, etc.) overseas and our military personnel: Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank

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COL 5:00 p.m.	Ministers for Saturday, August 17, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader:	Mary Jo & Jim Eggert Nate Maritz, William Register Kevin Grabowski Jeff Key Melissa Grabowski Marilyn Ranney, Melissa Grabowski Kay Koepsel-Benning Lynn Key Kay Koepsel-Benning Kayla Grabowski Becki Culhane Rachel Manganaro
COL 8:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, August 18, 2024
Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders: Nursery:	Jeanne Bonk, Barb Consigny Emma Jolliff, Luke Jolliff Fonda Kapitan, Bernd Bruhnke Susie Hilgart Bernd Bruhnke Kristin & Matt Jolliff Matt Kamenick Janet Day Greg Bonk David Kapitan Nicole Krause
CTK 10:00 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, August 18, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician:	Jim Leifer, Kyle Jansson Jolene Epding Raven Epding Barb Patterson, Diana VanSlyke Diana VanSlyke Lynn Key Korrin Gumieny

Leaders: Jessica Loomis Nursery: Robin Nordstrom Coffee: Ann-Marie Bergman



Fourteenth Weekend after Pentecost

## August 24-25, 2024

Saturday, August 24, 2024 5:00 pm CTK Outdoor in Pavilion

Sunday, August 25, 2024 8:30 am COL 10:00 am CTK Outdoor in Pavilion

Live Streamed at 8:30 am Sundays and available Online anytime afterwards

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#### WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH! We're glad you're here today! UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.

- Children. Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- **Nursery.** Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- Sunday School. All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)

## • At UNITY, the Communion Table is:

- Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
- Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
- Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
- We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
- Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
- If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.
- **Pastors.** UNITY is currently served by three called pastors who are present at both campuses on a rotating basis. Most Saturdays, the weekend preacher is the pastor at that service. On Sundays, the preacher for the weekend travels to both campuses to share the message. Each of the other pastors is then based at one campus or another.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: <u>unitybrookfield.org</u> for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

**GIVING.** If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the COL narthex and by the bulletin board in the CTK narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay and Venmo are also accepted. Thank you!



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Prelude			
"The Pr		arr. Lorie Line	(5:00, 8:30)
"Joy"		George Winston	(10:00)
Words of W	elcome		
Sharing the	Peace		
	The peace of the Lord be with y	ou always.	
Many:	And also with you.		
Call to Wor	ship (Based on Shel Silverstein's	poem "Invitation")	
One:	If you are a dreamer, come in;	1	
Many:	Come in!		
One:	If you are a wisher, come in;		
Many:	Come in!		
One:	A hope-er, a pray-er, a giver, a t	aker,	
Many:	A sinner in need of grace from	1 our Maker,	
One:	Then you are our sister, our brot		
Many:	And to you and to all we say, '	'In! Come on in!"	
One:	If you are hungry, come in;		
Many:	Come in!		
One:	If you yearn for fullness, come	in;	
Many:	Come in!		
	If you are lost, or restless, or sca		
Many:	If this world has left you bruis	sed and battered,	
One:	If you long for a life that feels li	ike it mattered,	
Many:	Come in, come in, come in!		
<b>Opening</b> Hy Verse 1	y <b>mn</b> "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore	<i>Thee</i> " ELW 836 vs. 1-3 Field and forest vale and r	

Verse I	Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Joyful, joyful we adore thee,	Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
God of glory, Lord of love!	Chanting bird, and flowing fountain
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,	Call us to rejoice in thee.
Praise thee, their sun above.	
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,	Verse 3
drive the gloom of doubt away.	Thou art giving and forgiving,
Giver of immortal gladness,	Ever blessing, ever blest,
Fill us with the light of day.	wellspring of the joy of living,
<i>Verse 2</i> All they works with joy surround thee, Earth and heat'n reflect thy rays, Stars and angels sing around thee, Center of unbroken praise.	ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!

#### **Children's Message**

#### Greeting and Prayer of the Day

- Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!
- Many: And also with you.
- One: Let us pray. God our Provider,
- Many: There is a lot to love about who you are. But maybe the best part of all is how little you ask and how much you just give. You don't need us to be good. You don't need us to be strong. You don't need us to be right. All you ask is that we be honest about what we lack, and be open to receiving from you and from others everything we need to make up the difference. Make us bold to ask and receive your grace, and may the bounty you provide overflow from us to your world. In the life-changing name of Jesus we ask it. Amen.
- AnthemsPresentation by friends from Hephatha(5:00)"For Good" ~ Stephen Schwartz, arr. Mac Huff<br/>Robin & Annalise Nordstrom, vocals; Lynn Key, accompanist(8:30, 10:00)

Acclamation of the Word "Celtic Alleluia" ELW 174

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

#### Scripture Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20

These verses are the grand finale of Ephesians. Most of the letter is about what it looks like to live out the values we share as Jesus people. In these last verses though, the author (Paul or a student of his, scholars can't decide) reminds us that we share more than just values, we share life. Holy living is great, but it is a group project, made possible by the grace of God and the good people around us. Like a soldier armed up for battle, we too have everything we need for whatever life brings.

<sup>10</sup>Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. <sup>15</sup>As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup>Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

<sup>18</sup>Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. <sup>19</sup>Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup>for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

One: The Word of the Lord! Many:

Thanks be to God.

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Vignette	"Together is Just the Ri	ght Look"	
Hymn of the Day Verse 1 Great is thy faithfulne there is no shadow of thou changest not, thy compassions they As thou hast been, the <i>Refrain</i> Great is thy faithfulne Great is thy faithfulne Morning by morning all I have needed thy great is thy faithfulne	ess, O God my Father; Furning with thee; fail not; ou forever wilt be. ess! ess! new mercies I see; hand hath provided;	<i>Verse 2</i> Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! <i>Refrain</i>	(5:00, 8:30)
Baptismal Hymn	"The Servant Song" (tu	ne of Beach Spring)	(10:00)

Verse 3

Verse 4

I will hold the Christ-light for you

in the night-time of your fear;

I will hold my hand out to you,

speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;

when you laugh I'll laugh with you.

till we've seen this journey through.

I will share your joy and sorrow

let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey, we are travelers on the road; we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?

Pray that I may have the grace to

## The Prayers of the People

Verse 1

Verse 2

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people One<sup>.</sup> according to their needs. (Congregation response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer.") Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your Pastor: mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Many: Amen.

#### Announcements and Offering

#### The Washing of Holy Baptism Presentation of the Child

This weekend at the 10:00 service, we welcome Sal Lucille Otto. Sal Lucille is presented by her parents, Andrew and Muriel, and her grandmothers, Lisa Byers and Laurie Gallo.

Pastor: Who presents Sal Lucille to receive the blessings of Holy Baptism? Parents & Sponsors: We do.

#### **Role of the Parents and Sponsors**

One: In love you have presented Sal Lucille for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully care for her and help her in every way God gives you opportunity, that Sal Lucille may bear witness to the faith we hold, and that, living in the covenant of her Baptism and in Communion with the people of God, she may lead a life of goodness and service all her days. Parents and grandparents, do you promise to fulfill these obligations? If so, please answer, "I do."

#### Prayer

Pastor: Holy God, we give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

By the baptism of his own death and resurrection, your beloved Son, Jesus the Christ, has set us free from the final power of sin and death, and has opened the way to everlasting life. He made water a sign of cleansing and of birth into the family of God. As Jesus' followers, we do as he taught us, making disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit so that Sal Lucille may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as your own children, inheritors of your glorious kingdom.

All: Amen.

#### \*Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### The Baptism

#### **Baptismal Prayer**

Pastor: Lord God, we give you thanks for freeing your children from the power of sin and for raising them up to new life through this holy washing. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon Sal Lucille: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and respect for the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

#### All: Amen.

#### The Mark of Christ

Sal Lucille, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

#### Presentation of the Baptismal Candle

One: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify our good God in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

## Greeting of the Child by the Congregation

- Pastor: Through Baptism, God has made this sister of ours a member of the ministry of reconciliation we all share in Christ Jesus. May we proclaim the greatness and love of God and bear God's creative and redeeming Word to all the world.
- People: Sal Lucille, we welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same God, and a worker with us in the Kingdom of God. Amen.

Pastor: Peace be with you. Parents & Sponsors: Peace be with you.

## **Farewell Blessing for Muriel**

## Blessing of the Hephatha Van

Protect me today in all my travels along the road's way. Give your warning sign if danger is near so that I may stop while the path is clear. Be at my window and direct me through when the vision blurs from out of the blue. Carry me safely to my destined place, like you carried Christ in your close embrace. Amen.

**Offertory Response** (as gifts are brought forward)

"As the Grains of Wheat" ELW 465 Refrain As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread; So may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.

#### **Prayer of Thanks**

- One: Let us pray. Merciful God,
- Many: in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you embrace our lives with your great love for humanity. With joy and gladness we ask that these gifts may be for many a sign of that love, and that we may continue to share in your divine life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

- Pastor: The Lord be with you.
- Many: And also with you.
- Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
- Many: We lift them to the Lord.
- Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(All Services)

(5:00)

#### Words of Institution

#### The Lord's Prayer (traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### **Communion Meditation**

"Threads of Love"	Lorie Line	(5:00, 8:30)
"Hallelujah"	Leonard Cohen	(10:00)

#### **Post Communion Blessing**

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace and peace.

Many: Amen.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

- One: Let us pray. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- Many: Amen.

#### Benediction

Sending Hy	ymn "This Little Light of Mine" ELW 677	(All Services)
Verse 1	This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine; (sung 3 time Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.	es)
Verse 2	Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine; (sung 3 Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.	times)
Verse 3	Ev'ry where I go, I'm gonna let it shine; (sung 3 times) Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.	
Dismissal		

#### Dismissal

One: Let's do it together now:

Many: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

Muriel: Thanks be to God!

#### Postlude

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"	arr. Lloyd Larson	(5:00, 8:30)
"I Worship You, Almighty God"	Corbett-Wood	(10:00)

## **UNITY Highlights**

Welcome to all of our special guests from Hephatha, Cross, and our ELCA Milwaukee synod! We are delighted and honored to have partners joining us for worship this weekend. Hephatha and Cross Lutheran are our two sister churches in Milwaukee, both of whom inspire us with all the ways they lift up youth, speak out for justice, and jump into action to make the lives of those around them better, safer, healthier, more welcoming and more joyful. And on top of that, they go out of their way to include us in the good work. What a gift! Thanks be to God for partnerships. We also welcome Reverend Afi Dobbins-Mays from our local ELCA synod staff at the 10am service to share a blessing from the wider church for UNITY on Pastor Muriel's departure. Even as the casts evolve may the partnerships grow ever stronger. Rev. Afi, Cross, Hephatha, you are thrice welcome here! Come on in!

We celebrate all the good work happening at Hephatha during this Saturday's service! Check out UNITY's email campaigns and social media pages to see Hephatha superstar Deanna Branch speaking about the lead emergency at the Democratic National Convention and youth efforts around air pollution education at their recently hosted press conference. We also celebrate their long-awaited new VAN, which we will bless as part of the Saturday night service. God bless you, Hephatha Lutheran!

## Fall Worship Schedule Begins September 7/8, Third Sunday Service Back to 10:45am

- Saturdays at 5:00 at COL
- Sundays 8:30 at COL, 9:30am at CTK, 10:45am at COL

This fall we will return to our previous scheduled third service time of 10:45am. We had liked the easy-to-remember 8:30/9:30/10:30 schedule but our in-between services education hour suffered and staffing was complex. It is our hope that the extra 15 minutes will allow more time for more robust education opportunities for adults and confirmation students between services, as well as pastors and musicians traveling between campuses.

**Registration is LIVE on our website for Sunday School and Music Groups for Kids, Youth, and Adults!** This year's Sunday School program for kids PreK-grade 6 will run at all service times, both campuses, and music groups for ALL ages 3K-adult (kids and adult choirs, beginning and advanced handbells), all on Tuesday nights. Check out the Education and Music Opportunities sections below for more info.

**Online Worship Live-Streamed:** We are now live streaming our 8:30 am COL service using a new system and process, which allows us to stream directly to Vimeo instead of Facebook. It can also be viewed on our website at any later time. Thank you in advance for your patience as we work through the new process.

## Summer Worship Hours run through September 1 (Labor Day Weekend)

- Saturdays at 5:00 at COL
- Sundays at 8:30 at COL
- Sundays at 10:00 at CTK Outside in the Pavilion (weather permitting)

For those needing extra consideration in accessing the pavilion, you are welcome to get dropped off on the driveway in front of the pavilion, or if driving, park along the edge of the drive near the pavilion, leaving access to other vehicles for dropping off/picking up.

## **UNITY's Outdoor Concerts in the Pavilion**

Thanks to *Tonight Only* for a fun night of great music under the stars on Wednesday 8/21! And the Ice Cream Truck was a big hit as well. Mark your calendars so you don't miss *Tonight Only* next year: Wednesday July 30, 2025 6:30pm

**Come join us for one more night of wonderful music in the backyard: Monday, August 26th @ 7 PM at CTK - "Unaccompanied Minors" & "Genesis"** from BEHS All are invited to a free concert under CTK's Pavilion. Come enjoy the sounds of two a cappella groups from Brookfield East HS: "Unaccompanied Minors" and "Genesis." (Fun side "note" ... UNITY member Kyra Jester performs with Unaccompanied Minors.)

## $\sim$ Fond Farewell from Muriel $\sim$

Approximately 465 cookies later and our final weekend with you has arrived. We have felt so loved these last few weeks, and so known, and so FED, in every sense of the word! We take courage from that as we launch into our new chapter, carried on your prayers and God's grace and grateful for all we have shared together. You will always be part of us.

When we initially planned for this end-of-August departure back last fall, we assumed we would have a new destination lined up by this time, somewhere we could settle down by family. We... don't! Trying to make such big choices and job search in the midst of our usual life chaos was a bit much, so we decided to just focus all our energy on finishing strong at UNITY and take the fall to regroup. Our kids will return to their Milwaukee schools next month while I take some time off to figure out what is next.

When we decided to defer the move, at first I was disappointed. It seemed like it would be so much cleaner to say goodbye, load up the car, and have you send us off to the next faith community. And for you (and us) to KNOW to where you were sending us!

Honestly, this has been more powerful. You have joined us in the uncertainty in such a beautiful way. You've shared your own stories of moves and big decisions and holy timing, assured us of your prayers, reminded us that God has got this. You are so wise!

Meanwhile you are jumping in with full hearts and such great energy to this next chapter of Unity. What a good instinct on your part! Keep being good to your staff and each other, keep learning from partners, keep ENJOYING being together... all already particular strengths of this place. I am so proud of the work you do here and excited for your future. Count on us to be cheering you on from wherever we are!

Going forward... you have three strong pastors in Eric, Jim, and Sherrie- any connection you make with them is a blessing. Nicole Krause will be the staff contact for all things partners and El Salvador trips. Our partners are one of our best assets and she will steward that well. With council's blessing I will reappear briefly on Confirmation Day to cheer on our former students as they take this big step of faith. I will include info below for nonwork email and phone so you know how to reach us, and we will share news of our plans as they fall into place (they WILL eventually, right? Right??)

There is something sacred in this... that though we will be apart, both Unity and our family will be in this time of change and search together. Let's pray for each other and trust in God's good future! Love lasts forever....

~Muriel

murielotto6@gmail.com / 2773 South Logan Avenue, Milwaukee 53207 / (712) 254-6515

**Celebrations for Mo this Sunday:** We will do blessings in worship, a baptism for her daughter Sal, and a cookie potluck and lunch after the 10am service outside at the Christ the King campus. Sign the card and pastor stole, check out the photo boards, and sing extra loud for all Mo's favorite hymns!

## **Perfect Parting Gifts for Mo:**

If you'd like to contribute to a special gift to what's near and dear to her in honor of her almost 11 years of ministry, you can do that as well in person or online. (Just add "Muriel" in the memo line).

#### And ... Help us Fill A Costume Chest for Muriel!

Other than all the cookies in the kitchen, Mo's favorite thing about this church is the plethora of costume options. Help build a costume collection for Muriel to bring to her next church! Bring in anything you think might be fun, both kid- and adult-sized. Think costumes, hats, masks, Bible story props (new or used!) for vignettes, VBS, Christmas programs, acting out Bible stories, etc. Thanks for everything that has already come in, much of which will be featured in this weekend's vignettes! Last-minute additions welcome. There are fabric labels which you can attach so she will always know from whom costumes are from.

*Keep Connecting with Us!* We love to hear from you! Please continue to reach out to us at any time.

Pastor Jim Ahlquist: jim@unitybrookfield.org Cell: 715-210-2245 Pastor Sherrie Lorbeck: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org Cell: 414-477-7762 Pastor Eric Silberschmidt: eric@unitybrookfield.org Cell: 262-716-9854

Don't know who to contact? Call our Church Office at 262-781-7600. Oftentimes they can assist you with your needs. If not, you will be directed to the proper person. The important thing is to stay in touch with us!

## **Children's Education**

Contact Michelle Aprahamian, c: 414-732-8615, email: michelle@unitybrookfield.org

Any Kids Who Want to be Movie Stars... Join us after 10am worship this Sunday to film VBS music videos! Caitlin Dominski is making teaching videos for VBS songs for use in Sunday School this year and needs back up dancers! She will be in the CTK sanctuary after the 10am service to film. Any kids who want to take part are welcome. Songs will be familiar to any kids who were part of VBS but they will go over the moves again before they record.

**Rally Weekend is approaching fast!** Fall Sunday school starts Sept.7-8 for grades PreK-6. Registration is now **live**, so be sure to register children at unitybrookfield.org for all our Sunday school times.

Attention All Sunday School Teachers! UNITY will again use the Ministry Scheduler Pro (MSP) for scheduling teaching starting with Rally Weekend 2024. You will get emails from Nancy Kostanski, Volunteer Coordinator, before being scheduled asking about service and class preferences, dates you are not available, etc. Once the schedule is produced, you will

get an email with all your scheduled dates, and automatic reminders will come out the week before you are scheduled as well. With the downloadable app you can also see all your information, and that for your family. This was a great help last year making it easier for everyone working with our Sunday School kids!

*A New Way to Help!* Sunday School Support Person - You will work with a team of volunteers on a weekly rotating schedule so that you would help with Sunday school 1-2 times per month. Support persons are there to assist the Sunday school leader. You might help with a craft, assist a child who needs a bathroom break or a walk in the hallway or some quiet time outside of the classroom. You are an extra set of hands to gather supplies or help with clean-up. You are the "go to" for any last minute or unexpected needs. No teaching experience is necessary. Just a love for kids and an understanding of the impact one caring adult can have on the life of a child on their Faith journey.

**Thank you to all our Sunday School leaders!** We appreciate all your time, energy and love for our kids. We are grateful you are on this faith journey with us.

## Mark your Calendars:

- Confirmation Wrap Up September 8 4:30-7:30pm at CTK. Parents join us at 6 for dinner and logistic planning for their big graduation day on either September 14 or 15. We need parent volunteers to shop for food and help serve dinner. Please contact Nicole Krause at <u>nicole@unitybrookfield.org</u> or Sherrie Lorbeck at <u>sherrie@unitybrookfield.org</u> if you're interested.
- Senior High Kick-Off September 8 6-7:30pm at CTK. Sr. High will join the confirmation group for dinner, and to meet, play games, and make new connections.
- Confirmation Weekend September 14-15, 2024 (9th graders graduating program) Come celebrate with our confirmation students and their families. As this group affirms their baptism, we pray this is just the beginning of their faith journey and that they continue to stay connected with each other through UNITY. We look forward to celebrating this very special milestone with this fine group of students.
- Confirmation Kick-Off September 15, 2024 (4-6pm at CTK campus, students and parent volunteers)
- Confirmation Orientation / Info Meeting September 18, 2024 (6:15-7:45pm at COL, Students and parents)
- Bible Basics class Thursday September 19, 2024 6:30-7:30pm at COL campus. This is for all second grade and older students who have not yet received their Adventure Bible. Bring an adult with you to class. We will explore the Bible, play a game, and celebrate with ice cream.
- Bible presentation weekend September 21-22, 2024. Students in second grade and older will be presented with their very own Adventure Bible at the service of your choice, Saturday at 5:00pm or Sunday at 8:30am, 9:30am, or 10:45am.

• September 25, 2024 - Confirmation classes start Wednesdays 6:15-7:45pm, COL

## **Servant Ministries**

Contact Ellen Vermillion, c: 262-565-8512, e: evermill61@gmail.com or Nicole Krause, e: nicole@unitybrookfield.org

## Serenity Inns - Celebration of Recovery - Thursday, September 12

Please join us for the Serenity Inns (SI) Annual Celebration of Recovery event

- As in years past, UNITY will cover half of the \$125 per person cost of the event
- Mail in your RSVP card and a check for \$62.50 per person
- Or...there is Online Registration ~ go to https://www.serenityinns.org/events

- UNITY will then send in the balance due for this event to SI (please let Brian Flynn know when you have registered)

## Event Details:

5:00pm - Doors Open ~ Silent Auction & Raffle 6:30pm - Dinner Italian Community Center 631 E. Chicago Street Milwaukee, WI 53202 (Free Parking South of Building)

## Evening Highlights

Master of Ceremonies: Mark Strehlow ~ CBS58

- Serenity Inns Resident

- Alumnus of the Year
- Recognition of Community Partner Silent Auction & Raffle events (Cash, Check, Credit Card)

Contact Brian Flynn with any questions: 414-803-6025 or bflynner@aol.com

**Volunteer Treasurer Needed for Bread of Healing Clinic, 10/hrs/month.** We give thanks for UNITY member Doreen Brecheisen who has served as the treasurer for our free clinic partner in Milwaukee for the last 4 years, and are looking for the next great person to fill the role. Might this be your next calling? The role involves working with the accountant's financials to produce monthly reports for the board and assist with the budget. A combination of monthly in-person meetings and working from home. About 10 hours/week. Accounting background and knowledge of quickbooks would be big assets. Doreen (norskjohnson@gmail.com) would be happy to talk with anyone interested in the role or you can reach out directly to Barb Horner-Ibler at the clinic: (414) 313-9430. This is an organization you would be proud to support. Thanks for considering and spreading the word.

**Ongoing Service Opportunities:** UNITY has standing volunteer "shifts" at various partners that we commit to covering as a church. Each one is coordinated by a different UNITY member... each one has its own sign up page on the church website... and each one is an opportunity for you!

- Waukesha Food Pantry Food Distribution: Each month, 4th Saturday, 9am-12pm; 5th Monday 5:30 8 pm.
- Serenity Inns Recovery Program Fellowship Dinners: cook, deliver, or serve a meal for 12 residents. Each month, 1st Sunday & 2nd Friday, 6 7pm. Kids welcome.

## Save the Dates for 2025 El Salvador Trips:

- February 15-22 Medical/Education Clinic;
- August 5-12 Relationship-Building Summer Trip.

#### **Property Needs**

Contact Al Bengston, c: 414-322-6445, email: abengston4@gmail.com or Property Manager Denny Thompson, c: 262-844-0556, email: dennyt325@yahoo.com

**Lawn Mowers:** Thanks to all who have been faithfully keeping our properties cut and looking beautiful! There's still lots of openings going forward. Please use our online sign up, and let's get the roster full. If you need a tutorial or have any questions, contact Property Chair, Al Bengston.

#### **Adult Programs**

Contact: Todd Blatnik, email: todd.blatnik@wi.rr.com or Matt Griepentrog, c: 262-787-8820, e: matt@unitybrookfield.org

**Sheepshead Small Group Begins September 5**. Play Sheepshead with us on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month, 6:30pm at our Christ the King campus. Sheepshead is a 5-player trump-style partner card game, a bit complicated to learn but addictive once you've got it. Beginners or those interested in learning are welcome to join the group, we are happy to teach you. We will meet twice a month for September-November and then determine if we need to adjust numbers, frequency, etc. Contact is Mary Huss (mhwis@hotmail.com).

**Lunch Bunch** - Join us the second Wednesday of each month at 11:30 am at Maxim's. (18025 W. Capitol Drive in Brookfield.) The next meeting is **September 11**. Everyone is welcome, no matter your age or stage: younger, older, singles, couples, regular or occasional. Just show up because the nice thing about Maxim's is that seating is endlessly expandable. And, if you have any questions before you come, Esther McKee is your point person: (262) 246-6443.

**NEW Monday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Eric! - Mondays at 10 AM @ COL, beginning September 16th:** Looking for a weekly bible study group? Pastor Eric has just what you're looking for! Start your week with Eric as he leads a study that follows the worship lectionary. You'll take a deep dive into the weekly scripture readings. Meets in Room 202 @ COL.

**Theology on Tap Returns! - Tuesday September 17th: 7:30 PM @ Raised Grain Brewing.** Enjoy good beer, good conversations, and God. Non-beer drinkers welcome; must be 21 or older. Contact Matt at matt@unitybrookfield.org to tap into more info... or just show up at Raised Grain! Located at 1725 Dolphin Drive, Waukesha.

Men's Third Saturday Breakfast returns Saturday, September 21, 7:30-9:00 am at COL campus. We get together, survive our own cooking and talk about the readings used in worship that weekend. Never tried it out? Been part of it for years? Either way, how about joining us on September 21st?

**Tool Time - Men's Service Morning - Sat September 21st: 9-11 AM @ CTK** - Get together with some other UNITY men and dust off your power tools as we build wood planter boxes for the COL campus. We will be working outside at the CTK campus. Visit the signup genius page to sign up - you can also sign up to bring any tools you have to help us complete the job! Please bring your own safety gear. (You're also welcome to join the Men's Breakfast Crew before our project at COL at 7:30 am for breakfast and a devo.)

## Watch for these upcoming adult forums:

- September 22nd, 9:30 AM COL Finance Forum: Topics of YOUR Choosing! The Stewardship Team will be discussing All-Things-Financial and we invite YOU to choose the topics!
- September 29, 9:30 AM COL Summer Trip Sharing

Adult Programs is beginning to brainstorm programming ideas for fall and winter planning. If you have any ideas for groups, events, studies, or speakers that you'd like us to know about, please reach out to our new Adult Programs chairperson, Todd Blatnik, at todd.blatnik@wi.rr.com.

## **UNITY Member Care**

Contact: Jim Ahlquist-Member Care Minister, e: jim@unitybrookfield.org, c: 715-210-2245 Sherrie Lorbeck, sherrie@unitybrookfield.org, c: 414-477-7762 Muriel Otto, e: muriel@unitybrookfield.org, c: 712-254-6515

# Grief Group will next meet the 4th Wednesday of August from 6:30-8:00 pm at COL - *When Life Isn't the Same ....*

If you have lost a spouse or a parent or someone else close to you, the grieving doesn't end after the funeral. We invite you to a safe space where you can share more about where you are at in your journey ... learn more about the stages of grief ... and get help finding your way through what you need most for the road ahead.

We invite you to join us for our Grief Group. **Our next meeting will be held August 28 from 6:30-8:00 pm at our Cross of Life campus in Room 202**. These gatherings will be led by Pastor Jim Ahlquist and Nicole Krause. If this is the right time for you, or if someone you know could benefit from being a part of this, please join us! If you have questions or just want to discuss whether this is the right place for you, contact Pastor Jim at jim@unitybrookfield.org or 715-210-2245.

**UNITY Member Care is always here for you.** You don't have to face life's ups and downs alone. Whether it's an unexpected hospitalization, a recent diagnosis, the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, addiction, anxiety, depression, or virtually anything else, the pastors are only a call, text, or email away. Please **never** hesitate to reach out -- whether we're the only stop you'll make or just the first step in a longer care process.

**Prayer Place cards-** If you have a prayer request that you would like included in the Prayers for Friends and Family section in the bulletin, there are cards available in the narthex near the bulletin board. You can fill out the request and pin it to the bulletin board or place it in the basket and it will be included in the upcoming bulletin. These prayer requests will stay for 4 weeks and then if you need further prayer, repost as often as needed. Any questions, please contact Nancy by phone or email nancy@unitybrookfield.org

#### Worship & Music Opportunities

Children's Choirs, Contact Janet Day, c: 414-975-0286, e: janetday4@me.com Fellowship Choir, Contact Molly Pufall-Brown, c: 920-265-6881, e: mpufall@gmail.com Handbells & Praise Band, Contact Stacey Nordmeyer, c: 414-617-7673, e: staceynordmeyer72@icloud.com

- All-Music Tuesdays resume in September and sign ups are now live! We rehearse every Tuesday night (except for holiday weeks, which will be communicated) through mid-May. Come join us in making Glorious music, even if you can't make it every week. Nursery and child care will be available. Parents, join an adult music group that rehearses on the same night as your child's youth music group! No auditions are necessary. Sign ups are now live when you go to the UNITY Choirs link on our webpage http://unitybrookfield.org/ music.htm or talk to any of our music staff if you have questions.
- JOYFUL NOISE MUSIC MAKERS starts September 24 Ages PreK–Grade 1 6:00pm to 6:30pm Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall Directed by Janet Day While learning beginning music concepts, the Joyful Noise Music Makers will sing songs, play music games, play instruments, move and rejoice, and most importantly, have fun in a safe, group setting!
- CELEBRATION MUSIC MAKERS starts September 24 Ages Grade 2–Grade 6 Tuesdays: 6:30pm to 7:15pm Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall Directed by Janet Day While learning elementary music concepts, the Celebration Choir will have units on World Music Drumming, Orff Instruments, Recorders, Bucket Drumming, Boomwhackers, Ukuleles, Hand Chimes all while singing praises and learning to work together in a group to share our talents in worship service once a month.
- HOSANNA BELLS starts September 24 Ages Grade 6–Beginning Adult Tuesdays: 7:15pm to 8:00pm Cross of Life Sanctuary Join the fun! Play handbells with your friends and family to share an anthem in a worship service once a month. This beginning handbell group will teach handbell playing techniques, challenge and improve your musical skills, develop teamwork, improve your physical coordination, attention span, and self-discipline, teach patience and cooperation, and so much more. A great group for a parent and child music experience!
- FELLOWSHIP CHOIR starts September 10 Ages 7th Grade-Adult Tuesdays: 7:15pm to 8:15pm • Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall • Directed by Molly Pufall-Brown • Accompanied by Lynn Key • Let's sing to the Lord a new song! Join the Fellowship Choir to share your love of music and your Christian faith at the same time. This choral group will rehearse once a week and sing in worship once a month. Whether you are a non-music reader or an experienced sight-singer, you will be able to participate successfully with our choir.
- GLORIA DEI BELLS starts September 10 Ages College–Adult Tuesdays: 6:15pm to 7:15pm Cross of Life Sanctuary Directed by Stacey Nordmeyer. This intermediate/ advanced handbell ensemble will challenge and improve your musical skills. This group rehearses once a week and plays in worship once a month. Think of all the benefits of playing in an accomplished handbell ensemble PLUS you get to spend the evening with wonderful friends who share the same interests and love of music. What could be better?

## Sr. High and Young Adults

Contact Ryan Johnson, c: 262-825-7331, e: rmjohnson@gmail.com or Sherrie Lorbeck, c: 414-477-7762 e: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org Matt Griepentrog, c: 262-787-8820, e: matt@unitybrookfield.org

**Tuesday, August 27th from 5:30-9:30** - Join us for a special outing to watch the Dockhounds! Meet at COL at 5:30PM and return around 9:30. We will be in a Dockhounds Dock, which is a special pontoon seating area. We will also be cheering on UNITY's own Mitchell Mueller, who is on the Dockhounds roster! Tickets are \$20 per person and include 2 sodas. You are welcome to bring your own money for other concessions. Parents, you are welcome to attend as well. If you'd like to help as a driver, please let us know and we'll cover the cost of your ticket. Questions? Get in touch with Matt at 262-787-8820.

Senior High Kick-Off - September 8 - 6-7:30pm at CTK. Sr. High Sr. High will kick off our year by joining the confirmation wrap-up group for dinner, and to meet, play games, and make new connections.

#### Save the date: July 19-26, 2025 Boundary Waters

UNITY Lutheran Church - Staff Directory			
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The altar flowers are given by Lynn & Jeff Key in honor of Pastor Muriel's years of Ministry with UNITY

Thank you to Melissa Grabowski for arranging the altar flowers this weekend

This weekend's communion breads were baked by Diane Kotula

## **Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members**

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

#### **Cross of Life Campus**

Joseph Nutt, Judie McGhee, Judy Kolstad, Linda Langer, Sandi John, Jerry Buenger, Karen Beres, Bob Rusk, Debbie Horne, Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Ardyce Myhre, Paula Dryer, Marlene Jernberg, John Vaughan, Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Alyce Vollan, Barb Purnell, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

### **Christ the King Campus**

Parker Godfrey, Ann Borowski, Dawn Suharski, Fred Petran, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Dave Rau

> We pray our prayers of sympathy for family and loved ones as they mourn the death of a loved one:

## **Cross of Life Campus**

Robert Morstad, father of Jamie Pratt Michael Lemke, friend of multiple UNITY COL families Judy Gosseck, aunt of Michelle Aprahamian, great aunt of Madison Arredondo

> We give a prayer of thanksgiving for the baptism of: Sal Lucille Otto

## **UNITY Prayer Place**

Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.

#### August 24-25

Steve Anderson (in ICU for injuries from a fall), father-in-law of Elizabeth Ehlers Anderson Ryson Furness (surgery), grandson of Laurie Furness Greg Coats (hospitalized), friend of Julie & Steve Schultz Terri Kwiatkowski (stage 4 terminal cancer), friend of Michelle Aprahamian

#### August 17-18

Tony Susa (spinal cord injury), brother-in-law of Vivian Clark Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

#### August 10-11

Sue Taylor (breast cancer), cousin of Debbie Riederer Sadie Nakamura (hospitalized with broken back), granddaughter of Cheryl Caraulia Ron Kadolph (in home hospice for terminal cancer), uncle of Jeff Key Ralph Phillips (lung cancer), uncle of Jolene Epding

#### August 3-4

Tammy Widener (recovering from surgery), cousin of Kim Klug Jack Douglass (skilled care), father of Jane Dowling Donna Funk (bladder cancer/liver issues), daughter of Pearl Haack

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, etc.) overseas and our military personnel: Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank

СТК 5:00 р.т.	Ministers for Saturday, August 24, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader:	Lori Collins, Duane Maas James Lorbeck, Max Herington Dan Collins, Tim Culhane Greg Buck Phil Roemaat Melissa Grabowski, Duane Maas Lynn Key Lynn Key Mark Shady
COL 8:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, August 25, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders: Nursery:	Becky & Patrick Conway Brooke Conway, Lucas Conway Charlie Nass, Kevin Nass Mark Miller Lisa Nass Debbie Riederer, Erica Pergande Jen Nowak Lynn Key Jeff Key Mike Aprahamian Trisha Smith
CTK 10:00 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, August 25, 2024
Greeters: Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants:	Steve Johnson Patricia & Fred Petran Josephine Toussaint, Davy Allar Neal Borkenhagen, Paul Langer Steve Johnson Eloise Toussaint Linda Johnson, Eric Godfrey Barb Borkenhagen

ABC: Barb Borkenhagen Musician: Greg O'Connell Song Leader: Corynn Nordstrom Sunday School Leaders: Jessica Loomis Nursery: Bree Godfrey Coffee: Kathy Grunwald



Fifteenth Weekend after Pentecost

## August 31-September 1, 2024

Saturday, August 31, 2024 5:00 pm COL

Sunday, August 25, 2024 8:30 am COL 10:00 am CTK Outdoor in Pavilion

Live Streamed at 8:30 am Sundays and available Online anytime afterwards

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#### WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH! We're glad you're here today! UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** We're glad to have you with us! If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: unitybrookfield.org for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

- Children. Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- **Nursery.** Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- Sunday School. All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)

## • At UNITY, the Communion Table is:

- Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
- Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
- Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
- We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
- Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
- If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.
- **Pastors.** UNITY is currently served by Pastor Sherrie Lorbeck, Pastor Eric Silberschmidt who is our Interim pastor as we search for two additional pastors. along with Pastor Jim Ahlquist, who is our part time pastoral care pastor and occasional preacher. Most Saturdays, the weekend preacher is the pastor at that service. On Sundays, the preacher for the weekend travels to both campuses to share the message. The other pastor is then based at the COL campus. Feel free to reach out if you need anything or would like to talk more.

**GIVING.** If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay and Venmo are also accepted. Thank you!



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#### Prelude

"Be Still My Soul" "For the Beauty of the Earth" arr. Howlett Kocher/arr. Carter (5:00, 8:30) (10:00)

#### Words of Welcome

#### Invocation

Pastor: We gather in the name of the Holy Trinity, one God, who loves and forgives us and invites us together as a Church family to love and serve others. Amen.

## Sharing the Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Many: And also with you.

## **Call to Worship**

- One: This is the day that the Lord has made!
- Many: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!
- One: As we gather for worship, we confess that ...
- Many: We have honored you with our lips even while we have harmed our neighbors with our tongue.
- One: Dear God, make UNITY into a place where we receive forgiveness and are set free from our sins.
- Many: As a Church family, may we seek to do the right thing instead of seeking to follow the rules.
- One: Mighty God, protect us from the dangers in the world that attack us from the outside.
- Many: Help us remember our Baptism. Your love washes us clean inside and out.
- One: Jesus feeds us here today love in the form of bread and wine.
- Many: May the people of God respond, "This is a simple menu but we are fed and we are full and we are forgiven!
- One: No one knows what challenges this day will bring. No one knows what rules we will break. But we know about God's love and faithfulness.
- Many: This is the day that the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

<b>Opening Hymn</b> "Let Us Go Now to the Ban	<i>quet</i> " ELW 523 vs. 1-3 (All Services)
Refrain	Verse 2
Let us go now to the banquet,	God invites all the poor and hungry
to the feast of the universe.	to the banquet of justice and good
The table's set and a place is waiting;	where the harvest will not be hoarded
Come, everyone, with your gifts to share.	so that no one will lack for food. <i>Refrain</i>
<i>Verse 1</i> I will rise in the early morning; the community's waiting for me. With a spring in my step I'm walking with my friends and my family. <i>Refrain</i>	<i>Verse 3</i> May we build such a place among us where all people are equal in love. God has called us to work together and to share everything we have. <i>Refrain</i>

## **Children's Message**

## Greeting and Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

## Many: And also with you.

- One: Let us pray. O God our strength,
- Many: Without you we are weak and wayward. You don't expect us to simply follow arbitrary rules. Instead, you invite us to follow you and to share your love. Protect us from the dangers that attack us from the outside and cleanse us from the evil that seeks a place inside our hearts. May we always be grateful for your love and faithfulness. Amen.

# The Washing of Holy Baptism Presentation of the Child

This weekend at the 8:30 service, we welcome Logan James Nord. Logan James is presented by his parents, Joshua and Sarah, and her sponsors, Elizabeth Aubart and Andrew Nord.

Pastor: Who presents Logan James to receive the blessings of Holy Baptism? Parents & Sponsors: We do.

## **Role of the Parents and Sponsors**

One: In Christian love you have presented Logan James for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully care for him and help him in every way God gives you opportunity, that Logan James may bear witness to the faith we hold, and that, living in the covenant of her Baptism and in Communion with the people of God, he may lead a life of goodness and service until the day of Jesus Christ. Parents and sponsors, do you promise to fulfill these obligations? If so, please answer, "I do."

#### Prayer

Pastor: Holy God, we give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

By the baptism of his own death and resurrection, your beloved Son, Jesus the Christ, has set us free from the final power of sin and death, and has opened the way to everlasting life. He made water a sign of cleansing and of birth into the family of God. As Jesus' followers, we do as he taught us, making disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit so that Logan James may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as your own children, inheritors of your glorious kingdom.

All: Amen.

#### \*Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Baptism

#### **Baptismal Prayer**

Pastor: Lord God, we give you thanks for freeing your children from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy washing. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon Logan James: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and respect for the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

All: Amen.

## The Mark of Christ

Logan James, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

## Presentation of the Baptismal Candle

One: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

# Greeting of the Child by the Congregation

- Pastor: Through Baptism, God has made this brother of ours a member of the ministry of reconciliation we all share in Christ Jesus. May we proclaim the greatness and love of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.
- People: Logan James, we welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly father, and a worker with us in the Kingdom of God. Amen.

Pastor: Peace be with you.

Parents & Sponsors: Peace be with you.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

"Celtic Alleluia"

ELW 174

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

## Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Mark's gospel depicts Jesus as challenging traditional ways in which religious people determine what is pure or impure. For Jesus, the observance of religious practices cannot become a substitute for godly words or deeds that spring from a faithful heart..

## One: The Gospel according to Mark, the seventh chapter

## Many: Glory to you, O Lord

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips,

but their hearts are far from me;

<sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me,

teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

<sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

<sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.

<sup>21</sup>"For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

One: The Word of the Lord!

Many: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Show and Tell"

<b>Hymn of the Day</b> <i>Verse 1</i> Let us build a house wh and all can safely live, a place where saints and how hearts learn to forg Built of hopes and dream rock of faith and vault of here the love of Christ s	l children tell ive. ns and visions, of grace;	ELW 641 vs. 1, 3 & 4 Verse 3 Let us build a house where lo in water, wine and wheat: a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet Here the love of God, through is revealed in time and space; as we share in Christ the feast <i>Refrain</i>	l n Jesus,
<i>Refrain</i> All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.		Verse 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and danger: <i>Refrain</i>	
Baptismal Hymn "	Borning Cry"	ELW 732	(8:30)

## The Prayers of the People

One:	Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people
	according to their needs.
	(Congregation response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer.")
Pastor:	Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your
	mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Many:	Amen.

#### **Announcements and Offering**

## **Offertory Response** (as gifts are brought forward)

*"As the Grains of Wheat"* ELW 465 Refrain As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread; So may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.

## **Prayer of Thanks**

One: Let us pray. Gracious God,

Many: in the abundance of your steadfast love, you call us from death to life, from silence to speech, from idleness to action. With these gifts we offer ourselves to you, and with the Church through all the ages we give thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(All Services)

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## Words of Institution

## The Lord's Prayer (Ecumenical)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

## **Communion Meditation**

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"	Mason	(5:00, 8:30)
"When We Are Living"	Spanish Melody/arr. Carter	(10:00)

## **Post Communion Blessing**

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace and peace.

Many: Amen.

## **Prayer after Communion**

One: Let us pray. Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

## Many: Amen.

## Benediction

Sending Hy	mn "The Lord Now Sends Us Forth" ELW 538	(All Services)
Section 1	The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give, to make of all the earth a better place to live. ( <i>Repeat Section 1</i> )	
Section 2	The angels are not sent into our world of pain to do what we were meant to do in Jesus' name; that falls to you and me and all who are made free. Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will today. <i>(Repeat Section</i> )	2)

## Dismissal

One:	Go in peace, serve the Lord!
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#### Many: Thanks be to God!

## Postlude

"Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty"	Bob Fitts	(5:00, 8:30)
"Fantasy on Holy Manna"	Carter	(10:00)

# **UNITY Highlights**

Welcome to Worship this Labor Day weekend as we give thanks to God for all who labor, so that we are able to benefit from all the blessings we need and use each day. May workers everywhere get the rest they need so they have strength for the work that lies ahead. May we be purposeful in the gift of Sabbath today and every week that God created for us all. Children are invited to stay in worship this weekend or play in the nursery as we take a break from Sunday School. Next weekend though begins a new Sunday School year, so please register your child(ren) on our website so that we can be ready to welcome them by name!

# Fall Worship Schedule Begins next weekend - September 7/8 , Third Sunday Service Back to 10:45am

- Saturdays at 5:00 at COL
- Sundays 8:30 at COL, 9:30am at CTK, 10:45am at COL

Our 9:30 worship at the CTK campus will continue for a few more weeks outdoors in the pavilion as long as the weather cooperates. Our last Sunday worship will return to our previous scheduled third service time of 10:45am at the COL campus. We had liked the easy-to-remember 8:30/9:30/10:30 schedule but our in-between services education hour suffered and staffing was complex. It is our hope that the extra 15 minutes will allow more time for more robust education opportunities for adults and confirmation students between services, as well as pastors and musicians traveling between campuses.

# ~ Fond Farewell from Muriel ~

Approximately 465 cookies later and our final weekend with you has arrived. We have felt so loved these last few weeks, and so known, and so FED, in every sense of the word! We take courage from that as we launch into our new chapter, carried on your prayers and God's grace and grateful for all we have shared together. You will always be part of us.

When we initially planned for this end-of-August departure back last fall, we assumed we would have a new destination lined up by this time, somewhere we could settle down by family. We... don't! Trying to make such big choices and job search in the midst of our usual life chaos was a bit much, so we decided to just focus all our energy on finishing strong at UNITY and take the fall to regroup. Our kids will return to their Milwaukee schools next month while I take some time off to figure out what is next.

When we decided to defer the move, at first I was disappointed. It seemed like it would be so much cleaner to say goodbye, load up the car, and have you send us off to the next faith community. And for you (and us) to KNOW to where you were sending us!

Honestly, this has been more powerful. You have joined us in the uncertainty in such a beautiful way. You've shared your own stories of moves and big decisions and holy timing, assured us of your prayers, reminded us that God has got this. You are so wise!

Meanwhile you are jumping in with full hearts and such great energy to this next chapter of Unity. What a good instinct on your part! Keep being good to your staff and each other, keep learning from partners, keep ENJOYING being together... all already particular strengths of this place. I am so proud of the work you do here and excited for your future. Count on us to be cheering you on from wherever we are!

Going forward... you have three strong pastors in Eric, Jim, and Sherrie- any connection you make with them is a blessing. Nicole Krause will be the staff contact for all things partners and El Salvador trips. Our partners are one of our best assets and she will steward that well. With council's blessing I will reappear briefly on Confirmation Day to cheer on our former students as they take this big step of faith. I will include info below for nonwork email and phone so you know how to reach us, and we will share news of our plans as they fall into place (they WILL eventually, right? Right??)

There is something sacred in this... that though we will be apart, both UNITY and our family will be in this time of change and search together. Let's pray for each other and trust in God's good future! Love lasts forever...

~Muriel murielotto6@gmail.com / 2773 South Logan Avenue, Milwaukee 532

**Registration is LIVE on our website for Sunday School and Music Groups for Kids, Youth, and Adults!** This year's Sunday School program for kids PreK-grade 6 will run at all service times, both campuses, and music groups for ALL ages 3K-adult (kids and adult choirs, beginning and advanced handbells), all on Tuesday nights. Check out the Education and Music Opportunities sections below for more info.

**Online Worship Live-Streamed:** We are now live streaming our 8:30 am COL service using a new system and process, which allows us to stream directly to Vimeo instead of Facebook. It can also be viewed on our website at any later time. Please help us out and sit in the front so it doesn't look like no one is in worship! Thank you in advance for your patience as we work through the new process. The feedback that we have received so far from members who are homebound or who live further away is that it's so nice to see people they know and love. It feels like they are right with us in worship. The video and the audio quality is also so much better with our new equipment than where we first started in 2020.

Thank you to all the Flower Sponsors that help keep our Altars looking beautiful each week with Flowers! There are many dates still available. If you want to celebrate, honor or remember someone special through altar flowers, just go to the UNITY webpage. All the details you need are on the SignUp Genius. This is a convenient way to choose a weekend and campus at any time, and the cost is only \$25 (payable by check or online). We have several volunteers who are responsible for arranging a beautiful vase of flowers on your given weekend. You can take flowers home at the end of the weekend's last service, but please return the vase as soon as you can. Keep them watered and you can enjoy them another week or two!

*Keep Connecting with Us!* We love to hear from you! Please continue to reach out to us at any time.

Pastor Jim Ahlquist:	Pastor Sherrie Lorbeck:	Pastor Eric Silberschmidt:
jim@unitybrookfield.org	sherrie@unitybrookfield.org	eric@unitybrookfield.org
Cell: 715-210-2245	Cell: 414-477-7762	Cell: 262-716-9854

Don't know who to contact? Call our Church Office at 262-781-7600. Oftentimes they can assist you with your needs. If not, you will be directed to the proper person. The important thing is to stay in touch with us!

# **Children's Education**

Contact Michelle Aprahamian, c: 414-732-8615, email: michelle@unitybrookfield.org

# There is no Sunday School this weekend - Happy Labor Day!

**Next Weekend we Rally back to Sunday School! Register now to help us plan for the year.** Registering your child for Sunday School is Important! The database helps with communications and announcements for all events and activities throughout the year. Fall Sunday school starts Sept.7-8 for grades PreK-6. Registration is live, so be sure to register at unitybrookfield.org for all our Sunday school times.

**Rally Weekend: Sunday School Meet & Greet:** Sunday School families - come to our *Meet & Greet* during Rally Weekend! Parents of Preschoolers and those NEW to Sunday School. You're invited to tag along with your child during Sunday School to help with the transition and learn more about what happens. If you'd like, you'll be notified when it's Communion time and you can head back to church while your child finishes with their activities. **ALL Families**: After each worship, Sunday School Leaders will bring the kids to the Fellowship Hall at COL and the Narthex at CTK so families and teachers can take time to meet, talk, and enjoy refreshments together.

Attention All Sunday School Teachers! UNITY will again use the Ministry Scheduler Pro (MSP) for scheduling teaching starting with Rally Weekend 2024. You will get emails from Nancy Kostanski, Volunteer Coordinator, before being scheduled asking about service and class preferences, dates you are not available, etc. Once the schedule is produced, you will get an email with all your scheduled dates, and automatic reminders will come out the week before you are scheduled as well. With the downloadable app you can also see all your information, and that for your family. This was a great help last year making it easier for everyone working with our Sunday School kids!

*A New Way to Help!* Sunday School Support Person - You will work with a team of volunteers on a weekly rotating schedule so that you would help with Sunday school 1-2 times per month. Support persons are there to assist the Sunday school leader. You might help with a craft, assist a child who needs a bathroom break or a walk in the hallway or some quiet time outside of the classroom. You are an extra set of hands to gather supplies or help with clean-up. You are the "go to" for any last minute or unexpected needs. No teaching experience is necessary. Just a love for kids and an understanding of the impact one caring adult can have on the life of a child on their Faith journey. This position is for anyone in 8th grade through adults.

# Mark your Calendars:

- Confirmation Wrap Up September 8 4:30-7:30pm at CTK. Parents join us at 6 for dinner and logistic planning for their big graduation day on either September 14 or 15. We need parent volunteers to shop for food and help serve dinner. Please contact Nicole Krause at <u>nicole@unitybrookfield.org</u> or Sherrie Lorbeck at <u>sherrie@unitybrookfield.org</u> if you're interested.
- Senior High Kick-Off September 8 6-7:30pm at CTK. Sr. High will join the confirmation group for dinner, and to meet, play games, and make new connections.

- Confirmation Weekend September 14-15, 2024 (9th graders graduating program) Come celebrate with our confirmation students and their families. As this group affirms their baptism, we pray this is just the beginning of their faith journey and that they continue to stay connected with each other through UNITY. We look forward to celebrating this very special milestone with this fine group of students.
- Confirmation Kick-Off September 15, 2024 (4-6pm at CTK campus, students and parent volunteers)
- Confirmation Orientation / Info Meeting September 18, 2024 (6:15-7:45pm at COL, Students and parents)
- Bible Basics class Thursday September 19, 2024 6:30-7:30pm at COL campus. This is for all second grade and older students who have not yet received their Adventure Bible. Bring an adult with you to class. We will explore the Bible, play a game, and celebrate with ice cream.
- Bible presentation weekend September 21-22, 2024. Students in second grade and older will be presented with their very own Adventure Bible at the service of your choice, Saturday at 5:00pm or Sunday at 8:30am, 9:30am, or 10:45am.
- September 25, 2024 Confirmation classes start Wednesdays 6:15-7:45pm, COL

## **Servant Ministries**

Contact Ellen Vermillion, c: 262-565-8512, e: evermill61@gmail.com or Nicole Krause, e: nicole@unitybrookfield.org

# Serenity Inns - Celebration of Recovery - Thursday, September 12 - RSVP's due by <u>Monday, September 2</u>

Please join us for the Serenity Inns (SI) Annual Celebration of Recovery event

- As in years past, UNITY will cover half of the \$125 per person cost of the event
- Mail in your RSVP card and a check for \$62.50 per person
- Or...there is Online Registration ~ go to https://www.serenityinns.org/events

- UNITY will then send in the balance due for this event to SI (please let Brian Flynn know when you have registered)

# Event Details:

5:00pm - Doors Open ~ Silent Auction & Raffle 6:30pm - Dinner Italian Community Center 631 E. Chicago Street Milwaukee, WI 53202 (Free Parking South of Building)

# **Evening Highlights**

Master of Ceremonies: Mark Strehlow ~ CBS58

- Serenity Inns Resident
- Alumnus of the Year
- Recognition of Community Partner
- Silent Auction & Raffle events (Cash,
- Check, Credit Card)

Contact Brian Flynn with any questions: 414-803-6025 or bflynner@aol.com

## Sign Up to Donate at our next Blood Drive, Thursday, September 19, 1pm-6pm

**COL campus.** Sign up is live on the church website. Our heartfelt gratitude to all blood donors and our prayers for healing for all who receive blood products!

**Volunteer Treasurer Needed for Bread of Healing Clinic, 10/hrs/month.** We give thanks for UNITY member Doreen Brecheisen who has served as the treasurer for our free clinic partner in Milwaukee for the last 4 years, and are looking for the next great person to fill the role. Might this be your next calling? The role involves working with the accountant's financials to produce monthly reports for the board and assist with the budget. A combination of monthly in-person meetings and working from home. About 10 hours/week. Accounting background and knowledge of quickbooks would be big assets. Doreen (norskjohnson@gmail.com) would be happy to talk with anyone interested in the role or you can reach out directly to Barb Horner-Ibler at the clinic: (414) 313-9430. This is an organization you would be proud to support. Thanks for considering and spreading the word.

**Ongoing Service Opportunities:** UNITY has standing volunteer "shifts" at various partners that we commit to covering as a church. Each one is coordinated by a different UNITY member... each one has its own sign up page on the church website... and each one is an opportunity for you!

- Waukesha Food Pantry Food Distribution: Each month, 4th Saturday, 9am-12pm; 5th Monday 5:30 8 pm.
- Serenity Inns Recovery Program Fellowship Dinners: cook, deliver, or serve a meal for 12 residents. Each month,1st Sunday & 2nd Friday, 6 7pm. Kids welcome.

## Save the Dates for 2025 El Salvador Trips:

- February 15-22 Medical/Education Clinic;
- August 5-12 Relationship-Building Summer Trip.

## **Property Needs**

Contact Al Bengston, c: 414-322-6445, email: allanbengst234@gmail.com or Property Manager Denny Thompson, c: 262-844-0556, email: dennyt325@yahoo.com

**Lawn Mowers:** Thanks to all who have been faithfully keeping our properties cut and looking beautiful! There's still lots of openings going forward. Please use our online sign up, and let's get the roster full. If you need a tutorial or have any questions, contact Property Chair, Al Bengston.

## **Adult Programs**

Contact: Todd Blatnik, email: todd.blatnik@wi.rr.com or Matt Griepentrog, c: 262-787-8820, e: matt@unitybrookfield.org

**Sheepshead Small Group Begins September 5**. Play Sheepshead with us on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month, 6:30pm at our Christ the King campus. Sheepshead is a 5-player trump-style partner card game, a bit complicated to learn but addictive once you've got it. Beginners or those interested in learning are welcome to join the group, we are happy to teach you. We will meet twice a month for September-November and then determine if we need to adjust numbers, frequency, etc. Contact is Mary Huss (mhwis@hotmail.com).

Lunch Bunch - Join us the second Wednesday of each month at 11:30 am at Maxim's. (18025 W. Capitol Drive in Brookfield.) The next meeting is **September 11**. Everyone is welcome, no matter your age or stage: younger, older, singles, couples, regular or occasional. Just show up because the nice thing about Maxim's is that seating is endlessly expandable. And, if you have any questions before you come, Esther McKee is your point person: (262) 246-6443.

**NEW Monday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Eric! - Mondays at 10 AM @ COL, beginning September 16th:** Looking for a weekly bible study group? Pastor Eric has just what you're looking for! Start your week with Eric as he leads a study that follows the worship lectionary. You'll take a deep dive into the weekly scripture readings. Meets in Room 202 @ COL.

**Theology on Tap Returns! - Tuesday September 17th: 7:30 PM @ Raised Grain Brewing.** Enjoy good beer, good conversations, and God. Non-beer drinkers welcome; must be 21 or older. Contact Matt at matt@unitybrookfield.org to tap into more info... or just show up at Raised Grain! Located at 1725 Dolphin Drive, Waukesha.

Men's Third Saturday Breakfast returns Saturday, September 21, 7:30-9:00 am at COL campus. We get together, survive our own cooking and talk about the readings used in worship that weekend. Never tried it out? Been part of it for years? Either way, how about joining us on September 21st?

**Tool Time - Men's Service Morning - Saturday September 21st: 9-11 AM** @ CTK - Get together with some other UNITY men and dust off your power tools as we build wood planter boxes for the COL campus. We will be working outside at the CTK campus. Visit the signup genius page to sign up - you can also sign up to bring any tools you have to help us complete the job! Please bring your own safety gear. (You're also welcome to join the Men's Breakfast Crew before our project at COL at 7:30 am for breakfast and a devo.)

# Watch for these upcoming adult forums:

- September 22nd, 9:30 AM COL Finance Forum: Topics of YOUR Choosing! The Stewardship Team will be discussing All-Things-Financial and we invite YOU to choose the topics!
- September 29, 9:30 AM COL Summer Trip Sharing Whether you traveled with us or journeyed vicariously through our "Come Away with Jesus" webpage, come and hear (and see) about our summer trips from the travelers who were there! This summer's experiences were both uplifting and grounding (literally, thanks to our camping), so come live out the fun for yourself.

# Do You Have Ideas for Adult Programming? Let Us Know!

Adult Programs is beginning to brainstorm programming ideas for fall and winter planning. If you have any ideas for groups, events, studies, or speakers that you'd like us to know about, please reach out to our new Adult Programs chairperson, Todd Blatnik, at todd.blatnik@wi.rr.com.

# **UNITY Member Care**

Contact: Jim Ahlquist-Member Care Minister, e: jim@unitybrookfield.org, c: 715-210-2245 Sherrie Lorbeck, sherrie@unitybrookfield.org, c: 414-477-7762 Muriel Otto, e: muriel@unitybrookfield.org, c: 712-254-6515

# Grief Group will next meet Monday, September 9th and Tuesday, September 24th from 6:30-8:00 pm at COL - *When Life Isn't the Same* ....

If you have lost a spouse or a parent or someone else close to you, the grieving doesn't end after the funeral. We invite you to a safe space where you can share more about where you are at in your journey ... learn more about the stages of grief ... and get help finding your way through what you need most for the road ahead.

We invite you to join us for our Grief Group. These gatherings will be led by Pastor Jim Ahlquist and Nicole Krause. If this is the right time for you, or if someone you know could benefit from being a part of this, please join us! If you have questions or just want to discuss whether this is the right place for you, contact Pastor Jim at jim@unitybrookfield.org or 715-210-2245.

**UNITY Member Care is always here for you.** You don't have to face life's ups and downs alone. Whether it's an unexpected hospitalization, a recent diagnosis, the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, addiction, anxiety, depression, or virtually anything else, the pastors are only a call, text, or email away. Please **never** hesitate to reach out -- whether we're the only stop you'll make or just the first step in a longer care process.

**Prayer Place cards-** If you have a prayer request that you would like included in the Prayers for Friends and Family section in the bulletin, there are cards available in the narthex near the bulletin board. You can fill out the request and pin it to the bulletin board or place it in the basket and it will be included in the upcoming bulletin. These prayer requests will stay for 4 weeks and then if you need further prayer, repost as often as needed. Any questions, please contact Nancy by phone or email nancy@unitybrookfield.org

## Worship & Music Opportunities

Children's Choirs, Contact Janet Day, c: 414-975-0286, e: janetday4@me.com Fellowship Choir, Contact Molly Pufall-Brown, c: 920-265-6881, e: mpufall@gmail.com Handbells & Praise Band, Contact Stacey Nordmeyer, c: 414-617-7673, e: staceynordmeyer72@icloud.com

**Instrument Petting Zoos to be held during all Sunday School classes Rally Weekend!** Kids! Get to know the instruments at UNITY at our Instrument Petting Zoos held during all Sunday School classes on Rally Weekend! Be sure to join us September 7-8 to find out which instrument YOU like best. Once you find your favorite instrument, consider joining a music group! Check out descriptions and rehearsal schedules below.

**All-Music Tuesdays resume in September and sign ups are now live!** We rehearse every Tuesday night (except for holiday weeks, which will be communicated) through mid-May. Come join us in making Glorious music, even if you can't make it every week. Nursery and child care will be available. Parents, join an adult music group that rehearses on the same

night as your child's youth music group! No auditions are necessary. Sign ups are now live when you go to the UNITY Choirs link on our webpage http://unitybrookfield.org/music.htm or talk to any of our music staff if you have questions.

- JOYFUL NOISE MUSIC MAKERS starts September 24 Ages PreK–Grade 1 6:00pm to 6:30pm Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall Directed by Janet Day While learning beginning music concepts, the Joyful Noise Music Makers will sing songs, play music games, play instruments, move and rejoice, and most importantly, have fun in a safe, group setting!
- CELEBRATION MUSIC MAKERS starts September 24 Ages Grade 2–Grade 6 Tuesdays: 6:30pm to 7:15pm • Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall • Directed by Janet Day • While learning elementary music concepts, the Celebration Choir will have units on World Music Drumming, Orff Instruments, Recorders, Bucket Drumming, Boomwhackers, Ukuleles, Hand Chimes all while singing praises and learning to work together in a group to share our talents in worship service once a month.
- HOSANNA BELLS starts September 24 Ages Grade 6–Beginning Adult Tuesdays: 7:15pm to 8:00pm Cross of Life Sanctuary Join the fun! Play handbells with your friends and family to share an anthem in a worship service once a month. This beginning handbell group will teach handbell playing techniques, challenge and improve your musical skills, develop teamwork, improve your physical coordination, attention span, and self-discipline, teach patience and cooperation, and so much more. A great group for a parent and child music experience!
- FELLOWSHIP CHOIR starts September 10 Ages 7th Grade–Adult Tuesdays: 7:15pm to 8:15pm • Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall • Directed by Molly Pufall-Brown • Accompanied by Lynn Key • Let's sing to the Lord a new song! Join the Fellowship Choir to share your love of music and your Christian faith at the same time. This choral group will rehearse once a week and sing in worship once a month. Whether you are a non-music reader or an experienced sight-singer, you will be able to participate successfully with our choir.
- GLORIA DEI BELLS starts September 10 Ages College–Adult Tuesdays: 6:15pm to 7:15pm Cross of Life Sanctuary Directed by Stacey Nordmeyer. This intermediate/ advanced handbell ensemble will challenge and improve your musical skills. This group rehearses once a week and plays in worship once a month. Think of all the benefits of playing in an accomplished handbell ensemble PLUS you get to spend the evening with wonderful friends who share the same interests and love of music. What could be better?

# Sr. High and Young Adults

Contact Ryan Johnson, c: 262-825-7331, e: rmjohnson@gmail.com or Sherrie Lorbeck, c: 414-477-7762 e: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org Matt Griepentrog, c: 262-787-8820, e: matt@unitybrookfield.org

Senior High Kick-Off - September 8 - 6-7:30pm at CTK. Sr. High Sr. High will kick off our year by joining the confirmation wrap-up group for dinner, and to meet, play games, and make new connections.

## Save the date: July 19-26, 2025 Boundary Waters

Partner we are praying for this month: Rutilio Grande in El Salvador

This weekend's communion breads were baked by Kelsey Morrison

# **Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members**

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

#### **Cross of Life Campus**

Joseph Nutt, Judie McGhee, Judy Kolstad, Linda Langer, Sandi John, Jerry Buenger, Karen Beres, Bob Rusk, Debbie Horne, Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Ardyce Myhre, Paula Dryer, Marlene Jernberg, John Vaughan, Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Alyce Vollan, Barb Purnell, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

## Christ the King Campus

Parker Godfrey, Ann Borowski, Dawn Suharski, Fred Petran, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Dave Rau

> We pray our prayers of sympathy for family and loved ones as they mourn the death of a loved one:

> > Ronnie Kadolph, uncle of Jeff Key

Lee Hein and the family of Jo Ann Tomm, on the death of Jo Ann's father, Bill Hein

We give a prayer of thanksgiving for the baptism of: Logan James Nord

# **UNITY Prayer Place**

Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.

## August 31-September 1

Dan Eeg (cancer), friend of Pat & Jane Dowling Hubie Krawczyk (cancer) friend of Pat & Jane Dowling Steve Perry (hospitalized), friend of Steve & Julie Schultz Donna Funk (bladder cancer/liver issues), daughter of Pearl Haack

#### **August 24-25**

Steve Anderson (in ICU for injuries from a fall), father-in-law of Elizabeth Ehlers Anderson Ryson Furness (surgery), grandson of Laurie Furness Greg Coats (hospitalized), friend of Julie & Steve Schultz Terri Kwiatkowski (stage 4 terminal cancer), friend of Michelle Aprahamian

#### August 17-18

Tony Susa (spinal cord injury), brother-in-law of Vivian Clark Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

#### August 10-11

Sue Taylor (breast cancer), cousin of Debbie Riederer Sadie Nakamura (hospitalized with broken back), granddaughter of Cheryl Caraulia Ralph Phillips (lung cancer), uncle of Jolene Epding

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, etc.) overseas and our military personnel: Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank

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COL 5:00 p.m.	Ministers for Saturday, August 31, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound:	Dawn Conlin, Michelle Wilkins Sebastian Dandridge Dennis Horne Kim Klug Lynn Key
COL 8:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, September 1, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders: Nursery:	Barb Consigny Sophia Mrachek Art Keup Leslie O'Connell Kiley Keup Michelle Duerr, Sandi John Sandi John Greg O'Connell Joseph Keup Trisha Smith
CTK 10:00 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, September 1, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader:	Anna Jansson, Dawn Suharski Emma Jansson, Joshua Graesser Melissa Graesser, Harlan Mueller Eric Godfrey Mike Collins Nancy Kostanski, Sharon Giessen



Sixteenth Weekend after Pentecost

September 7-8, 2024

Saturday, September 7, 2024 5:00 pm COL

Sunday, September 8, 2024 8:30 am COL 9:30 am CTK 10:45 am COL

Live Streamed at 8:30 am Sundays and available Online anytime afterwards

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#### WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH! We're glad you're here today! UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** We're glad to have you with us! If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: unitybrookfield.org for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

- Children. Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- **Nursery.** Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- Sunday School. All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)

# • At UNITY, the Communion Table is:

- Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
- Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
- Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
- We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
- Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
- If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.
- **Pastors.** UNITY is currently served by Pastor Sherrie Lorbeck, Pastor Eric Silberschmidt who is our Interim pastor as we search for two additional pastors. along with Pastor Jim Ahlquist, who is our part time pastoral care pastor and occasional preacher. Most Saturdays, the weekend preacher is the pastor at that service. On Sundays, the preacher for the weekend travels to both campuses to share the message. The other pastor is then based at the COL campus. Feel free to reach out if you need anything or would like to talk more.

**GIVING.** If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay and Venmo are also accepted. Thank you!



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## Prelude

"Almost Home"	Praise Band	(5:00, 8:30, 10:45)
"Just As I Am"	arr. Lorie Line	(9:30)

## Words of Welcome

## **Sharing the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Many: And also with you.

## **Call to Worship**

- One: Today is a start...the season opener, so to speak...
- Many: A new beginning. Time to kick-off the Sunday School year. Rally Day!
- One: It's so good to hear all the laughter and conversations and see the smiles of all our kids ready to learn more about Jesus!
- Many: Wait, what about the rest of us? Does that mean we know all there is to know?
- One: So we like to think at times, but not anywhere close and the amazing part about the Scriptures is that God keeps using them to continue to speak to us!

## Many: Wait, what? How?

- One: In every way possible! Through hearing them again and again, listening to that thought that comes to our minds or the words spoken from another, or through a song.
- Many: Right in front of us and yet, so often, we miss the message in our haste or shrug it off as just a coincidence.
- One: Exactly! But you start to get better at that too the more you practice,
- Many: Practice? Are you saying worship is mandatory?
- One: What I said was the time you put into keep on learning and trying to put what you've learned into practice shows over time.
- Many: So what are we waiting for? Come all you people, whatever your age, whether you've been practicing your whole life or this is all brand new, come, now and worship the Lord!

## **Opening Hymn**

"God of Wonders"	Praise Band	(5:00, 8:30, 10:45)
"Come, All You People"	ELW 819	(9:30)

## **Children's Message**

## Greeting and Prayer of the Day

- Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!
- Many: And also with you.
- One: Let us pray. Observant God,
- Many: ...You watch us, not for surveillance but in love. You respond to our needs time and again. Thank you.

Forgive us we pray, for all the times our brothers and sisters cry out in need and we depart from your example....we do not respond.

Give us hope that we are not defined by our failures but your grace. Give us a rich measure of your watchfulness. Shape us, day by day, into your attentive, faithful servants. All this we ask through the love and invitation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anthem"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"arr. Gary Lanier(9:30)Corynn Nordstrom, Clarinet; Greg O'Connell, Piano

# Gospel Acclamation "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" WOV 612 (All Services)

# Gospel: Mark 7:24-37

Before this Jesus has declared that all food is clean, ritual speaking. Through this exchange with a woman outside of the Jewish faith, not only does Jesus' mission become broadened to all people, but this woman is forever changed by Jesus.

One: The Gospel according to Mark, the seventh chapter

# Many: Glory to you, O Lord

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,<sup>25</sup>but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." <sup>29</sup>Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." <sup>30</sup>So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." <sup>35</sup>And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

One: The Gospel of the Lord! Many: Praise to you, O Christ.

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#### Sherrie Lorbeck

# Hymn of the Day

"Offering"	Praise Band	(5:00, 8:30, 10:45)
"We Are Called"	ELW 720	(9:30)

## The Prayers of the People

One:	Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.
	(Congregation response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer.")
Pastor:	Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Many:	Amen.

## **Announcements and Offering**

#### **Offertory Response** (as gifts are brought forward)

*"We Are an Offering"* ELW 692 We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are ours: we are an offering, we are an offering.

## **Prayer of Thanks**

One: Let us pray. our Creator,

Many: you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

- Pastor: The Lord be with you.
- Many: And also with you.
- Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
- Many: We lift them to the Lord.
- Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## **Words of Institution**

(All Services)

## The Lord's Prayer (traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### **Communion Meditation**

"10,000 Reasons"	Praise Band	(5:00, 8:30, 10:45)
"Come Thou Fount"	Philip Wesley	(9:30)

### **Post Communion Blessing**

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace and peace.

Many: Amen.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

One: Let us pray. Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

Many: Amen.

#### Benediction

Sending Hymn "Almost Home" "On Our Way Rejoicing"	Praise Band ELW 537	(5:00, 8:30, 10:45) (9:30)
DismissalOne:Go in peace, serve the Lord!Many:Thanks be to God!		
<b>Postlude</b> <i>"Almost Home" reprise</i> <i>"Give Thanks"</i>	Praise Band Henry Smith	(5:00, 8:30, 10:45) (9:30)

# **UNITY Highlights**

Here is our NEW Worship Schedule in case you ever need to attend another time!

- Saturdays at 5:00 pm at COL
- Sundays at 8:30 am at COL,
- Sundays at 9:30 am at CTK,
- Sundays at 10:45 am at COL

# ~ Fond Farewell from Muriel ~

Approximately 465 cookies later and our final weekend with you has arrived. We have felt so loved these last few weeks, and so known, and so FED, in every sense of the word! We take courage from that as we launch into our new chapter, carried on your prayers and God's grace and grateful for all we have shared together. You will always be part of us.

When we initially planned for this end-of-August departure back last fall, we assumed we would have a new destination lined up by this time, somewhere we could settle down by family. We... don't! Trying to make such big choices and job search in the midst of our usual life chaos was a bit much, so we decided to just focus all our energy on finishing strong at UNITY and take the fall to regroup. Our kids will return to their Milwaukee schools next month while I take some time off to figure out what is next.

When we decided to defer the move, at first I was disappointed. It seemed like it would be so much cleaner to say goodbye, load up the car, and have you send us off to the next faith community. And for you (and us) to KNOW to where you were sending us!

Honestly, this has been more powerful. You have joined us in the uncertainty in such a beautiful way. You've shared your own stories of moves and big decisions and holy timing, assured us of your prayers, reminded us that God has got this. You are so wise!

Meanwhile you are jumping in with full hearts and such great energy to this next chapter of Unity. What a good instinct on your part! Keep being good to your staff and each other, keep learning from partners, keep ENJOYING being together... all already particular strengths of this place. I am so proud of the work you do here and excited for your future. Count on us to be cheering you on from wherever we are!

Going forward... you have three strong pastors in Eric, Jim, and Sherrie- any connection you make with them is a blessing. Nicole Krause will be the staff contact for all things partners and El Salvador trips. Our partners are one of our best assets and she will steward that well. With council's blessing I will reappear briefly on Confirmation Day to cheer on our former students as they take this big step of faith. I will include info below for nonwork email and phone so you know how to reach us, and we will share news of our plans as they fall into place (they WILL eventually, right? Right??)

There is something sacred in this... that though we will be apart, both UNITY and our family will be in this time of change and search together. Let's pray for each other and trust in God's good future! Love lasts forever...

~Muriel

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**Registration is LIVE on our website for Sunday School and Music Groups for Kids, Youth, and Adults!** This year's Sunday School program for kids PreK-grade 6 will run at all service times, both campuses, and music groups for ALL ages 3K-adult (kids and adult choirs, beginning and advanced handbells), all on Tuesday nights. Check out the Education and Music Opportunities sections below for more info.

**Online Worship Live-Streamed:** We are now live streaming our 8:30 am COL service using a new system and process, which allows us to stream directly to Vimeo instead of Facebook. It can also be viewed on our website at any later time. Please help us out and sit in the front so it doesn't look like no one is in worship! Thank you in advance for your patience as we work through the new process. The feedback that we have received so far from members who are homebound or who live further away is that it's so nice to see people they know and love. It feels like they are right with us in worship. The video and the audio quality is also so much better with our new equipment than where we first started in 2020.

Thank you to all the Flower Sponsors that help keep our Altars looking beautiful each week with Flowers! There are many dates still available. If you want to celebrate, honor or remember someone special through altar flowers, just go to the UNITY webpage. All the details you need are on the SignUp Genius. This is a convenient way to choose a weekend and campus at any time, and the cost is only \$25 (payable by check or online). We have several volunteers who are responsible for arranging a beautiful vase of flowers on your given weekend. You can take flowers home at the end of the weekend's last service, but please return the vase as soon as you can. Keep them watered and you can enjoy them another week or two!

*Keep Connecting with Us!* We love to hear from you! Please continue to reach out to us at any time.

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Don't know who to contact? Call our Church Office at 262-781-7600. Oftentimes they can assist you with your needs. If not, you will be directed to the proper person. The important thing is to stay in touch with us!

## **Children's Education**

Contact Michelle Aprahamian, c: 414-732-8615, email: michelle@unitybrookfield.org

This Weekend we Rally back to Sunday School! Register now to help us plan for the year. Registering your child for Sunday School is Important! The database helps with communications and announcements for all events and activities throughout the year. Fall Sunday school starts Sept.7-8 for grades PreK-6. Registration is live, so be sure to register at unitybrookfield.org for all our Sunday school times.

**This Weekend: Sunday School Meet & Greet:** Sunday School families - come to our *Meet & Greet* during Rally Weekend! Parents of Preschoolers and those NEW to Sunday School. You're invited to tag along with your child during Sunday School to help with the transition and learn more about what happens. If you'd like, you'll be notified when it's Communion time and you can head back to church while your child finishes with their activities. **ALL Families**: After each worship, Sunday School Leaders will bring the kids to the Fellowship Hall at COL and the Narthex at CTK so families and teachers can take time to meet, talk, and enjoy refreshments together.

Attention All Sunday School Teachers! UNITY is again using Ministry Scheduler Pro (MSP) for scheduling teaching starting with this weekend. You will get emails from Nancy Kostanski, Volunteer Coordinator, before being scheduled asking about service and class preferences, dates you are not available, etc. Once the schedule is produced, you will get an email with all your scheduled dates, and automatic reminders will come out the week before you are scheduled as well. With the downloadable app you can also see all your information, and that for your family. This was a great help last year making it easier for everyone working with our Sunday School kids!

*A New Way to Help!* Sunday School Support Person - You will work with a team of volunteers on a weekly rotating schedule so that you would help with Sunday school 1-2 times per month. Support persons are there to assist the Sunday school leader. You might help with a craft, assist a child who needs a bathroom break or a walk in the hallway or some quiet time outside of the classroom. You are an extra set of hands to gather supplies or help with clean-up. You are the "go to" for any last minute or unexpected needs. No teaching experience is necessary. Just a love for kids and an understanding of the impact one caring adult can have on the life of a child on their Faith journey. This position is for anyone in 8th grade through adults. This new position is now being scheduled through MSP, just like teaching and other volunteer positions. Since it's a new position, it is not being auto scheduled, so you can go into MSP, add that as a position and sign up for a date(s), or talk to Michelle Aprahamian or Nancy Kostanski, Volunteer Coordinator to help.

## Mark your Calendars:

• Confirmation Wrap Up - September 8 - 4:30-7:30pm at CTK. Confirmands will take their group picture in their robes, start planning for their Confirmation and eventually be welcomed into Sr. High where the fun really begins! Parents join us from 6:00-7:30pm for dinner, important Confirmation weekend details and everything you need to know about our Sr. High Youth program! Parents, bring a picture of your child at their baptism if you can or one from when they were young or email it to Nicole Krause at nicole@unitybrookfield.org.

- **Confirmation Weekend September 14-15, 2024.** Come celebrate with our 11 confirmation students as they affirm their baptism and the promises made on their behalf. We pray they always know how loved they are and that they continue on in their faith journey because it's important to them to be connected to God and to one another. We look forward to celebrating this very special milestone with this fine group of students.
- Then, on Wednesday, September 18th, 6:15-7:45pm at COL it's time for our Confirmation Orientation and Info Meeting, for ALL Confirmation Students and parents. There are a few exciting changes this year including the offering of a Sunday Confirmation class in addition to the Wednesday Confirmation class, so we'll have lots of details to share with you about all of that and everything else you need to know about Confirmation.
- If you are NEW to UNITY or you know someone looking for a Confirmation program to be a part of, feel free to reach out to Michelle Aprahamian, Nicole Krause or Pastor Sherrie to let us know you are interested in joining, plan to come to the Orientation and/or share this with other families you know!Classes will start the following week on the day that your Confirmation student is SIGNED up for: Sundays at COL from 6:00-7:30 pm OR Wednesdays from 6:15-7:45 pm.
- Thursday September 19, 2024 Bible Basics class, 6:30-7:30 pm at COL campus this is for all second grade and older students who have not yet received their Adventure Bible. Bring an adult with you to class. We will explore the Bible, play a game, and celebrate with ice cream.
- September 21-22, 2024 Bible presentation weekend. Students in second grade and older will be presented with their very own Adventure Bible at the service of your choice, Saturday at 5:00pm or Sunday at 8:30am, 9:30am, or 10:45am.

## Servant Ministries

Contact Ellen Vermillion, c: 262-565-8512, e: evermill61@gmail.com or Nicole Krause, e: nicole@unitybrookfield.org

Sign Up to Donate at our next Blood Drive, Thursday, September 19, 1pm-6pm COL campus. Sign up is live on the church website. Please contact Marilyn Ranney, Unity Blood Drive Advocate with any questions or if you need assistance in getting signed up. Contact her at 414.975.5606 or email her at ranneymarilyn@gmail.com. Our heartfelt gratitude to all blood donors and our prayers for healing for all who receive blood products!

Volunteer Treasurer Needed for Bread of Healing Clinic, 10/hrs/month. We give thanks for UNITY member Doreen Brecheisen who has served as the treasurer for our free clinic partner in Milwaukee for the last 4 years, and are looking for the next great

person to fill the role. Might this be your next calling? The role involves working with the accountant's financials to produce monthly reports for the board and assist with the budget. A combination of monthly in-person meetings and working from home. About 10 hours/week. Accounting background and knowledge of quickbooks would be big assets. Doreen (norskjohnson@gmail.com) would be happy to talk with anyone interested in the role or you can reach out directly to Barb Horner-Ibler at the clinic: (414) 313-9430. This is an organization you would be proud to support. Thanks for considering and spreading the word.

**Ongoing Service Opportunities:** UNITY has standing volunteer "shifts" at various partners that we commit to covering as a church. Each one is coordinated by a different UNITY member... each one has its own sign up page on the church website... and each one is an opportunity for you!

- Waukesha Food Pantry Food Distribution: Each month, 4th Saturday, 9am-12pm; 5th Monday 5:30 8 pm.
- Serenity Inns Recovery Program Fellowship Dinners: cook, deliver, or serve a meal for 12 residents. Each month,1st Sunday & 2nd Friday, 6 7pm. Kids welcome.

# Save the Dates for 2025 El Salvador Trips:

- February 15-22 Medical/Education Clinic;
- August 5-12 Relationship-Building Summer Trip.

## **Property Needs**

Contact Denny Thompson, Director of Buildings and Properties c: 262-844-0556, email: dennyt325@yahoo.com Al Bengston, c: 414-322-6445, email: allanbengst234@gmail.com

Lawn Mowers: Thanks to all who have been faithfully keeping our properties cut and looking beautiful! There's still lots of openings going forward. Please use our online sign up, and let's get the roster full. If you need a tutorial or have any questions, contact Property Chair, Al Bengston.

**NEW Sheepshead Small Group Starting.** Play Sheepshead with us on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month, 6:30pm at our Christ the King campus. Sheepshead is a 5-player trump-style partner card game, a bit complicated to learn but addictive once you've got it. Beginners or those interested in learning are welcome to join the group, we are happy to teach you. We will meet twice a month for September-November and then determine if we need to adjust numbers, frequency, etc. Contact is Mary Huss (mhwis@hotmail.com). Next Game Night is: Thursday, September 19th at 6:30 pm at CTK.

Lunch Bunch - Join us the second Wednesday of each month at 11:30 am at Maxim's. (18025 W. Capitol Drive in Brookfield.) The next meeting is September 11. Everyone is welcome, no matter your age or stage: younger, older, singles, couples, regular or occasional. Just show up because the nice thing about Maxim's is that seating is endlessly expandable. And, if you have any questions before you come, Esther McKee is your point person: (262) 246-6443.

**NEW Monday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Eric! - Mondays at 10 AM @ COL, beginning September 16th:** Looking for a weekly bible study group? Pastor Eric has just what you're looking for! Start your week with Eric as he leads a study that follows the worship lectionary. You'll take a deep dive into the weekly scripture readings. Meets in Room 202 @ COL.

**Theology on Tap Returns! - Tuesday September 17th: 7:30 PM @ Raised Grain Brewing.** Enjoy good beer, good conversations, and God. Non-beer drinkers welcome; must be 21 or older. Contact Matt at matt@unitybrookfield.org to tap into more info... or just show up at Raised Grain! Located at 1725 Dolphin Drive, Waukesha.

Men's Third Saturday Breakfast returns Saturday, September 21, 7:30-9:00 am at COL campus. We get together, survive our own cooking and talk about the readings used in worship that weekend. Never tried it out? Been part of it for years? Either way, how about joining us on September 21st?

**Tool Time - Men's Service Morning - Saturday September 21st: 9-11 AM @ CTK** - Get together with some other UNITY men and dust off your power tools as we build wood planter boxes for the COL campus. We will be working outside at the CTK campus. Visit the signup genius page to sign up - you can also sign up to bring any tools you have to help us complete the job! Please bring your own safety gear. (You're also welcome to join the Men's Breakfast Crew before our project at COL at 7:30 am for breakfast and a devo.)

# Watch for these upcoming adult forums:

- September 22nd, 9:30 AM COL Finance Forum: Topics of YOUR Choosing! The Stewardship Team will be discussing All-Things-Financial and we invite YOU to choose the topics!
- September 29, 9:30 AM COL Summer Trip Sharing Whether you traveled with us or journeyed vicariously through our "Come Away with Jesus" webpage, come and hear (and see) about our summer trips from the travelers who were there! This summer's experiences were both uplifting and grounding (literally, thanks to our camping), so come live out the fun for yourself.

## Do You Have Ideas for Adult Programming? Let Us Know!

Adult Programs is beginning to brainstorm programming ideas for fall and winter planning. If you have any ideas for groups, events, studies, or speakers that you'd like us to know about, please reach out to our new Adult Programs chairperson, Todd Blatnik, at todd.blatnik@wi.rr.com.

# **UNITY Member Care**

Contact: Jim Ahlquist-Minister of Member Care e: jim@unitybrookfield.org, c: 715-210-2245 or Sherrie Lorbeck or Eric Silberschmidt

# Grief Group will next meet Monday, September 9th and Tuesday, September 24th from 6:30-8:00 pm at COL - *When Life Isn't the Same* ....

If you have lost a spouse or a parent or someone else close to you, the grieving doesn't end after the funeral. We invite you to a safe space where you can share more about where you are at in your journey ... learn more about the stages of grief ... and get help finding your way through what you need most for the road ahead.

We invite you to join us for our Grief Group. These gatherings will be led by Pastor Jim Ahlquist and Nicole Krause. If this is the right time for you, or if someone you know could benefit from being a part of this, please join us! If you have questions or just want to discuss whether this is the right place for you, contact Pastor Jim at jim@unitybrookfield.org or 715-210-2245.

**UNITY Member Care is always here for you.** You don't have to face life's ups and downs alone. Whether it's an unexpected hospitalization, a recent diagnosis, the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, addiction, anxiety, depression, or virtually anything else, the pastors are only a call, text, or email away. Please **never** hesitate to reach out -- whether we're the only stop you'll make or just the first step in a longer care process.

**Prayer Place cards-** If you have a prayer request that you would like included in the Prayers for Friends and Family section in the bulletin, there are cards available in the narthex near the bulletin board. You can fill out the request and pin it to the bulletin board or place it in the basket and it will be included in the upcoming bulletin. These prayer requests will stay for 4 weeks and then if you need further prayer, repost as often as needed. Any questions, please contact Nancy by phone or email nancy@unitybrookfield.org

## Worship & Music Opportunities

Director of Music, Contact Lynn Key, c: 414-507-5888 e: lynn@unitybrookfield.org Children's Choirs, Contact Janet Day, c: 414-975-0286, e: janetday4@me.com Fellowship Choir, Contact Molly Pufall-Brown, c: 920-265-6881, e: mpufall@gmail.com Handbells & Praise Band, Contact Stacey Nordmeyer, c: 414-617-7673, e: staceynordmeyer72@icloud.com

# Instrument Petting Zoos to be held during all Sunday School classes this Rally Weekend!

Kids! Get to know the instruments at UNITY at our Instrument Petting Zoos held during all Sunday School classes this Rally Weekend! Be sure to join us September 7-8 to find out which instrument YOU like best. Once you find your favorite instrument, consider joining a music group! Check out rehearsal schedules below.

**UNITY's All-Music Tuesdays resume in September** and sign ups are now live! We rehearse every Tuesday night (except for holiday weeks, which will be communicated) through mid-May. Come join us in making Glorious music, even if you can't make it every week. Nursery and child care will be available. Parents, join an adult music group that rehearses on the same night as your child's youth music group! No auditions are necessary. Sign ups are now live when you go to the UNITY Choirs link on our webpage http:// unitybrookfield.org/music.htm or talk to any of our music staff if you have questions.

- JOYFUL NOISE MUSIC MAKERS starts September 24 Ages PreK–Grade 1 6:00pm to 6:30pm Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall Directed by Janet Day While learning beginning music concepts, the Joyful Noise Music Makers will sing songs, play music games, play instruments, move and rejoice, and most importantly, have fun in a safe, group setting!
- CELEBRATION MUSIC MAKERS starts September 24 Ages Grade 2–Grade 6 Tuesdays: 6:30pm to 7:15pm • Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall • Directed by Janet Day • While learning elementary music concepts, the Celebration Choir will have units on World Music Drumming, Orff Instruments, Recorders, Bucket Drumming, Boomwhackers, Ukuleles, Hand Chimes all while singing praises and learning to work together in a group to share our talents in worship service once a month.
- HOSANNA BELLS starts September 24 Ages Grade 6–Beginning Adult Tuesdays: 7:15pm to 8:00pm Cross of Life Sanctuary Join the fun! Play handbells with your friends and family to share an anthem in a worship service once a month. This beginning handbell group will teach handbell playing techniques, challenge and improve your musical skills, develop teamwork, improve your physical coordination, attention span, and self-discipline, teach patience and cooperation, and so much more. A great group for a parent and child music experience!

- FELLOWSHIP CHOIR starts September 10 Ages 7th Grade–Adult Tuesdays: 7:15pm to 8:15pm • Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall • Directed by Molly Pufall-Brown • Accompanied by Lynn Key • Let's sing to the Lord a new song! Join the Fellowship Choir to share your love of music and your Christian faith at the same time. This choral group will rehearse once a week and sing in worship once a month. Whether you are a non-music reader or an experienced sight-singer, you will be able to participate successfully with our choir.
- GLORIA DEI BELLS starts September 10 Ages College–Adult Tuesdays: 6:15pm to 7:15pm Cross of Life Sanctuary Directed by Stacey Nordmeyer. This intermediate/ advanced handbell ensemble will challenge and improve your musical skills. This group rehearses once a week and plays in worship once a month. Think of all the benefits of playing in an accomplished handbell ensemble PLUS you get to spend the evening with wonderful friends who share the same interests and love of music. What could be better?

# Sr. High

Contact Nancy Oberhauser, c: 262-527-8869, e: nancy.a.oberhauser@gmail.com or Sherrie Lorbeck, c: 414-477-7762 e: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org or Ryan Johnson, c: 262-825-7331, e: rmjohnson@gmail.com

Senior High Kick-Off - September 8 - 6-7:30pm at CTK. Sr. High will kick off our year by welcoming our new 9th graders for dinner and to show them just how much fun church really is! Anyone in high school is welcome to come!

# Sun. Sept. 15th - 6-7:30 pm at CTK.

**Sun. Sept. 22nd and most every Sunday night from 6:00-7:30 pm at COL** - Don't WAIT to do your homework, tell your boss to schedule you at any other time and hang out with your family beforehand so that you won't have to miss out on Sr. High! Let's get back to where we used to be before Covid! Be bold and come EVERY week, and yes, friends are always welcome! So are Parents too! Show our teens how much they matter to you....and build them up with additional adults in their life who care about them (besides their parents)! Oh and parents, if you're ever up for driving, that would be most appreciated!

It's going to be a great year! We had to say goodbye to Eric Borkenhagen, our past Youth chair and family who moved, but Nancy Oberhauser stepped into his shoes and together with PSher will make sure it's a great year! And YES, Ryan Johnson is also BACK! (Recent graduate of UW-Madison, working on his Master's now in Education, grew up at the COL campus and will be the first to tell you the impact that being involved in Sr. High had on him and his life, along with all the adults he got to know who were there each week and/or who traveled on trips, including his own parents. While we continue to search for a full time Youth Director near and far, all the resumes that have come in so far don't even BEGIN to compare to how amazing Ryan is....so thankfully, Ryan is coming back from school just to make sure our Youth program remains all that it can be!)

## Mark Your Calendars:

## Save the date: July 19-26, 2025 Boundary Waters

There have also been a lot of requests for an Adult Boundary Waters trip next summer, so watch for more information or talk to Matt Griepentrog if you're slightly interested in what that could look like!

Partner we are praying for this month: Rutilio Grande in El Salvador

The altar flowers are given by Ardyce Myhre In memory of Jim Myhre's birthday

Thank you to Barb Hemmingsen for arranging the altar flowers this weekend

This weekend's communion breads were baked by Barb Borkenhagen

## **Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members**

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

#### **Cross of Life Campus**

Joseph Nutt, Judie McGhee, Judy Kolstad, Linda Langer, Sandi John, Jerry Buenger, Karen Beres, Bob Rusk, Debbie Horne, Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Ardyce Myhre, Paula Dryer, Marlene Jernberg, John Vaughan, Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Alyce Vollan, Barb Purnell, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

#### **Christ the King Campus**

Parker Godfrey, Ann Borowski, Dawn Suharski, Fred Petran, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Dave Rau

> We pray our prayers of sympathy for family and loved ones as they mourn the death of a loved one:

## Christ the King Campus

Jolene Epding on the death of her uncle, Ralph Phillips

# **UNITY Prayer Place**

Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.

## September 7-8

Dalton Keller (4 year old with bacterial meningitis), family friends of the Loomis family Andrea Knoke (ovarian cancer), friend of Kyle & Anna Jansson Peyton (health concerns), granddaughter of Neal & Barb Borkenhagen Jean Bekkedal (breast cancer & surgery), sister-in-law of Joan Trainor

#### August 31-September 1

Dan Eeg (cancer), friend of Pat & Jane Dowling Hubie Krawczyk (cancer) friend of Pat & Jane Dowling Steve Perry (hospitalized), friend of Steve & Julie Schultz Donna Funk (bladder cancer/liver issues), daughter of Pearl Haack

#### August 24-25

Steve Anderson (in rehab), father-in-law of Elizabeth Ehlers Anderson Ryson Furness (surgery), grandson of Laurie Furness Greg Coats (hospitalized), friend of Julie & Steve Schultz Terri Kwiatkowski (stage 4 terminal cancer), friend of Michelle Aprahamian

#### August 17-18

Tony Susa (spinal cord injury), brother-in-law of Vivian Clark Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, etc.) overseas and our military personnel: Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank

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COL 5:00 p.m.	Ministers for Saturday, September 7, 2024
Worship Coordinator:	Lynn Key
	Kay Koepsel-Benning, Mark Shady
Acolyte:	Betty Bredemus
Ushers:	Mary Jo & Jim Eggert
Worship Assistant:	Leslie O'Connell
	Cathy James
Communion Assistants:	Kay Koepsel-Benning, Natalie Schneider
ABC:	Cheryl Caraulia
Musician:	Praise Band
Sound:	Kevin Nordmeyer
Visual Projection:	Rudy Schneider
Song Leader:	Praise Band
Sunday School Leaders:	Becky Riehl
Sunday School Support:	
Nursery:	Nora Schneider, Frances Paradis

COL 8:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, September 8, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader:	Jann & Dave Meissner Addison Kahle, Brooke Conway Tim Herman Mark Miller Tami Miller Darcy & Jan Constable, Abigail Mace, Inara Hamilton Jan Constable Praise Band Kevin Nordmeyer David Kapitan Praise Band Lisa Kahle, Julie Miesfeld, Joanne Rentmeester Sophie Miesfeld
CTK 9:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, September 8, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders: Sunday School Support:	Jane Boorse Barb Borkenhagen, Jane Boorse Jane Boorse Greg O'Connell
COL 10:45 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, September 8, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders: Sunday School Support:	Caroline Roland, Tara Sanicola Evelyn Burmeister, Robby Burmeister Collette Tatera, JJ Steichen Fred Varin Michelle Burmeister Keira Kroepfl, Joy Czarnik Todd Blatnik Praise Band Kevin Nordmeyer

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The **fruit** of the

Spirit

kindness

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#### WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH! We're glad you're here today! UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.

WELCOME VISITORS! We're glad to have you with us! If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: unitybrookfield.org for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

- Children. Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- **Nursery.** Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- Sunday School. All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old - Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)

# At UNITY, the Communion Table is:

- Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
- Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
- Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
- We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
- Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
- If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.
- **Pastors.** UNITY is currently served by Pastor Sherrie Lorbeck, Pastor Eric Silberschmidt who is our Interim pastor as we search for two additional pastors. along with Pastor Jim Ahlquist, who is our part time pastoral care pastor and occasional preacher. Most Saturdays, the weekend preacher is the pastor at that service. On Sundays, the preacher for the weekend travels to both campuses to share the message. The other pastor is then based at the COL campus. Feel free to reach out if you need anything or would like to talk more.

GIVING. If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay and Venmo are also accepted. Thank you!



# Confirmation Weekend Seventeenth Weekend after Pentecost September 14-15, 2024

#### Prelude

"Alleluia with The Majesty and Glory of Your Name"	arr. Hayes	(5:00, 8:30, 10:45)
"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"	arr. Austin	(9:30)

### Words of Welcome

### **Sharing the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Many: And also with you.

# Call to Worship (in celebration of our confirmands this weekend)

- One: Our confirmation students are...
- Many: Young! Just starting high school. What a great age!
- One: Our confirmation students are...
- Many: Old! We'll see a lot of their baby pictures today. That's a long time ago!
- One: Our confirmation students are...
- Many: Knowledgable! They've helped in worship, served others, and learned Bible stories, prayers, the commandments and creeds.
- One: Our confirmation students have...
- Many: A lot to learn. Faith takes a lot of practice and they're just starting.
- One: Our confirmation students have...
- Many: Each other. They have us! They are a part of something bigger than any of us.
- One: Our confirmation students have...
- Many: Jesus' example to follow... his grace to trust... his meal to share.
- One: So now... today... with our confirmation students... and all of us, we choose who we will follow and what we believe about who Jesus is...
- Many: God with us, Great Teacher, Healer, Messiah, and so much more, but most importantly, for each of us, Jesus is our Savior! Our Light and Life, in whom, we are who we are, because of who he is!

# **Opening Hymn**

"We Thank You, God, for Teachers"

(All Services)

### Children's Message

# Greeting and Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

## Many: And also with you.

One: Let us pray. Merciful God...

Many: Jesus is mercy. He took the most horrible thing... a cross... and turned it into a reminder of forgiveness toward all, starting with our enemies. Mercy like that is hard to comprehend. We hesitate to offer it to those closest to us, much less enemies.

Teach us to keep it simple. If Jesus said it was a good idea, it IS a good idea. So today... tomorrow... every chance we get... help us to be in the good habit of forgiving, showing mercy, offering grace.

As we have received from you, so may we live toward all. We ask it because of the love of Jesus Christ, our Servant Savior. Amen.

#### Anthem

*"Go, Light Your World (Candle Song)"* Rice/arr. Allen (Live 5:00, 8:30, 10:45) Fellowship Choir: Molly Pufall-Brown, Director; Lynn Key, Accompanist (video 9:30)

Gospel Acclamation "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" WOV 612 (All Services)

# **Gospel:** Mark 8:27-38

The moment has come for Peter and the rest of the disciples to choose what it is that they believe about who Jesus is. One of the great prophets returned to life? Or perhaps, the one that God had long ago promised to send? Many of the religious teachers can't see how that could be as Jesus' ways and teachings are so different from the traditions they uphold. Yet, for everyone who has been touched by Jesus, they have experienced a profound imprint that he has blessed their life with even if they don't fully have the words to explain it. Here, Peter is able to blurt out the correct answer of who Jesus is even as he doesn't fully understand what it means.

One: The Gospel according to Mark, the eighth chapter

# Many: Glory to you, O Lord

<sup>27</sup>Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup>He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

One: Many:	The Gospel of the Lord! Praise to you, O Christ.		
Sermon	"Who Do You Say That I Am"	Eric Silberschmidt	(5:00, 9:30)
Vignette	"You Mean There's More?" John Horner-Ibler, Muriel Otto, Sh	errie Lorbeck	(8:30, 10:45)

### Hymn of the Day

"The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing" ELW 531 (All Services)

### **Presentation of the Confirmands for the Affirmation of Baptism** (8:30, 10:30)

- Pastor: Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.
- Many: Amen.

#### **Profession of Faith**

Pastor:	Do you affirm your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin and evil and live in the community of the church.
<b>Confirmands:</b>	I do!
Pastor:	Do you receive the Good News of Jesus Christ and his grace and love and will you share it with the world?
<b>Confirmands:</b>	I do and I will!
Pastor:	Do you promise to love your neighbor as yourself and in so doing love the Lord, your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength?
<b>Confirmands:</b>	I do!

#### **Apostle's Creed**

Our Christian tradition includes what we know as the Apostle's Creed. It's a statement of what the early church believed about who God is. It's by no means a complete picture of God, but as we speak their ancient words, we stand connected to centuries of believers and the faith into which we are baptized.

- Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?
- Many: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- Many: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day, he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
- Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

Many: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

**The Prayers of the People -** the prayer petitions have been written by the confirmands.

# Affirmation in the Presence of the Assembly

Pastor: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: To live among God's faithful people, To hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, To serve all people, following the example of Jesus, And to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

### Confirmands: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

# Congregation: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Students will be confirmed in the order listed. Parents, sponsors and family of each student will be invited to come forward to join in the confirmation prayer. Parents can place their hands on their child's head or shoulder and family can surround them in love and support.

Each of these confirmands is affirming the promises made for them when they were baptized. We give thanks for their gifts, those who love them, and God's Spirit, which lives within them.

<u>8:30 Confirmands</u>

Casey Dwyer Sonora Stark <u>10:45 Confirmands</u>

Evan Bublitz Melissa Dressler Joey Geske Harper Guenther Peyton Nodolf Robin Nordstrom Ben Zimmer Jack Zimmer Elena Reiter

# Affirmation of the Confirmands by the Congregation:

(confirmands turn to see the congregation)

Pastor: Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ...

Congregation: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism! Together, we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the Good News to all the world!

## **The Prayers of the People** (5:00 and 9:30)

One: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. *(Congregation response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer.")* 

- Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- Many: Amen.

# **Announcements and Offering**

Offertory Response (as gifts are	brought forward)
"We Are an Offering"	ELW 692

(All Services)

#### **Prayer of Thanks**

One: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

Many: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us... ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### Words of Institution

#### The Lord's Prayer (traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### **Communion Meditation**

"Think about His Love"	Harrah/arr. Hayes	(5:00, 8:30, 10:45)
"(Jesus is) In This Very Room"	Harris	(9:30)

#### **Post Communion Blessing**

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace and peace.

Many: Amen.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

One: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Many: Amen.

#### Benediction

" <i>Lift High the Cross</i> "	ELW 660	(All Services)	
DismissalOne:Go in peace, serve the Lord!Many:Thanks be to God!			
Postlude	Cotting has Labor Contain	(5.00 8.20 10.45)	
"Lift High the Cross"	Setting by John Carter	(5:00, 8:30, 10:45)	
"Shout to the Lord"	Darlene Zschech	(9:30)	

The 2024 Confirmation Class and their Confirmation Verses



#### 8:30 Confirmands

**Casey Lindner Dwyer** 

"If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciple, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." John 8:31-32

Sonora Marie Stark

"Whoever does not love, does not know God, for God is love." 1 John 4:8

#### 10:45 Confirmands

#### **Evan David Bublitz**

And believe this, I am with you always, even to the end of the world." Matthew 28:20

#### Melissa Lynn Dressler

"Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened." Matthew 7:7

#### Josephine Lee Geske

"For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:38-39

#### **Harper James Guenther**

"Come to me, all who work hard and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my load upon you and learn from me: for I am gentle and simple in heart and you will find rest for your soul. For my load is easy, and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30

#### **Peyton Keira Nodolf**

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid." Matthew 5:14

#### **Robin Brooke Nordstrom**

"So faith, hope, and love endure, these three, but the greatest of these is love." 1 Corinthians 13:13

#### **Elena Marie Reiter**

"For there is no longer Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, there is neither male and female: for you are all one in Christ Jesus." Galatians 3:28

#### **Ben Ryan Zimmer**

"I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

#### **Jack Elliott Zimmer**

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." Proverbs 3:5-6

# **UNITY Highlights**

It's Confirmation Weekend! Our 11 Confirmands chose two services to affirm their baptism at, but we hope that you lift them up in your prayers at whatever service you attend this weekend and going forward! We pray they always know how loved they are and that they continue on in their faith journey because it's important to them to be connected to God and to one another. And there'll be cake at every service in honor of them!

We also welcome back Pastor John and Pastor Muriel, who were two of their Confirmation teachers and want to be a part of this special milestone in their life. This weekend, they'll plan to be at the two services where our youth are being confirmed, but hopefully, they'll be able to return again so they can make it to all the service times!

### Here is our NEW Worship Schedule in case you ever need to attend another time!

- Saturdays at 5:00 pm at COL
- Sundays at 8:30 am at COL,
- Sundays at 9:30 am at CTK,
- Sundays at 10:45 am at COL

**Registration is LIVE on our website for Sunday School and Music Groups for Kids, Youth, and Adults!** This year's Sunday School program for kids PreK-grade 6 will run at all service times, both campuses, and music groups for ALL ages 3K-adult (kids and adult choirs, beginning and advanced handbells), all on Tuesday nights. Check out the Education and Music Opportunities sections below for more info.

**Online Worship Live-Streamed:** We are now live streaming our 8:30 am COL service using a new system and process, which allows us to stream directly to Vimeo instead of Facebook. It can also be viewed on our website at any later time. Please help us out and sit in the front so it doesn't look like no one is in worship! Thank you in advance for your patience as we work through the new process. The feedback that we have received so far from members who are homebound or who live further away is that it's so nice to see people they know and love. It feels like they are right with us in worship. The video and the audio quality is also so much better with our new equipment than where we first started in 2020.

Thank you to all the Flower Sponsors that help keep our Altars looking beautiful each week with Flowers! There are many dates still available. If you want to celebrate, honor or remember someone special through altar flowers, just go to the UNITY webpage. All the details you need are on the SignUp Genius. This is a convenient way to choose a weekend and campus at any time, and the cost is only \$25 (payable by check or online). We have several volunteers who are responsible for arranging a beautiful vase of flowers on your given weekend. You can take flowers home at the end of the weekend's last service, but please return the vase as soon as you can. Keep them watered and you can enjoy them another week or two!

*Keep Connecting with Us!* We love to hear from you! Please continue to reach out to us at any time.

Pastor Sherrie Lorbeck: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org Cell: 414-477-7762 Pastor Eric Silberschmidt: eric@unitybrookfield.org Cell: 262-716-9854 Pastor Jim Ahlquist: jim@unitybrookfield.org Cell: 715-210-2245

Don't know who to contact? Call our Church Office at 262-781-7600. Oftentimes they can assist you with your needs. If not, you will be directed to the proper person. The important thing is to stay in touch with us!

### **Children's Education**

Contact Michelle Aprahamian, c: 414-732-8615, email: michelle@unitybrookfield.org

Attention All Sunday School Teachers! UNITY is again using Ministry Scheduler Pro (MSP) for scheduling teaching starting with this weekend. You will get emails from Nancy Kostanski, Volunteer Coordinator, before being scheduled asking about service and class preferences, dates you are not available, etc. Once the schedule is produced, you will get an email with all your scheduled dates, and automatic reminders will come out the week before you are scheduled as well. With the downloadable app you can also see all your information, and that for your family. This was a great help last year making it easier for everyone working with our Sunday School kids!

*A New Way to Help!* Sunday School Support Person - You will work with a team of volunteers on a weekly rotating schedule so that you would help with Sunday school 1-2 times per month. Support persons are there to assist the Sunday school leader. You might help with a craft, assist a child who needs a bathroom break or a walk in the hallway or some quiet time outside of the classroom. You are an extra set of hands to gather supplies or help with clean-up. You are the "go to" for any last minute or unexpected needs. No teaching experience is necessary. Just a love for kids and an understanding of the impact one caring adult can have on the life of a child on their Faith journey. This position is for anyone in 8th grade through adults. This new position is now being scheduled through MSP, just like teaching and other volunteer positions. Since it's a new position, it is not being auto scheduled, so you can go into MSP, add that as a position and sign up for a date(s), or talk to Michelle Aprahamian or Nancy Kostanski, Volunteer Coordinator to help.

# Mark Your Calendars for Autumn Fest on October 11th

If you're ready to celebrate the arrival of sweater weather and pumpkin everything (and even if you're not), then please join us for **Autumn Fest on Friday, October 11th, from 5:30-8:00 p.m. at the CTK campus.** Together we'll enjoy dinner, campfire toastings, pumpkin decorating and a pumpkin (egg) hunt. The evening will conclude with a special outdoor screening of the movie "Up." What better way to embrace the days getting shorter? Those interested in attending can indicate their intentions using a Sign-Up Genius link that will be available soon via email communication, as well as on the Unity website. Hope to see you there!

Mark your Calendars:

- Confirmation Kick-Off September 15, 2024 (4-6pm at CTK campus for all 7th and 8th grade students)
- Wednesday, September 18th, 6:15-7:45pm at COL it's time for our Confirmation Orientation and Info Meeting, for ALL Confirmation Students and parents. There are a few exciting changes this year including the offering of a Sunday Confirmation class in addition to the Wednesday Confirmation class, so we'll have lots of details to share with you about all of that and everything else you need to know about Confirmation.
- If you are NEW to UNITY or you know someone looking for a Confirmation program to be a part of, feel free to reach out to Michelle Aprahamian, Nicole Krause or Pastor Sherrie to let us know you are interested in joining, plan to come to the Orientation and/or share this with other families you know!Classes will start the following week on the day that your Confirmation student is SIGNED up for: Sundays at COL from 6:00-7:30 pm OR Wednesdays from 6:15-7:45 pm.
- Thursday September 19, 2024 Bible Basics class, 6:30-7:30 pm at COL campus this is for all second grade and older students who have not yet received their Adventure Bible. Bring an adult with you to class. We will explore the Bible, play a game, and celebrate with ice cream.
- September 21-22, 2024 Bible presentation weekend. Students in second grade and older will be presented with their very own Adventure Bible at the service of your choice, Saturday at 5:00pm or Sunday at 8:30am, 9:30am, or 10:45am.

### **Servant Ministries**

Contact Ellen Vermillion, c: 262-565-8512, e: evermill61@gmail.com or Nicole Krause, e: nicole@unitybrookfield.org

**Sign Up to Donate at our next Blood Drive, Thursday, September 19, 1pm-6pm COL campus.** Sign up is live on the church website. Please contact Marilyn Ranney, Unity Blood Drive Advocate with any questions or if you need assistance in getting signed up. Contact her at 414-975-5606 or email her at ranneymarilyn@gmail.com. Our heartfelt gratitude to all blood donors and our prayers for healing for all who receive blood products!

**Volunteer Treasurer Needed for Bread of Healing Clinic, 10/hrs/month.** We give thanks for UNITY member Doreen Brecheisen who has served as the treasurer for our free clinic partner in Milwaukee for the last 4 years, and are looking for the next great person to fill the role. Might this be your next calling? The role involves working with the accountant's financials to produce monthly reports for the board and assist with the budget. A combination of monthly in-person meetings and working from home. About 10 hours/week. Accounting background and knowledge of quickbooks would be big assets. Doreen (norskjohnson@gmail.com) would be happy to talk with anyone interested in the role or you can reach out directly to Barb Horner-Ibler at the clinic: (414) 313-9430. This is an organization you would be proud to support. Thanks for considering and spreading the word.

**Ongoing Service Opportunities:** UNITY has standing volunteer "shifts" at various partners that we commit to covering as a church. Each one is coordinated by a different UNITY member... each one has its own sign up page on the church website... and each one is an opportunity for you!

- Waukesha Food Pantry Food Distribution: Each month, 4th Saturday, 9am-12pm; 5th Monday 5:30 8 pm.
- Serenity Inns Recovery Program Fellowship Dinners: cook, deliver, or serve a meal for 12 residents. Each month,1st Sunday & 2nd Friday, 6 7pm. Kids welcome.

# Save the Dates for 2025 El Salvador Trips:

- February 15-22 Medical/Education Clinic;
- August 5-12 Relationship-Building Summer Trip.

#### **Property Needs**

Contact Denny Thompson, Director of Buildings and Properties c: 262-844-0556, email: dennyt325@yahoo.com Al Bengston, c: 414-322-6445, email: allanbengst234@gmail.com

Lawn Mowers: Thanks to all who have been faithfully keeping our properties cut and looking beautiful! There's still lots of openings going forward. Please use our online sign up, and let's get the roster full. If you need a tutorial or have any questions, contact Property Chair, Al Bengston.

# **Adult Programs**

Contact: Todd Blatnik, email: todd.blatnik@wi.rr.com or Matt Griepentrog, c: 262-787-8820, e: matt@unitybrookfield.org

**Men's Thursday Book Group** starts up again this **Thursday, September 19th at 7pm** at the home of Mark Nelson, 2450 Keats Drive, Brookfield. Group meets the second Thursday of each month at various locations. All men welcome - come and join for a time of fellowship and book discussions, and bring suggestions for good books to share to this first gathering.

**NEW Sheepshead Small Group Starting.** Play Sheepshead with us on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month, 6:30pm at our Christ the King campus. Sheepshead is a 5-player trump-style partner card game, a bit complicated to learn but addictive once you've got it. Beginners or those interested in learning are welcome to join the group, we are happy to teach you. We will meet twice a month for September-November and then determine if we need to adjust numbers, frequency, etc. Contact is Mary Huss (mhwis@hotmail.com). Next Game Night is: Thursday, September 19th at 6:30 pm at CTK.

**NEW Monday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Eric! - Mondays at 10 AM @ COL, beginning September 16th:** Looking for a weekly bible study group? Pastor Eric has just what you're looking for! Start your week with Eric as he leads a study that follows the worship lectionary. You'll take a deep dive into the weekly scripture readings. Meets in Room 202 @ COL.

**Theology on Tap Returns! - Tuesday September 17th: 7:30 PM @ Raised Grain Brewing.** Enjoy good beer, good conversations, and God. Non-beer drinkers welcome; must be 21 or older. Contact Matt at matt@unitybrookfield.org to tap into more info... or just show up at Raised Grain! Located at 1725 Dolphin Drive, Waukesha.

Men's Third Saturday Breakfast returns Saturday, September 21, 7:30-9:00 am at COL campus. We get together, survive our own cooking and talk about the readings used in worship that weekend. Never tried it out? Been part of it for years? Either way, how about joining us on September 21st?

**Tool Time - Men's Service Morning - Saturday September 21st: 9-11 AM @ CTK -** Get together with some other UNITY men and dust off your power tools as we build wood planter boxes for the COL campus. We will be working outside at the CTK campus. Visit the signup genius page to sign up - you can also sign up to bring any tools you have to help us complete the job! Please bring your own safety gear. (You're also welcome to join the Men's Breakfast Crew before our project at COL at 7:30 am for breakfast and a devo.)

# Watch for these upcoming adult forums:

- September 22nd, 9:30 AM COL Finance Forum: Topics of YOUR Choosing! The Stewardship Team will be discussing All-Things-Financial and we invite YOU to choose the topics!
- September 29, 9:30 AM COL Summer Trip Sharing Whether you traveled with us or journeyed vicariously through our "Come Away with Jesus" webpage, come and hear (and see) about our summer trips from the travelers who were there! This summer's experiences were both uplifting and grounding (literally, thanks to our camping), so come live out the fun for yourself.

# Do You Have Ideas for Adult Programming? Let Us Know!

Adult Programs is beginning to brainstorm programming ideas for fall and winter planning. If you have any ideas for groups, events, studies, or speakers that you'd like us to know about, please reach out to our new Adult Programs chairperson, Todd Blatnik, at todd.blatnik@wi.rr.com.

#### UNITY Member Care Contact: Jim Ahlquist-Minister of Member Care e: jim@unitybrookfield.org, c: 715-210-2245 or Sherrie Lorbeck or Eric Silberschmidt

# Grief Group will next meet Tuesday, September 24th, Wednesday, October 9th & Wednesday, October 23rd from 6:30-8:00 pm at COL - *When Life Isn't the Same* ....

If you have lost a spouse or a parent or someone else close to you, the grieving doesn't end after the funeral. We invite you to a safe space where you can share more about where you are at in your journey ... learn more about the stages of grief ... and get help finding your way through what you need most for the road ahead.

We invite you to join us for our Grief Group. These gatherings will be led by Pastor Jim Ahlquist and Nicole Krause. If this is the right time for you, or if someone you know could benefit from being a part of this, please join us! If you have questions or just want to discuss whether this is the right place for you, contact Pastor Jim at jim@unitybrookfield.org or 715-210-2245.

**UNITY Member Care is always here for you.** You don't have to face life's ups and downs alone. Whether it's an unexpected hospitalization, a recent diagnosis, the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, addiction, anxiety, depression, or virtually anything else, the pastors are only a call, text, or email away. Please **never** hesitate to reach out -- whether we're the only stop you'll make or just the first step in a longer care process.

**Prayer Place cards-** If you have a prayer request that you would like included in the Prayers for Friends and Family section in the bulletin, there are cards available in the narthex near the bulletin board. You can fill out the request and pin it to the bulletin board or place it in the basket and it will be included in the upcoming bulletin. These prayer requests will stay for 4 weeks and then if you need further prayer, repost as often as needed. Any questions, please contact Nancy by phone or email <u>nancy@unitybrookfield.org</u>

### **Worship & Music Opportunities**

Director of Music, Contact Lynn Key, c: 414-507-5888 e: lynn@unitybrookfield.org Children's Choirs, Contact Janet Day, c: 414-975-0286, e: janetday4@me.com Fellowship Choir, Contact Molly Pufall-Brown, c: 920-265-6881, e: mpufall@gmail.com Handbells & Praise Band, Contact Stacey Nordmeyer, c: 414-617-7673, e: staceynordmeyer72@icloud.com

**UNITY's All-Music Tuesdays resume in September** and sign ups are now live! We rehearse every Tuesday night (except for holiday weeks, which will be communicated) through mid-May. Come join us in making Glorious music, even if you can't make it every week. Nursery and child care will be available. Parents, join an adult music group that rehearses on the same night as your child's youth music group! No auditions are necessary. Sign ups are now live when you go to the UNITY Choirs link on our webpage http:// unitybrookfield.org/music.htm or talk to any of our music staff if you have questions.

- JOYFUL NOISE MUSIC MAKERS starts September 24 Ages PreK–Grade 1 6:00pm to 6:30pm Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall Directed by Janet Day While learning beginning music concepts, the Joyful Noise Music Makers will sing songs, play music games, play instruments, move and rejoice, and most importantly, have fun in a safe, group setting!
- CELEBRATION MUSIC MAKERS starts September 24 Ages Grade 2–Grade 6 Tuesdays: 6:30pm to 7:15pm Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall Directed by Janet Day While learning elementary music concepts, the Celebration Choir will have units on World Music Drumming, Orff Instruments, Recorders, Bucket Drumming, Boomwhackers, Ukuleles, Hand Chimes all while singing praises and learning to work together in a group to share our talents in worship service once a month.
- HOSANNA BELLS starts September 24 Ages Grade 6–Beginning Adult Tuesdays: 7:15pm to 8:00pm Cross of Life Sanctuary Join the fun! Play handbells with your friends and family to share an anthem in a worship service once a month. This beginning handbell group will teach handbell playing techniques, challenge and improve your musical skills, develop teamwork, improve your physical coordination, attention span, and self-discipline, teach patience and cooperation, and so much more. A great group for a parent and child music experience!
- FELLOWSHIP CHOIR starts September 10 Ages 7th Grade–Adult Tuesdays: 7:15pm to 8:15pm • Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall • Directed by Molly Pufall-Brown • Accompanied by Lynn Key • Let's sing to the Lord a new song! Join the Fellowship Choir to share your love of music and your Christian faith at the same time. This choral group will rehearse once a week and sing in worship once a month. Whether you are a non-music reader or an experienced sight-singer, you will be able to participate successfully with our choir.
- GLORIA DEI BELLS starts September 10 Ages College-Adult Tuesdays: 6:15pm to 7:15pm Cross of Life Sanctuary Directed by Stacey Nordmeyer. This intermediate/ advanced handbell ensemble will challenge and improve your musical skills. This group rehearses once a week and plays in worship once a month. Think of all the benefits of playing in an accomplished handbell ensemble PLUS you get to spend the evening with wonderful friends who share the same interests and love of music. What could be better?

**5th Sundays Worship!** New this year is something we're calling 5th Sundays Worship where we'll be able to add a theme or some different elements to our regular schedule of worship services to allow you to experience a little something new a few times throughout the year. On September 28-29, the theme of our services will be centered around Healing, as we explore just one or two stories of many where Jesus was focused on healing, where we'll pray for healing for anyone who is in need, and where you'll be invited to remember God's presence and love for you through a prayer and being anointed with a cross on your forehead with special healing balm if you would like after receiving communion.

Mark your Calendars! Our BEGIN Group (Brookfield Elm Grove Interfaith Network) is bringing back the Thanksgiving Service in person once again! We have been a part of BEGIN for the past twenty years and this yearly gathering has always attracted people from all of our local faith communities. It's been such an easy way to learn a little more about other faith traditions, see worship spaces that you otherwise may never have a chance or feel comfortable visiting out of the blue and meet people from other faith communities all while enjoying sweet treats at the end of the evening. This year, to help make it happen, we are HOSTING! So, mark your calendar for Wednesday, November 20th at 7:00 p.m. at the COL campus. Watch for more information, but hopefully, we can create ways for our Confirmation students to add some visual element or musical gift as part of the service. In addition, maybe we can invite people to be a part of a choir that learns a song before the service to share and if you would be willing to help in any way from helping us get the word out, to making people feel welcome while they're here to helping us provide delicious deserts after, please talk to Lynn Key or Sherrie Lorbeck. We hope you'll be a part of this incredibly special gathering!

# Sr. High

Contact Nancy Oberhauser, c: 262-527-8869, e: nancy.oberhauser@Aexp.com or Sherrie Lorbeck, c: 414-477-7762 e: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org or Ryan Johnson, c: 262-825-7331, e: rmjohnson@gmail.com

**Sun. Sept. 15th - 6-7:30 pm at CTK.** Hoping to enjoy a little more warm weather in the backyard, join us as we celebrate with the Confirmands with Burgers, Hot Dogs, Chips, Fruit and more and then get to know each other with some fun, but easy to play game and ending with a Faith walk of our own! Parents are always welcome! Especially needed anyone who can help grill, shop for food and have fun!

Livestream - Sunday mornings from 8:15 - 10:00 am at the COL campus. We are looking for a small team of people who would be trained on our new equipment so that we can livestream the worship service to the BEST of our ability! (To ensure good camera shots, that the sound is coming through and that the slides are included, along with making sure things are smooth for those worshiping in person. If you are interested, talk to Matt Griepentrog or PSher. Matt will be offering a training THIS Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary, come to learn all that you need to know! This is a paid position.

**Council Youth Rep. We are looking for 2 students to attend our Church Council meetings on Tuesday evenings, 7:00 - 9:00pm.** (it's okay if you need to leave a little early to finish homework), but along with Nancy Oberhauser, our Youth Chair, you will be listing up what's happening and also what's needed, while also being a part of MAJOR decisions happening this year in the life of our church! Talk to PSher or Nancy Oberhauser, our **Council - Youth chairperson for more info or if you are interested!** It looks great on resumes and for college!

**Kickin It With Jesus Soccer Team is back!** If you'd be interested in playing at Brookfield indoor soccer for the first session, fill out the Google Form HERE, from the Sr. High email or talk to Ryan Johnson. We'll get the details on the schedule, final registration fee (likely somewhere between \$80.-\$100) and maybe even a Jersey! In addition, if you are a parent who would be willing to help support the team and cheer them on, watch for a sign up genius when we know the schedule! (The on field "coach" is on the sidelines but you don't need to have coaching experience! )

Sept. 22 - 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at COL. It's a Confirmation Dinner Night and a Walking in Faith Night (Yes, now there's Confirmation on Sundays AND Wednesdays, so bring your younger sibling and we might as well enjoy what's for Dinner too!) Tonight's Menu: Pizza, Salad and Garlic Bread.....that after all that, we'll have to head out and follow the path to find out what we will discover all the way and maybe find all sorts of treasure! Wear walking shoes and dress for the weather!

**Sept. 29 - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at COL. Game Night -** Come and take a break from all things homework and everything else to exercise your brain in a different way! We'll have a rotation of games designed to bring out a little friendly competition for your mind, your mouth and to get you moving! We'll have snacks and drinks available too and if you'd be interested in choosing what that looks like and can sign up to shop, let PSher know!

# Oct. 6 - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at COL. Waukesha Food Pantry Scavenger Hunt -

Help us serve our community by collecting as much food as possible to help the Waukesha Food Pantry. We will divide up in groups on a scavenger hunt to collect food from family, friends, neighbors, and our church family. In a race against time each group will be judged according to how much food they have collected based on its weight. Boxes of pudding are good, but heavy cans of fruits, vegetables or meat or jars of peanut butter and jelly are even better! We will need drivers to compete in this challenge with us, as well as two people who would be willing to haul all of the food in to the food pantry at some point during the week while they are open. Let PSher know if you are able to drive ASAP, so we can have you fill out a Driver's Check (if you haven't completed one in the past 3 years!)

#### Unity members who live within 5 miles of one of our campuses will be invited to sign up if they are willing to have a group visit their doorstep on Sunday night. Watch for the sign up sheets or let us know! Thank you!

(There is NO possible way whatsoever that any "cheating" could happen in this Scavenger Hunt where the team that has the most weight of items collected wins! No adult has EVER "forgotten" to unload groceries from their trunk before coming to drive and surely, none of our teens have EVER asked to go home because they have "forgotten" something!)

**SATURDAY, Oct. 12 - The Dark Side Haunt Adventure!** (*No event on Sunday, the 13th*) Join us for the BEST haunted FARM experience in southeastern Wisconsin! Way more than something that takes 15 minutes to go through, where you don't really experience anything new. Head out to this rock farm that has sort of friendly feel in the daylight, but come the weekend evenings in October, transforms to share the history of the people who have lived and worked on this farm over the years. There are amazing light displays that will mesmerize, a hayride into the woods, just don't sit up too tall, let you have the top of your head burned by the fires that erupt from the abandoned vehicles! We'll also do our best to not lose anyone in the MAZE.

But because of all there is to experience, this is NOT for those who are early to bed! We will plan to meet at COL at 5:30 p.m. to carpool for the drive out to Ixonia (about 40 minutes). Last year, the experience was over 90 minutes to journey through from start to

finish, not including the 90+ minutes we stood in line just to get in! This year we are going to pay for a fast pass ticket to help cut down on our wait time, but sign up as soon as possible, so that we can make sure that we can get you in! Cost is \$30. We will need a number of drivers and as always your ticket is included if you drive! Please click on the sign-up in the Sr. High email or on the website to get your ticket before it's TOO late! PSher HATES Haunted Anything, but even she will tell you this is TOO cool to miss!

**Oct. 20 - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at COL. Summer trip info meeting about the Boundary Waters Canoe Area July 19-26th, 2025.** Come and learn more about what this amazing trip is like! For most people, it's a once in a lifetime experience and many hire guides to take a trip like this, but thanks to all the experience within UNITY, we will make sure every group is prepared and outfitted with all the equipment that they need, a delicious menu of food to keep you going each day and all that you need to know so that you can experience a week in the awesome beauty of God's creation making memories that will bless you for a lifetime!

We also need 3 adult leaders (typically 2 males, 1 female) for every 6 youth, so if you have ever thought about giving this a try OR are longing to return, come find out more information! Because we will need to plan for groups so that we can reserve permits for where each group will launch from and exit from in early January, registration and a deposit of \$250. is due by December 1.

Oct. 27 - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at COL. Pumpkin Carving/Costume Contest. Bring your own pumpkin or bring \$5.00 to buy one. We'll have all the supplies and a few designs to pick from, but feel free to print your own if you'd like. We'll have the candles to let your pumpkins shine before taking them home with you to enjoy! We'll have prizes for creative carving ideas, most intricate carving and of course, best dressed!

# Parents of our College Students:

For all of you who now are saying good bye to your College student(s), we are crying right along with you, but also praying for them TOO (And you!) that the year will be good where they'll have a chance to make new friends, learn and experience all the important life lessons that come along the way and please know, that we are STILL ALWAYS HERE, so don't hesitate to reach out or to remind them to reach out if things are a little more challenging than they were expecting or if they have faith/life questions! AND, after you get them all settled in and don't know what to do with yourself, MAKE SURE TO fill out the Google Form online, so we can keep in touch with them and send them a little Care Package of Love too!

### Mark Your Calendars:

# Save the date: July 19-26, 2025 Boundary Waters

There have also been a lot of requests for an Adult Boundary Waters trip next summer, so watch for more information or talk to Matt Griepentrog if you're slightly interested in what that could look like!

Partner we are praying for this month: Rutilio Grande in El Salvador

The altar flowers are given by Jensy Engle in celebration of multiple family birthdays

and by

Janet Mcmahon & Randy Breske in celebration of their wedding

Thank you to Leslie O'Connell for arranging the altar flowers this weekend

This weekend's communion breads were baked by Cathy Buck

# **Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members**

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

### **Cross of Life Campus**

Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Mary Jo Eggert, Joseph Nutt, Judie McGhee, Linda Langer, Sandi John, Jerry Buenger, Karen Beres, Bob Rusk, Debbie Horne, Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Ardyce Myhre, Paula Dryer, Marlene Jernberg, John Vaughan, Alyce Vollan, Barb Purnell, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

# Christ the King Campus

Parker Godfrey, Ann Borowski, Dawn Suharski, Fred Petran, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Dave Rau

> We pray our prayers of sympathy for family and loved ones as they mourn the death of a loved one: **Cross of Life Campus**

Greg (Julie) Hoesly on the death of Greg's father, Dick, also grandfather/great grandfather to Caroline (Kenny) DeBauche (Annie, Charlie, Margaret, & Louise) Heidi Blatnik on the death of her father. Allan Nuhlicek

> We celebrate the marriage of: Janet McMahon and Randy Breske at COL on September 13th

We give a prayer of thanksgiving for the birth of: Gavin Cole Banghart, grandson of Paul & Tammy Knowles (to Anna Knowles Banghart)

> We give a prayer of thanksgiving for the renewed health of: Judy Kolstad

# **UNITY Prayer Place**

Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.

#### September 14-15

Polly Galian (cancer), best friend of Pat Petran Ron Ripley (cancer), cousin of Dick Dressler The Blake Family (loss of son [22] to diabetes complications), friend of Deborah Nustad The Lemke Family (loss of son Michael to brain cancer), friend of many UNITY families Chris F. (battling cancer for 2nd time), cousin of Tara Sanicola Tony Susa (spinal cord injury), brother-in-law of Vivian Clark Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

### September 7-8

Dalton Keller (4 year old with bacterial meningitis), family friends of the Loomis family Andrea Knoke (ovarian cancer), friend of Kyle & Anna Jansson Peyton (health concerns), granddaughter of Neal & Barb Borkenhagen Jean Bekkedal (breast cancer & surgery), sister-in-law of Joan Trainor

#### August 31-September 1

Dan Eeg (cancer), friend of Pat & Jane Dowling Hubie Krawczyk (cancer) friend of Pat & Jane Dowling Steve Perry (hospitalized), friend of Steve & Julie Schultz Donna Funk (bladder cancer/liver issues), daughter of Pearl Haack

### August 24-25

Steve Anderson (in rehab), father-in-law of Elizabeth Ehlers Anderson Ryson Furness (surgery), grandson of Laurie Furness Greg Coats (hospitalized), friend of Julie & Steve Schultz Terri Kwiatkowski (stage 4 terminal cancer), friend of Michelle Aprahamian

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, etc.) overseas and our military personnel: Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank

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COL 5:00 p.m.	Ministers for Saturday, September 14, 2024
Worship Coordinator:	Jeff Key
Greeters:	Deborah & Tim Nustad
Acolyte:	Jameson Krueger, Sebastian Dandridge
Ushers:	Cheryl Caraulia, Dennis Horne
Worship Assistant:	Greg Buck
Reader:	Kay Koepsel-Benning
Communion Assistants:	Marilyn Ranney, Melissa Fogltanz
ABC:	Kim Klug
Musician:	Lynn Key
	Jeff Key
Visual Projection:	Duane Maas
Song Leader:	Molly Pufall-Brown
Sunday School Leaders:	Adrienne Krueger
Sunday School Support:	~
Nursery:	Samantha James

COL 8:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, September 15, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders: Sunday School Support: Nursery:	Barb Consigny, Kevin Nass Charlie Rentmeester, Johnny Steigerwald Tami Miller, Paul Langer Mike Aprahamian Melanie Rooney Lisa Nass, Cindy & Brian Flynn, Bernd Bruhnke Colleen King Lynn Key Paul Karrels Charlie Nass Molly Pufall-Brown Becky & Nick Van Deraa, Julie Miesfeld, Joanne Rentmeester
CTK 9:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, September 15, 2024
Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders: Sunday School Support:	Emma Jansson Jerry Kipp, Jim Leifer Barb Borkenhagen Linda Wilson Sharon Giessen, Eric Godfrey Barb Borkenhagen Greg O'Connell
COL 10:45 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, September 15, 2024
Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders: Sunday School Support:	Caroline Roland, Nancy Oberhauser Anden Nellis, Austin Alft Carole Syse, Collette Tatera Melanie Varin Sam Kerr Annika Nellis Lynn Key Lynn Key Steve Brewer Jack Kerr Molly Pufall-Brown



# Eighteenth Weekend after Pentecost

# September 21-22, 2024

Saturday, September 21, 2024 5:00 pm COL

Sunday, September 22, 2024 8:30 am COL 9:30 am CTK 10:45 am COL

# Live Streamed at 8:30 am Sundays and available Online anytime afterwards

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#### WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH! We're glad you're here today! UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** We're glad to have you with us! If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: unitybrookfield.org for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

- Children. Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- **Nursery.** Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- Sunday School. All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)

# • At UNITY, the Communion Table is:

- Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
- Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
- Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
- We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
- Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
- If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.
- **Pastors.** UNITY is currently served by Pastor Sherrie Lorbeck, Pastor Eric Silberschmidt who is our Interim pastor as we search for two additional pastors. along with Pastor Jim Ahlquist, who is our part time pastoral care pastor and occasional preacher. Most Saturdays, the weekend preacher is the pastor at that service. On Sundays, the preacher for the weekend travels to both campuses to share the message. The other pastor is then based at the COL campus. Feel free to reach out if you need anything or would like to talk more.

**GIVING.** If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay and Venmo are also accepted. Thank you!



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### Prelude

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"	arr. Austin	(5:00, 8:30, 10:45)
"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"		(9:30)

## Words of Welcome

#### Invocation

Pastor: We gather in the name of the Holy Trinity, one God, who loves and forgives us and invites us together as a Church family to love and serve our neighbor. Amen.

#### **Sharing the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Many: And also with you.

#### **Call to Worship**

One:	This is the day that the Lord has made!
Many:	Let us rejoice and be glad in it!
One:	As we gather for worship, we confess that
Many:	We have not always sought to follow you, Lord. We prefer positions of power. We prefer to be first in line.
One:	Jesus told his followers that whoever wants to be first must be last. Whoever wants to be greatest of all must be servant of all.
Many:	The Disciples preferred positions of power. They preferred to be first in line too.
One:	Faithful God, help us hear the promises of your love and forgiveness spoken at our Baptism.
Many:	Help us experience your love and forgiveness every day as we seek to live out our Confirmation.
One: Many:	We are fed here today - love and forgiveness in the form of bread and wine. May this Church family be excited by all the opportunities to serve you and to share your love!
One: Many:	We gather here today to love and serve the Lord! Lord, help me pray "Your kingdom come. Your will be done." Lord help me offer my gifts and talents to do your work.

#### **Opening Hymn**

Children's Message

"Jesus Loves Me!"

ELW 595

#### **Bible Presentation**

# Greeting and Prayer of the Day

- Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!
- Many: And also with you.
- One: Let us pray. O God of love,
- Many: You showed us that sometimes love includes serving others. Jesus had power and authority. The Disciples even called him the Messiah. But Jesus is always surprising us. Instead of demanding to be served, Jesus chose to serve others. He took a tool of torture and death and turned it into an instrument of peace and mercy and forgiveness. May we surprise the world by seeking to love and serve others in Jesus' name. Amen.

#### Anthem

"Joyful Rhythm"	Kevin McChesney	(5:00, 8:30, 10:45)
Gloria Dei Bell Choir:	Stacey Nordmeyer, Director	

<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"	WOV 612	(All Services)
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### **Gospel:** Mark 9:30-37

Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.

One: The Gospel according to Mark, the ninth chapter

### Many: Glory to you, O Lord

<sup>30</sup>[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;<sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup>Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" <sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." <sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

One: The Gospel of the Lord!

Many: Praise to you, O Christ.

Eric Silberschmidt

## Hymn of the Day

"Christ, Be Our Light"	ELW 715	(All Services)
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## The Prayers of the People

One: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. *(Congregation response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer.")*Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Many: Amen.

### **Announcements and Offering**

<b>Offertory Response</b> (as gifts are brought forward)		
"We Are an Offering"	ELW 692	

(All Services)

### **Prayer of Thanks**

One: Let us pray. Blessed are you,

Many: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

- Many: And also with you.
- Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
- Many: We lift them to the Lord.
- Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## **Words of Institution**

#### The Lord's Prayer (traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### **Communion Meditation**

"Hallelujah"	Leonard Cohen	(5:00, 8:30, 10:45)
"Be Still My Soul"	Praise Band	(9:30)

#### **Post Communion Blessing**

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace and peace.

Many: Amen.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

One: Let us pray. O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Many: Amen.

#### Benediction

#### Sending Hymn

*"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"* ELW 843 (All Services)

#### Dismissal

One: Go in peace, serve the Lord! Many: Thanks be to God!

#### Postlude

"Shout to the Lord"	Darlene Zschech	(5:00, 8:30, 10:45)
"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness	" reprise	(9:30)

# **UNITY Highlights**

It's Bible Weekend here at UNITY where we celebrate with our students who are receiving a Bible of their very own! Just as parents promised to place a Bible in their hands, we are actually giving the Bible's to the parents in order to help them fulfill the promise they made. We too make promises to each child baptized: to love and care for them, to help teach them about God's love and to help them experience what it's like to be an important part of a faith family! Thanks for your role in that important work!

Feel free to share a favorite Bible verse of yours with them and a very special thanks to Cheryl Caraulia who made special bookmarks for them with some of the staff's favorites! May these Bibles be highlighted and marked up and used often over the years!

**This Sunday, September 22nd, 9:30 AM COL - Finance Forum:** Topics of YOUR Choosing! The Stewardship Team will be discussing All-Things-Financial and we invite YOU to choose the topics!

# Here is our NEW Worship Schedule in case you ever need to attend another time!

- Saturdays at 5:00 pm at COL
- Sundays at 8:30 am at COL (also live-streamed & available on our website anytime!)
- Sundays at 9:30 am at CTK,
- Sundays at 10:45 am at COL

Are you a behind the scenes person? Are you looking to help out in some capacity, but have limited time, or need flexibility to make it work into your life / schedule? Well we have a list of items that we could use help with on a periodic basis, or continual basis but with a small time commitment, etc. See if anything listed here fits the bill for you. If not, check back periodically to see if there is something new added to the list that you would like to help with and works for you. And just know that your UNITY staff appreciate every bit of time and energy you exert to help!

- Weekly: After 10:45/last service at COL or anytime in the few days after, we could use someone to stop in at COL and clean up the coffee and tea carts (clean up coffee pot, put dirty cups into the dishwasher, restock cart with clean cups, etc.) We could also have a rotating group of people to do this rather than just one.
- Quarterly: Take the COL acolyte and worship assistant robes as well as fine linens (used for communion) home to spot stains, wash, iron if needed (mainly fine linens) and return for the next worship service.
- Quarterly: Check the activity bags for children to take into worship and replenish supplies as needed (coloring sheets, crayons, toys, etc.) could use a person for COL and one for CTK (unless someone wants to do both campuses)
- Twice a year approximately November and April: At COL we use wax candles in the windows for evening services. When it starts to get dark around the 5:00 service, the candles need to be put in votives and placed in each window. Then in approximately April, when it is light enough not to need them, remove them from the windows, clean any excess wax, wash (dishwasher works) and return to COL to be stored until needed again.

**Registration is LIVE on our website for Sunday School and Music Groups for Kids, Youth, and Adults!** This year's Sunday School program for kids PreK-grade 6 will run at all service times, both campuses, and music groups for ALL ages 3K-adult (kids and adult choirs, beginning and advanced handbells), all on Tuesday nights. Check out the Education and Music Opportunities sections below for more info.

**Online Worship Live-Streamed:** We are now live streaming our 8:30 am COL service using a new system and process, which allows us to stream directly to Vimeo instead of Facebook. It can also be viewed on our website at any later time. Please help us out and sit in the front so it doesn't look like no one is in worship! Thank you in advance for your patience as we work through the new process. The feedback that we have received so far from members who are homebound or who live further away is that it's so nice to see people they know and love. It feels like they are right with us in worship. The video and the audio quality is also so much better with our new equipment than where we first started in 2020.

Thank you to all the Flower Sponsors that help keep our Altars looking beautiful each week with Flowers! There are just a few dates still available in 2024. If you want to celebrate, honor or remember someone special through altar flowers, just go to the UNITY webpage. All the details you need are on the SignUp Genius. This is a convenient way to choose a weekend and campus at any time, and the cost is only \$25 (payable by check or online). We have several volunteers who are responsible for arranging a beautiful vase of flowers on your given weekend. You can take flowers home at the end of the weekend's last service, but please return the vase as soon as you can. Keep them watered and you can enjoy them another week or two!

*Keep Connecting with Us!* We love to hear from you! Please continue to reach out at any time.

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### **Children's Education**

Contact Michelle Aprahamian, c: 414-732-8615, email: michelle@unitybrookfield.org

**Leaps and Bounds:** Carroll University's interprofessional education course is offering Leaps and Bounds, an inclusive play-based program for children ages 2-7 focusing on social, language, fine motor, and gross motor development. The program partners with GiGi's Playhouse and will be led by Carroll University physical therapy, occupational therapy, and nursing students. Leaps and Bounds is a free learning experience for children with and without special needs. This Fall, Leaps and Bounds will have 6 classes on Mondays (9/16/24 to 10/28/24 with no class on 10/21/24) from 5:00-6:00 p.m. at the Center for Graduate Studies (2140 Davidson Road, Waukesha, WI 53186) in Room LL 14.

Parents of children with special needs can sign-up through GiGi's Playhouse Milwaukee: https://gigisplayhouse.org/milwaukee/

Parents of children who are typically developing or those with questions should contact the faculty advisor, Kimberly Klug (UNITY member), PT, DSc, PCS at kklug@carrollu.edu . Come join the fun!

Attention All Sunday School Teachers! UNITY is again using Ministry Scheduler Pro (MSP) for scheduling teaching starting with this weekend. You will get emails from Nancy Kostanski, Volunteer Coordinator, before being scheduled asking about service and class preferences, dates you are not available, etc. Once the schedule is produced, you will get an email with all your scheduled dates, and automatic reminders will come out the week before you are scheduled as well. With the downloadable app you can also see all your information, and that for your family. This was a great help last year making it easier for everyone working with our Sunday School kids!

*A New Way to Help!* Sunday School Support Person - You will work with a team of volunteers on a weekly rotating schedule so that you would help with Sunday school 1-2 times per month. Support persons are there to assist the Sunday school leader. You might help with a craft, assist a child who needs a bathroom break or a walk in the hallway or some quiet time outside of the classroom. You are an extra set of hands to gather supplies or help with clean-up. You are the "go to" for any last minute or unexpected needs. No teaching experience is necessary. Just a love for kids and an understanding of the impact one caring adult can have on the life of a child on their Faith journey. This position is for anyone in 8th grade through adults. This new position is now being scheduled through MSP, just like teaching and other volunteer positions. Since it's a new position, it is not being auto scheduled, so you can go into MSP, add that as a position and sign up for a date(s), or talk to Michelle Aprahamian or Nancy Kostanski, Volunteer Coordinator to help.

**NEW this year!** We are offering Confirmation classes on Sunday nights AND Wednesday nights after hearing from so many of our young people who didn't want to have to miss Confirmation because it conflicted with a practice night of a team they are a part of! We just had our Orientation meeting where we went through everything about the program and the coming year so **be in touch with Nicole Krause or Sherrie Lorbeck if you are interested in being a part!** Classes will start this week, so we are finalizing small groups!

Classes will be Sundays at COL from 6:00-7:30 pm and Wednesdays from 6:15-7:45 pm. Be sure to join us for Dinner & Fellowship 30 minutes before class on Sunday 9/22 (5:30pm) and Wednesday 9/25 (5:45pm) as we kick off the trimester reflecting on our Values and the Choices We Make and why we worship!

**Confirmation Service Opportunity: Pill Sorting THIS SUNDAY Sept 22, 9:30am -10:3am.** Help de-package & re-package donated medications for use by patients for our Bread of Healing Clinic. Meet at the COL Campus in the basement. Sign up using the sign up genius link at unitybrookfield.org.

Confirmation Sunday Fusion will be starting soon! Our next Sundays are September 29, October 6th and October 13, 9:30-10:30am at the COL Campus. Partner focus for this session is Aspen Center. Confirmation students and parent volunteers can sign up on the signup genius link at unitybrookfield.org

# Mark Your Calendars for Autumn Fest on October 11th

If you're ready to celebrate the arrival of sweater weather and pumpkin everything (and even if you're not), then please join us for **Autumn Fest on Friday, October 11th, from 5:30-8:00 p.m. at the CTK campus.** Together we'll enjoy dinner, campfire toastings, pumpkin decorating and a pumpkin (egg) hunt. The evening will conclude with a special outdoor screening of the movie "Up." What better way to embrace the days getting shorter? Those interested in attending can indicate their intentions using a Sign-Up Genius link that will be available soon via email communication, as well as on the Unity website. Hope to see you there!

#### **Servant Ministries**

Contact Ellen Vermillion, c: 262-565-8512, e: evermill61@gmail.com or Nicole Krause, e: nicole@unitybrookfield.org

**Volunteer Treasurer Needed for Bread of Healing Clinic, 10/hrs/month.** We give thanks for UNITY member Doreen Brecheisen who has served as the treasurer for our free clinic partner in Milwaukee for the last 4 years, and are looking for the next great person to fill the role. Might this be your next calling? The role involves working with the accountant's financials to produce monthly reports for the board and assist with the budget. A combination of monthly in-person meetings and working from home. About 10 hours/week. Accounting background and knowledge of quickbooks would be big assets. Doreen (norskjohnson@gmail.com) would be happy to talk with anyone interested in the role or you can reach out directly to Barb Horner-Ibler at the clinic: (414) 313-9430. This is an organization you would be proud to support. Thanks for considering and spreading the word.

**Ongoing Service Opportunities:** UNITY has standing volunteer "shifts" at various partners that we commit to covering as a church. Each one is coordinated by a different UNITY member... each one has its own sign up page on the church website... and each one is an opportunity for you!

- Waukesha Food Pantry Food Distribution: Each month, 4th Saturday, 9am-12pm; 5th Monday 5:30 8 pm.
- Serenity Inns Recovery Program Fellowship Dinners: cook, deliver, or serve a meal for 12 residents. Each month,1st Sunday & 2nd Friday, 6 7pm. Kids welcome.

# Save the Dates for 2025 El Salvador Trips:

- February 15-22 Medical/Education Clinic;
- August 5-12 Relationship-Building Summer Trip.

#### Property Needs Contact Denny Thompson, Director of Buildings and Properties c: 262-844-0556, email: dennyt325@yahoo.com Al Bengston, c: 414-322-6445, email: <u>allanbengst234@gmail.com</u>

**Lawn Mowers:** We are getting close to the end of the season, and we want to thank all who have been faithfully keeping our properties cut and looking beautiful! The roster has been staying full, and that's a great thing. We just have the month of October to fill. Please use our online sign up, and let's finish the year out strong. If you need a tutorial or have any questions, contact Property Director Denny above.

# **Adult Programs**

Contact: Todd Blatnik, email: todd.blatnik@wi.rr.com or Matt Griepentrog, c: 262-787-8820, e: matt@unitybrookfield.org

**NEW Sheepshead Small Group Starting.** Play Sheepshead with us on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month, 6:30pm at our Christ the King campus. Sheepshead is a 5-player trump-style partner card game, a bit complicated to learn but addictive once you've got it. Beginners or those interested in learning are welcome to join the group, we are happy to teach you. We will meet twice a month for September-November and then determine if we need to adjust numbers, frequency, etc. Contact is Mary Huss (mhwis@hotmail.com). Next Game Night is: Thursday, October 3rd at 6:30 pm at CTK.

**NEW Monday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Eric! - Mondays at 10 AM @ COL, continues Monday September 23rd.** Looking for a weekly bible study group? Pastor Eric has just what you're looking for! Start your week with Eric as he leads a study that follows the worship lectionary (the three year cycle of Scripture readings used in worship). You'll take a deep dive into the weekly scripture readings (you won't be left behind if you miss a week or more). Bring a friend, and meet us in Room 202 @ COL.

**Theology on Tap Returns! -** We had such a great time at our first one, that we're doing it again. Our next gathering will be **Thursday, October 24th at 7:30 at Venture Brew Co. in Brookfield (fka Biloba)** Enjoy good beer, good conversations, and God. Non-beer drinkers welcome; must be 21 or older. Contact Matt at matt@unitybrookfield.org to tap into more info... or just show up! Vennture Brew is located at 2970 N. Brookfield Road.

### Watch for this upcoming adult forum

• September 29, 9:30 AM COL - Summer Trip Sharing - Whether you traveled with us or journeyed vicariously through our "Come Away with Jesus" webpage, come and hear (and see) about our summer trips from the travelers who were there! This summer's experiences were both uplifting and grounding (literally, thanks to our camping), so come live out the fun for yourself.

# Do You Have Ideas for Adult Programming? Let Us Know!

Adult Programs is beginning to brainstorm programming ideas for fall and winter planning. If you have any ideas for groups, events, studies, or speakers that you'd like us to know about, please reach out to our new Adult Programs chairperson, Todd Blatnik, at todd.blatnik@wi.rr.com.

#### UNITY Member Care Contact: Jim Ahlquist-Minister of Member Care e: jim@unitybrookfield.org, c: 715-210-2245 or Sherrie Lorbeck or Eric Silberschmidt

## Grief Group will next meet Tuesday, September 24th, Wednesday, October 9th & Wednesday, October 23rd from 6:30-8:00 pm at COL - *When Life Isn't the Same* ....

If you have lost a spouse or a parent or someone else close to you, the grieving doesn't end after the funeral. We invite you to a safe space where you can share more about where you are at in your journey ... learn more about the stages of grief ... and get help finding your way through what you need most for the road ahead.

We invite you to join us for our Grief Group. These gatherings will be led by Pastor Jim Ahlquist and Nicole Krause. If this is the right time for you, or if someone you know could benefit from being a part of this, please join us! If you have questions or just want to discuss whether this is the right place for you, contact Pastor Jim at jim@unitybrookfield.org or 715-210-2245.

**UNITY Member Care is always here for you.** You don't have to face life's ups and downs alone. Whether it's an unexpected hospitalization, a recent diagnosis, the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, addiction, anxiety, depression, or virtually anything else, the pastors are only a call, text, or email away. Please **never** hesitate to reach out -- whether we're the only stop you'll make or just the first step in a longer care process.

**Prayer Place cards-** If you have a prayer request that you would like included in the Prayers for Friends and Family section in the bulletin, there are cards available in the narthex near the bulletin board. You can fill out the request and pin it to the bulletin board or place it in the basket and it will be included in the upcoming bulletin. These prayer requests will stay for 4 weeks and then if you need further prayer, repost as often as needed. Any questions, please contact Nancy by phone or email <u>nancy@unitybrookfield.org</u>

#### Worship & Music Opportunities

Director of Music, Contact Lynn Key, c: 414-507-5888 e: lynn@unitybrookfield.org Children's Choirs, Contact Janet Day, c: 414-975-0286, e: janetday4@me.com Fellowship Choir, Contact Molly Pufall-Brown, c: 920-265-6881, e: mpufall@gmail.com Handbells & Praise Band, Contact Stacey Nordmeyer, c: 414-617-7673, e: staceynordmeyer72@icloud.com

**UNITY's All-Music Tuesdays resume in September** and sign ups are now live! We rehearse every Tuesday night (except for holiday weeks, which will be communicated) through mid-May. Come join us in making Glorious music, even if you can't make it every week. Nursery and child care will be available. Parents, join an adult music group that rehearses on the same night as your child's youth music group! No auditions are necessary. Sign ups are now live when you go to the UNITY Choirs link on our webpage http://unitybrookfield.org/music.htm or talk to any of our music staff if you have questions.

• JOYFUL NOISE MUSIC MAKERS starts September 24 - Ages PreK-Grade 1 • 6:00pm to 6:30pm • Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall • Directed by Janet Day • While learning beginning music concepts, the Joyful Noise Music Makers will sing songs, play

music games, play instruments, move and rejoice, and most importantly, have fun in a safe, group setting!

- CELÉBRATION MUSIC MAKERS starts September 24 Ages Grade 2–Grade 6 Tuesdays: 6:30pm to 7:15pm Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall Directed by Janet Day While learning elementary music concepts, the Celebration Choir will have units on World Music Drumming, Orff Instruments, Recorders, Bucket Drumming, Boomwhackers, Ukuleles, Hand Chimes all while singing praises and learning to work together in a group to share our talents in worship service once a month.
- HOSANNA BELLS starts September 24 Ages Grade 6–Beginning Adult Tuesdays: 7:15pm to 8:00pm • Cross of Life Sanctuary • Join the fun! Play handbells with your friends and family to share an anthem in a worship service once a month. This beginning handbell group will teach handbell playing techniques, challenge and improve your musical skills, develop teamwork, improve your physical coordination, attention span, and self-discipline, teach patience and cooperation, and so much more. A great group for a parent and child music experience!
- FELLOWSHIP CHOIR started September 10 Ages 7th Grade–Adult Tuesdays: 7:15pm to 8:15pm Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall Directed by Molly Pufall-Brown Accompanied by Lynn Key This choral group will rehearse once a week and sing in worship once a month.
- GLORIA DEI BELLS started September 10 Ages College–Adult Tuesdays: 6:15pm to 7:15pm • Cross of Life Sanctuary • Directed by Stacey Nordmeyer. This is an intermediate/advanced handbell ensemble that rehearses once a week and plays in worship once a month.

**5th Sundays Worship!** New this year is something we're calling 5th Sundays Worship where we'll be able to add a theme or some different elements to our regular schedule of worship services to allow you to experience a little something new a few times throughout the year. On September 28-29, the theme of our services will be centered around Healing, as we explore just one or two stories of many where Jesus was focused on healing, where we'll pray for healing for anyone who is in need, and where you'll be invited to remember God's presence and love for you through a prayer and being anointed with a cross on your forehead with special healing balm if you would like after receiving communion.

**Join us in worship on October 5-6** as we lift up in prayer two of our small groups and display their lovingly created gifts:

- Sew Comfy will display a selection of the heart-shaped pillows that they make. They sew several hundred each year that are given to people going through breast cancer treatment/ surgery/recovery. They are always looking for cheerful, soft 100% cotton fabric donations.
- The Quilting Group will also display a selection of their quilts. They sew easy quilts that are sent to various organizations, such as Serenity Inns, Aspen Center & Lutheran World Relief. They also take donations of cotton material and/or sheets (full, queen, king: flat or fitted) for their quilt projects.

Mark your Calendars! Our BEGIN Group (Brookfield Elm Grove Interfaith Network) is bringing back the Thanksgiving Service in person once again! We have been a part of BEGIN for the past twenty years and this yearly gathering has always attracted people from all of our local faith communities. It's been such an easy way to learn a little more about other faith traditions, see worship spaces that you otherwise may never have a chance or feel comfortable visiting out of the blue and meet people from other faith communities all while enjoying sweet treats at the end of the evening. This year, to help make it happen, we are HOSTING! So, mark your calendar for Wednesday, November 20th at 7:00 p.m. at the COL campus. Watch for more information, but hopefully, we can create ways for our Confirmation students to add some visual element or musical gift as part of the service. In addition, maybe we can invite people to be a part of a choir that learns a song before the service to share and if you would be willing to help in any way from helping us get the word out, to making people feel welcome while they're here to helping us provide delicious deserts after, please talk to Lynn Key or Sherrie Lorbeck. We hope you'll be a part of this incredibly special gathering!

#### Sr. High

Contact Nancy Oberhauser, c: 262-527-8869, e: nancy.oberhauser@Aexp.com or Sherrie Lorbeck, c: 414-477-7762 e: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org or Ryan Johnson, c: 262-825-7331, e: rmjohnson@gmail.com

**Livestream - Sunday mornings from 8:15 - 10:00 am at the COL campus**. We are looking for a small team of people who would be trained on our new equipment so that we can livestream the worship service to the BEST of our ability! (To ensure good camera shots, that the sound is coming through and that the slides are included, along with making sure things are smooth for those worshiping in person. If you are interested, talk to Matt Griepentrog or PSher. This is a paid position.

**Council Youth Rep. We are looking for 2 students to attend our Church Council meetings on Tuesday evenings, 7:00 - 9:00pm**. (it's okay if you need to leave a little early to finish homework), but along with Nancy Oberhauser, our Youth Chair, you will be listing up what's happening and also what's needed, while also being a part of MAJOR decisions happening this year in the life of our church! Talk to PSher or Nancy Oberhauser, our **Council - Youth chairperson for more info or if you are interested! It looks great on resumes and for college!** 

**Kickin It With Jesus Soccer Team is back!** If you'd be interested in playing at Brookfield indoor soccer for the first session, fill out the Google Form on our Website, from the Sr. High email or talk to Ryan Johnson. We'll get the details on the schedule, final registration fee (likely somewhere between \$80.-\$100) and maybe even a Jersey! In addition, if you are a parent who would be willing to help support the team and cheer them on, watch for a sign up genius when we know the schedule! (The on field "coach" is on the sidelines but you don't need to have coaching experience! )

Sept. 22 - 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at COL. It's a Confirmation Dinner Night and a Walking in Faith Night (Yes, now there's Confirmation on Sundays AND Wednesdays, so bring your younger sibling and we might as well enjoy what's for Dinner too!) Tonight's Menu: Pizza, Salad and Garlic Bread.....that after all that, we'll have to head out and follow the path to find out what we will discover all the way and maybe find all sorts of treasure! Wear walking shoes and dress for the weather!

**Sept. 29 - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at COL. Game Night -** Come and take a break from all things homework and everything else to exercise your brain in a different way! We'll have a rotation of games designed to bring out a little friendly competition for your mind, your mouth and to get you moving! We'll have snacks and drinks available too and if you'd be interested in choosing what that looks like and can sign up to shop, let PSher know!

#### Oct. 6 - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at COL. Waukesha Food Pantry Scavenger Hunt -

Help us serve our community by collecting as much food as possible to help the Waukesha Food Pantry. We will divide up in groups on a scavenger hunt to collect food from family, friends, neighbors, and our church family. In a race against time each group will be judged according to how much food they have collected based on its weight. Boxes of pudding are good, but heavy cans of fruits, vegetables or meat or jars of peanut butter and jelly are even better! We will need drivers to compete in this challenge with us, as well as two people who would be willing to haul all of the food in to the food pantry at some point during the week while they are open. Let PSher know if you are able to drive ASAP, so we can have you fill out a Driver's Check (if you haven't completed one in the past 3 years!)

#### Unity members who live within 5 miles of one of our campuses will be invited to sign up if they are willing to have a group visit their doorstep on Sunday night. Watch for the sign up sheets or let us know! Thank you!

(There is NO possible way whatsoever that any "cheating" could happen in this Scavenger Hunt where the team that has the most weight of items collected wins! No adult has EVER "forgotten" to unload groceries from their trunk before coming to drive and surely, none of our teens have EVER asked to go home because they have "forgotten" something!)

**SATURDAY, Oct. 12 - The Dark Side Haunted Adventure!** (*No event Sunday, the 13th*) Join us for the BEST haunted FARM experience in southeastern Wisconsin! Way more than something that takes 15 minutes to go through, where you don't really experience anything new. Head out to this rock farm that has sort of friendly feel in the daylight, but come the week-end evenings in October, transforms to share the history of the people who have lived and worked on this farm over the years. There are amazing light displays that will mesmerize, a hayride into the woods, just don't sit up too tall, let you have the top of your head burned by the fires that erupt from the abandoned vehicles! We'll do our best to not lose anyone in the MAZE.

But because of all there is to experience, this is NOT for those who are early to bed! We will plan to meet at COL at 5:30 p.m. to carpool for the drive out to Ixonia (about 40 minutes). Last year, the experience was over 90 minutes to journey through from start to finish, not including the 90+ minutes we stood in line just to get in! This year we are going to pay for a fast pass ticket to help cut down on our wait time, but sign up as soon as possible, so that we can make sure that we can get you in! Cost is \$30. We will need a number of drivers and as always your ticket is included if you drive! Please click on the sign-up in the Sr. High email or on the website to get your ticket before it's TOO late! PSher HATES Haunted Anything, but even she will tell you this is TOO cool to miss!

Oct. 20 - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at COL. Summer trip info meeting about the Boundary Waters Canoe Area July 19-26th, 2025. Come and learn more about what this amazing trip is like! For most people, it's a once in a lifetime experience and many hire guides to take a trip like this, but thanks to all the experience within UNITY, we will make sure every group is prepared and outfitted with all the equipment that they need, a delicious menu of food to keep you going each day and all that you need to know so that you can experience a week in the awesome beauty of God's creation making memories that will bless you for a lifetime!

We also need 3 adult leaders (typically 2 males, 1 female) for every 6 youth, so if you have ever thought about giving this a try OR are longing to return, come find out more information! Because we will need to plan for groups so that we can reserve permits for where each group will launch from and exit from in early January, registration and a deposit of \$250. is due by December 1.

Oct. 27 - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at COL. Pumpkin Carving/Costume Contest. Bring your own pumpkin or bring \$5.00 to buy one. We'll have all the supplies and a few designs to pick from, but feel free to print your own if you'd like. We'll have the candles to let your pumpkins shine before taking them home with you to enjoy! We'll have prizes for creative carving ideas, most intricate carving and of course, best dressed!

#### Parents of our College Students:

For all of you who now are saying good bye to your College student(s), we are crying right along with you, but also praying for them TOO (And you!) that the year will be good where they'll have a chance to make new friends, learn and experience all the important life lessons that come along the way and please know, that we are STILL ALWAYS HERE, so don't hesitate to reach out or to remind them to reach out if things are a little more challenging than they were expecting or if they have faith/life questions! AND, after you get them all settled in and don't know what to do with yourself, MAKE SURE TO fill out the Google Form online, so we can keep in touch with them and send them a little Care Package of Love too!

#### Save the date: July 19-26, 2025 Boundary Waters

There have also been a lot of requests for an Adult Boundary Waters trip next summer, so watch for more information or talk to Matt Griepentrog if you're slightly interested in what that could look like!

Partner we are praying for this month: Rutilio Grande in El Salvador The altar flowers at CTK are given by Nancy & Ken Kostanski In celebration of Kenny's 39th birth

The altar flowers at COL are given to the Glory of God

Thank you to Melissa Grabowski for arranging the altar flowers this weekend

This weekend's communion breads were baked by Diane Kotula

Thank you to Jane Dowling for doing the flowers for the confirmation students last weekend

#### **Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members**

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

#### **Cross of Life Campus**

Nancy Oberhauser, Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Mary Jo Eggert, Joseph Nutt, Linda Langer, Sandi John, Jerry Buenger, Karen Beres, Bob Rusk, Debbie Horne, Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Ardyce Myhre, Paula Dryer, Marlene Jernberg, John Vaughan, Alyce Vollan, Barb Purnell, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

#### Christ the King Campus

Marge Kipp, Parker Godfrey, Ann Borowski, Dawn Suharski, Fred Petran, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Dave Rau

> We pray our prayers of sympathy for family and loved ones as they mourn the death of a loved one:

#### **Cross of Life Campus**

Guenther & Dandridge family on the death of their aunt to cancer

We celebrate the marriage of: Jessica Lee and Mitchell Beine on September 21st

We give a prayer of thanksgiving for the renewed health of: Judie McGhee

#### **UNITY Prayer Place**

Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.

#### September 21-22

Terri Kwiatkowski (stage 4 terminal cancer), friend of Michelle Aprahamian

#### September 14-15

Polly Galian (cancer), best friend of Pat Petran Ron Ripley (cancer), cousin of Dick Dressler The Blake Family (loss of son [22] to diabetes complications), friend of Deborah Nustad The Lemke Family (loss of son Michael to brain cancer), friend of many UNITY families Chris F. (battling cancer for 2nd time), cousin of Tara Sanicola Tony Susa (spinal cord injury), brother-in-law of Vivian Clark Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

#### September 7-8

Dalton Keller (4 year old with bacterial meningitis), family friends of the Loomis family Andrea Knoke (ovarian cancer), friend of Kyle & Anna Jansson Peyton (health concerns), granddaughter of Neal & Barb Borkenhagen Jean Bekkedal (breast cancer & surgery), sister-in-law of Joan Trainor

#### August 31-September 1

Hubie Krawczyk (cancer) friend of Pat & Jane Dowling Steve Perry (hospitalized), friend of Steve & Julie Schultz Donna Funk (bladder cancer/liver issues), daughter of Pearl Haack

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, etc.) overseas and our military personnel: Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank Holte, Intervention of Content of Cont

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## COL 5:00 p.m.

## Ministers for Saturday, September 21, 2024

Worship Coordinator:	
Greeters:	Matthew Nustad, Deborah Nustad
Acolyte:	Maxwell Roemaat, William Register
Ushers:	Tim Nustad
Worship Assistant:	Greg Buck
Reader:	Kim Klug
	Cheryl Caraulia, Kim Klug
	Kim Klug
Musician:	Greg O'Connell
	Connor Lalor
Visual Projection:	
	Becki Culhane
Sunday School Leaders:	Phil Roemaat
Sunday School Support:	
Nursery:	Autumn Krier

COL 8:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, September 22, 2024
Worship Coordinator:	Steve Taipala
Greeters:	Becky Conway, Mark Hilgart
Acolyte:	Brooke Conway
Worship Assistant:	Inara Hamilton, Eric Gravenkamp Susie Hilgart
Reader	TJ Roche
ABC:	Jann & Dave Meissner, Abigail Mace, Matt Kamenick Dave Meissner
Musician:	Greg O'Connell
Sound:	Josef Keup
Visual Projection:	Denny Thompson
Song Leader:	Trisha Smith Katia Malania, Jardan Lungk, Baglay Convey
Sunday School Leaders: Sunday School Support:	Katie McInnis, Jordan Lunak, Becky Conway
Sunday School Support. Nursery:	Chloe O'Connell
Coffee	Suzanne Taipala
CTK 9:30 a.m.	
	Ministers for Sunday, September 22, 2024
Greeters:	Jane Boorse, Melanie Stuber
	Annalise Nordstrom, Emma Jansson Anna & Kyle Jansson
Worship Assistant:	Mary Huss
Reader	Nancy Kostanski
Communion Assistants:	Barb Borkenhagen, Jane Boorse
ABC:	Barb Borkenhagen, Jane Boorse Jane Boorse
Musician:	Praise Band
Visual Projection:	Hunter Stuber
Song Leader:	
Sunday School Leaders:	Jessica Loomis
Sunday School Support:	Robin Nordstrom
Coffee	Ann-Marie Bergman
COL 10:45 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, September 22, 2024
Worship Coordinator:	
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Ushers:	
Worship Assistant:	Leslie O'Connell
Reader:	Julie Hoesly
Communion Assistants:	Keira Kroepfl
Communion Assistants.	
ABC:	
ABC: Musician:	Greg O'Connell
ABC: Musician: Sound:	
ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection:	JJ Steichen
ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader:	JJ Steichen Trisha Smith
ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders:	JJ Steichen Trisha Smith Beth Ann Wuerl, Davida Kroepfl
ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders: Sunday School Support:	JJ Steichen Trisha Smith



Nineteenth Weekend after Pentecost A Service of Healing

September 28-29, 2024

Saturday, September 28, 2024 5:00 pm COL Sunday, September 29, 2024 8:30 am COL 9:30 am CTK 10:45 am COL

Live Streamed at 8:30 am Sundays and available Online anytime afterwards

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#### WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH! We're glad you're here today! UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.

WELCOME VISITORS! We're glad to have you with us! If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: unitybrookfield.org for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

- Children. Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- **Nursery.** Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- Sunday School. All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old - Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)

#### At UNITY, the Communion Table is:

- Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
- Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
- Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
- We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
- Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
- If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.
- **Pastors.** UNITY is currently served by Pastor Sherrie Lorbeck, Pastor Eric Silberschmidt who is our Interim pastor as we search for two additional pastors. along with Pastor Jim Ahlquist, who is our part time pastoral care pastor and occasional preacher. Most Saturdays, the weekend preacher is the pastor at that service. On Sundays, the preacher for the weekend travels to both campuses to share the message. The other pastor is then based at the COL campus. Feel free to reach out if you need anything or would like to talk more.

GIVING. If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay and Venmo are also accepted. Thank you!



## Nineteenth Weekend after Pentecost A Service of Healing September 28-29, 2024

#### Prelude

"Be Thou My Vision" "Rescue the Perishing" arr. Carter (5:00, 8:30, 10:45) arr. Sinclair (9:30)

#### Words of Welcome

#### **Sharing the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Many: And also with you.

#### **Call to Worship**

One:	We gather	in this place;	all in need	of some t	form of healing.
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- Many: For some, it might be the longing for our bodies to not show their age each day,
- One: For others, it may be healing from major surgeries or setbacks in our health or that the cancer or illness we once faced that we pray never returns.
- Many: And for many of us, we may not even realize the healing we need that would free us in ways we don't even recognize,
- One: because for so long, we've tried to pretend that the hurts of the past or the fears of the future have no impact on us or are nothing we need to work on.
- Many: Healing means something different to each of us, but ours is a God who desires us to experience wholeness and the fullness of who we are, the peace of Christ deep within no matter what we face.
- One: Healing comes in so many different ways and sometimes comes in ways we hadn't prayed for too.
- Many: As God always see the full picture of what we need and how to experience the fullness of this life we are given.
- One: As we gather in this sanctuary, safe and secure from all alarm,

Many: we also pray for healing throughout our world, in every place where people cry out for peace and an end to fighting and violence.

One: As we gather together today, may the very presence of those around us and the meal that Christ nourishes us with be what strengthens us and reminds us we are not alone.

Many: As we are sent forth, may we trust God's healing in our lives so that we can bring hope to the world around us.

#### **Opening Hymn**

"We Come to You for Healing, Lord"	ELW 617 vs. 1-4	(All Services)
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#### Children's Message

#### Greeting and Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

#### Many: And also with you.

One: Let us pray. Merciful God,

Many: you are the source of our lives and have loved us from the first day you knit us together. We remember with deep thankfulness, your faithfulness in every season. You have walked beside us in all our days. In times of light and joy, in times of struggle and heartache, in times of success and strength, and in times of darkness and weakness, you have been our comfort and friend and savior. You have taught us that nothing can ever separate us from your love for us in Christ Jesus. We ask for your healing and peace that you alone can provide in every way that we need it this day. We ask it for those around us and for all of your creation. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

#### The Washing of Holy Baptism Presentation of the Child

This weekend at the 5:00 service, we welcome Josie Clementine Coleman. Josie Clementine is presented by her parents, Michael & Katelyn, and her sponsors, Seth & Leia Gehrking.

Pastor: Who presents Josie Clementine to receive the blessings of Holy Baptism? Parents & Sponsors: We do.

#### **Role of the Parents and Sponsors**

One: In Christian love you have presented Josie Clementine for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully care for her and help her in every way God gives you opportunity, that Josie Clementine may bear witness to the faith we hold, and that, living in the covenant of her Baptism and in Communion with the people of God, she may lead a life of goodness and service until the day of Jesus Christ. Parents and sponsors, do you promise to fulfill these obligations? If so, please answer, "I do."

#### Prayer

Pastor: Holy God, we give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

> By the baptism of his own death and resurrection, your beloved Son, Jesus the Christ, has set us free from the final power of sin and death, and has opened the way to everlasting life. He made water a sign of cleansing and of birth into the family of God. As Jesus' followers, we do as he taught us, making disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

> Pour out your Holy Spirit so that Josie Clementine may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as your own children, inheritors of your glorious kingdom.

All: Amen.

#### \*Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### The Baptism

#### **Baptismal Prayer**

Pastor: Lord God, we give you thanks for freeing your children from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy washing. Pour your Holy Spirit upon Josie Clementine: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and respect for the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

All: Amen.

#### The Mark of Christ

Josie Clementine, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

#### **Presentation of the Baptismal Candle**

One: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

#### Greeting of the Child by the Congregation

- Pastor: Through Baptism, God has made this sister of ours a member of the ministry of reconciliation we all share in Christ Jesus. May we proclaim the greatness and love of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.
- People: Josie Clementine, we welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly father, and a worker with us in the Kingdom of God. Amen.

Pastor: Peace be with you.

Parents & Sponsors: Peace be with you.

#### Gospel Acclamation "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" WOV 612 (All Services)

#### **Gospel:** Mark 9:38-50

As we continue in the lectionary cycle of readings, we hear the disciples worried about how someone has the power to cast out demons like Jesus does. Jesus points out that anyone relieving the suffering of another is with him and not against him. In the same way, we are to be careful so as to not get in the way of someone coming to Jesus and receiving from him the fullness of life and healing that he offers. One: The Gospel according to Mark, the ninth chapter

#### Many: Glory to you, O Lord

<sup>38</sup>John said to [Jesus], "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup>Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

<sup>42</sup>"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

<sup>49</sup>"For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

One:	The Gospel of the Lord!	Many:	Praise to you, O	Christ.
Sermon	"You're in Good Hands"	She	rrie Lorbeck	
U U	he Day/Baptismal Hymn			
"Reme	mber and Rejoice"	ELV	W 454 vs. 1-5	(5:00)

ELW 612

(8:30, 9:30, 10:45)

#### The Prayers of the People

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

One:	Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.
	(Congregation response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer.")
Pastor:	Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Many:	Amen.

#### **Announcements and Offering**

Offertory Response (as gifts are brought forward)		(All Services)
"We Are an Offering"	ELW 692	

#### **Prayer of Thanks**

- One: Let us pray. Merciful God,
- Many: in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you embrace our lives with your great love for humanity. With joy and gladness we ask that these gifts may be for many a sign of that love, and that we may continue to share in your divine life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### Words of Institution

#### The Lord's Prayer (ecumenical)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

#### **Communion Meditation**

"Shall We Gather at the River"	arr. Carter	(5:00, 8:30, 10:45)
"It Is Well With My Soul"	arr. Purifoy	(9:30)

#### **Post Communion Blessing**

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace and peace.

Many: Amen.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

One: Let us pray. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Many: Amen.

#### Benediction

Sending Hymn "Thy Holy Wings"	ELW 613	(All Services)
DismissalOne:Go in peace, serve the Lord!Many:Thanks be to God!		
<b>Postlude</b> <i>"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"</i> <i>"The Power of Your Love"</i>	arr. Carter arr. Keveren	(5:00, 8:30, 10:45) (9:30)

### **UNITY Highlights**

Call Committee Update: The UNITY Call Committee continues to work through the process of vetting candidates who have expressed an interest in joining the team at UNITY Lutheran Church. The Milwaukee Synod of the ELCA recently provided additional candidates for review and consideration. The committee typically begins each new dialog with an introductory interview – sometimes by video call, but in person if possible. If there is a mutual interest in continuing the conversation, we attempt to meet in person if distance is not an obstacle. In subsequent discussions, we dive deeper into each candidate's qualifications and motivation for considering a move to UNITY. If the conversation appears to get serious, we also include information about the Brookfield /Milwaukee area. Any discussions about salary and compensation are referred to the HR Committee. We are attempting to use ELCA standards as much as possible but have learned that not all synods share the same guidelines. Thankfully, the HR Committee provides their expertise when these kinds of challenges arise. At each step of the process, both the candidate(s) and the committee have the option to back out or proceed. We are prayerfully considering every stage of the process and ask for your continued prayers as things unfold. We are anxious to see and share progress but are seeking discernment and trusting in God's timing. We know the importance of this decision and have big shoes to fill, so we don't want to rush into anything that may not be in our best long-term interest. Thank you for your patience, prayers, and unwavering support!

~ Melanie Varin, Call Committee Co-Chair

**5th Sundays Worship!** New this year is something we're calling 5th Sundays Worship where we'll be able to add a theme or different elements to our regular schedule of worship services to allow you to experience a little something new a few times throughout the year. This weekend the theme of our services is centered around Healing, as we explore just one or two stories of many where Jesus was focused on healing, where we'll pray for healing for anyone who is in need, and where you'll be invited to remember God's presence and love for you through a prayer and being anointed with a cross on your forehead with special healing balm if you would like after receiving communion.

**This Sunday, September 29, 9:30 AM COL - Summer Trip Sharing -** Whether you traveled with us or journeyed vicariously through our "Come Away with Jesus" webpage, come and hear (and see) about our summer trips from the travelers who were there! This summer's experiences were both uplifting and grounding (literally, thanks to our camping), so come live out the fun for yourself.

**Please be looking for emails from UNITY.** If you are not receiving them, please check your spam or junk mailboxes. Due to increased security measures put in place by email providers, many of our emails are going there. This happens with individual emails as well as with group emails (even when UNITY staff reply to emails sent to them it's happened). We don't want to miss you, and don't want you to miss hearing from us!

Are you a behind the scenes person? Are you looking to help out in some capacity, but have limited time, or need flexibility to make it work into your life / schedule? Well we have a list of items that we could use help with on a periodic basis, or continual basis but with a small time commitment, etc. See if anything listed here fits the bill for you. If not, check back periodically to see if there is something new added to the list that you would like to help with and works for you. And just know that your UNITY staff appreciate every bit of time and energy you exert to help! Contact Lynn Key with questions or to help.

- Weekly: After 10:45/last service at COL or anytime in the few days after, we could use someone at COL to clean up the coffee & tea carts (clean up coffee pot, put dirty cups into the dishwasher, restock cart with clean cups, etc.) Perhaps a rotating group could do this rather than an individual.
- **Quarterly:** Take COL acolyte, worship assistant robes and fine linens (used for communion) home to spot, wash, iron if needed (mainly fine linens) and return for the next worship service.

• Quarterly: Check the activity bags for children to take into worship and replenish supplies as needed (coloring sheets, crayons, toys, etc.) - could use a person for COL and one for CTK.

**New Confirmation C-Mail Format.** We are trying something new this year for our Confirmation Program. Students will have the opportunity to write their C-Mails either on paper or electronically! This means you may see students on their phones during worship. We are entrusting the students with a big responsibility to have access to their phones during worship. This is a way to make it easier for students to use a format they are more comfortable with. In addition, it allows us to share pictures back and forth to engage and connect. Paper versions are still available at both campuses.

**Registration is LIVE on our website for Sunday School and Music Groups for Kids, Youth, and Adults!** This year's Sunday School program for kids PreK-grade 6 will run at all service times, both campuses, and music groups for ALL ages 3K-adult (kids and adult choirs, beginning and advanced handbells), all on Tuesday nights. Check out the Education and Music Opportunities sections below for more info.

**Online Worship Live-Streamed:** We are now live streaming our 8:30 am COL service using a new system and process, which allows us to stream directly to Vimeo instead of Facebook. It can also be viewed on our website at any later time. Please help us out and sit in the front so it doesn't look like no one is in worship! Thank you in advance for your patience as we work through the new process. The feedback that we have received so far from homebound members or those living further away is that it's so nice to see people they know and love. It feels like they are right with us in worship. The video and audio quality is also better with our new equipment than when we first started in 2020.

Keep Connecting with Us-we love to hear from you! Please continue reaching out any time.

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Don't know who to contact? Call our Church Office at 262-781-7600. Oftentimes they can assist you with your needs. If not, you will be directed to the proper person. The important thing is to stay in touch with us!

#### **Children's Education**

Contact Michelle Aprahamian, c: 414-732-8615, email: michelle@unitybrookfield.org

Attention All Sunday School Teachers! UNITY is again using Ministry Scheduler Pro (MSP) for scheduling teaching starting with this weekend. You will get emails from Nancy Kostanski, Volunteer Coordinator, before being scheduled asking about service and class preferences, dates you are not available, etc. Once the schedule is produced, you will get an email with all your scheduled dates, and automatic reminders will come out the week before you are scheduled as well. With the downloadable app you can also see all your information, and that for your family. This was a great help last year making it easier for everyone working with our Sunday School kids!

A New Way to Help! Sunday School Support Person - You will work with a team of volunteers on a weekly rotating schedule so that you would help with Sunday school 1-2 times per month. Support persons are there to assist the Sunday school leader. You might help with a craft, assist a child who needs a bathroom break or a walk in the hallway or some quiet time outside of the classroom. You are an extra set of hands to gather supplies or help with clean-up. You are the "go to" for any last minute or unexpected needs. No teaching experience is necessary. Just a love for kids and an understanding of the impact one caring adult can have on the life of a child on their Faith journey. This position is for anyone in 8th grade through adults. This new position is now being scheduled through MSP, just like teaching and other volunteer positions. Since it's a new position, it is not being auto scheduled, so you can go into MSP, add that as a position and sign up for a date(s), or talk to Michelle Aprahamian or Nancy Kostanski, Volunteer Coordinator to help.

#### NEW!! Mark Your Calendars for Autumn Fest on October 11th

If you're ready to celebrate the arrival of sweater weather and pumpkin everything (and even if you're not), then please join us for **Autumn Fest on Friday, October 11th, from 5:30-8:00 p.m. at the CTK campus.** Together we'll enjoy dinner, campfire toastings, pumpkin decorating and a pumpkin (egg) hunt. The evening will conclude with a special outdoor screening of the movie "Up." What better way to embrace the days getting shorter? Those interested in attending can indicate their intentions using a Sign-Up Genius link that will be available soon via email communication, as well as on the Unity website. Hope to see you there!

#### Confirmation

Contact Nicole Krause, e: nicole@unitybrookfield.org or Sherrie Lorbeck, e: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org

**NEW this year!** We are offering Confirmation classes on Sunday nights AND Wednesday nights after hearing from so many of our young people who didn't want to have to miss Confirmation because it conflicted with a practice night of a team they are a part of! We just had our Orientation meeting where we went through everything about the program and the coming year so **be in touch with Nicole Krause or Sherrie Lorbeck if you are interested in being a part!** Classes have started so let us know if you'd like to join soon!!

Classes will be Sundays at COL from 6:00-7:30 pm and Wednesdays from 6:15-7:45 pm. Our trimester lesson focuses on Values and the Choices We Make and why we worship!

**Confirmation Sunday Fusion will be starting THIS SUNDAY!** Our next Sundays are **September 29, October 6th (see details below) and October 13, 9:30-10:30am** at the COL Campus in room 208. Partner focus for this session is Aspen Center. Confirmation students and parent volunteers can sign up on the signup genius link at unitybrookfield.org

**Confirmation Service Opportunity: Hebron House Painting & Cleaning. This MONDAY Sept 30, 10:00 am-12:00 noon.** Meet at COL at 9:45 am to head to our partners at Hebron House for painting and cleaning. **Parent drivers needed!** Sign up using the sign up genius link.

**Sunday, October 6, 9:30-10:30am, COL Fellowship Hall** - It's back! We're having a Dog Play Date with our friends from Aspen Center! Join us for our next get together with our dogs and our friends from Aspen Center. Please contact Cindy Boyd (262-424-3610 or dcboyd1985@ sbcglobal.net) with any questions.

#### Servant Ministries

Contact Ellen Vermillion, c: 262-565-8512, e: evermill61@gmail.com or Nicole Krause, e: nicole@unitybrookfield.org

**Volunteer Treasurer Needed for Bread of Healing Clinic, 10/hrs/month.** We give thanks for UNITY member Doreen Brecheisen who has served as the treasurer for our free clinic partner in Milwaukee for the last 4 years, and are looking for the next great person to fill the role. Might this be your next calling? The role involves working with the accountant's financials to produce monthly reports for the board and assist with the budget. A combination of monthly in-person meetings and working from home. About 10 hours/week. Accounting background and knowledge of quickbooks would be big assets. Doreen (norskjohnson@gmail.com) would be happy to talk with anyone interested in the role or you can reach out directly to Barb Horner-Ibler at the clinic: (414) 313-9430. This is an organization you would be proud to support. Thanks for considering and spreading the word.

Let's Get Cookin'! Mass Meal Prep Resumes October 16 - One Wednesday each month from 4:45-6:30pm, 4 adults will work with 4 Confirmation students to whip up a delicious recipe in the COL Kitchen for 25 men at Aspen Center! It's easy: cooking stations are all set up and ready for our Sous Chefs to step in. What if cooking really isn't your thing but you still want to help? No problem! We also need the following support: 1 or 2 shoppers, 2 home bakers, and 1 meal delivery driver. It's a big team effort, so what a blessing you will be! Cooking dates are: October 16, November 6, December 11, January 8, February 12 and May 7. Sign up online by clicking on the appropriate links: Adult Signup or Confirmation Signup. Questions? Contact Cindy Flynn at 262-391-7870 or cindylouflynn@aol.com.

Fun Fact: Over the years our UNITY Confirmation kids and congregation have consistently made meals for the following partners: Springdale House (this goes back many years!) Serenity Inns, Juno House, Siena House, and this year, Aspen Center! UNITY, thank you for sharing your time to fill not only the stomachs of men in recovery, but also their hearts!

**Ongoing Service Opportunities:** UNITY has standing volunteer "shifts" at various partners that we commit to covering as a church. Each one is coordinated by a different UNITY member... each has its own sign up page on the church website... and each is an opportunity for you!

- Waukesha Food Pantry Food Distribution: Each month, 4th Saturday, 9am-12pm; 5th Monday 5:30 8 pm.
- Serenity Inns Recovery Program Fellowship Dinners: cook, deliver, or serve a meal for 12 residents. Each month, 1st Sunday & 2nd Friday, 6 7pm. Kids welcome.

#### Save the Dates for 2025 El Salvador Trips:

- February 15-22 Medical/Education Clinic;
- August 5-12 Relationship-Building Summer Trip.

#### **Property Needs**

Contact Denny Thompson, Director of Buildings and Properties c: 262-844-0556, email: dennyt325@yahoo.com Al Bengston, c: 414-322-6445, email: allanbengst234@gmail.com

#### Fall Cleanups (Indoors and Outdoors): CTK: Oct. 12 | COL: Oct. 19 - 9am-12pm

Come one, come all! Please lend a hand (or two) at our Fall Cleanups on Saturdays, 9 am-noon: at CTK on October 12 and at COL on October 19.

For outdoors, we need lots of people to rake, trim, pull weeds, pull annuals and prep the grounds for winter. Please bring garden gloves and a rake if you can. At our COL campus we also have a lot of tree trimming that will be the main focus of the cleanup, so please bring chainsaws, extender-type trimmers and trailers if you have them. At CTK we will also do cleanup of debris from tree-dropping that will occur prior to October 12.

At both campuses, our church home interiors need some TLC. We will be doing some deep cleaning like you would with your own home. Watch for more details of what items would be helpful to bring from home. Many hands make light work, so the saying goes, so please come help us spiff up our buildings, inside and out! Cleanups will be held rain or shine, and lunch will be provided at both campuses. Questions? Contact Denny Thompson at dennyt325@yahoo.com. Thank you for helping maintain our facilities!

**Lawn Mowers:** We are getting close to the end of the season, and we want to thank all who have been faithfully keeping our properties cut and looking beautiful! The roster has been staying full, and that's a great thing. We just have a bit of October to fill. Please use our online sign up, and let's finish the year out strong. If you need a tutorial or have any questions, contact Property Director Denny above.

Adult Programs Contact: Todd Blatnik, email: todd.blatnik@wi.rr.com or Matt Griepentrog, c: 262-787-8820, e: matt@unitybrookfield.org

Sheepshead Small Group - Play Sheepshead with us on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month, 6:30pm at our Christ the King campus. Sheepshead is a 5-player trump-style partner card game, a bit complicated to learn but addictive once you've got it. Beginners or those interested in learning are welcome to join the group, we are happy to teach you. We will meet twice a month September-November and then determine if we need to adjust numbers, frequency, etc. Contact is Mary Huss (mhwis@hotmail.com). Next Game Night: Thursday, October 3rd at 6:30 pm CTK.

**NEW Monday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Eric! - Mondays at 10 AM @ COL, continues Monday September 30th.** Looking for a weekly bible study group? Pastor Eric has just what you're looking for! Start your week with Eric as he leads a study that follows the worship lectionary (the three year cycle of Scripture readings used in worship). You'll take a deep dive into the weekly scripture readings (you won't be left behind if you miss a week or more). Bring a friend, and meet us in Room 202 @ COL.

**Lunch Bunch** - Join us the second Wednesday of each month at 11:30 am at Maxim's. (18025 W. Capitol Drive in Brookfield.) The next meeting is October 9. Everyone is welcome, no matter your age or stage: younger, older, singles, couples, regular or occasional. Just show up because the nice thing about Maxim's is that seating is endlessly expandable. And, if you have any questions before you come, Esther McKee is your point person: (262) 246-6443.

**Special Milestone Event: Empty Nest, Full Hearts. Monday, October 21st, 7-8:15 PM @ COL.** All new or seasoned Empty Nesters are invited to this event! Life is full of meaningful milestones, and this event is designed to celebrate one of life's most transformative moments: the empty nest. Whether you're a single adult or a couple, this is a time to reflect on the emotions and changes that come with children leaving home. Whether you're excited about this chapter of life or apprehensive, join us for an evening of sharing and connecting (and desserts!). We'll guide each other in navigating this new chapter, while connecting our journey at home with the wider faith community.

**Theology on Tap Returns! -** We had such a great time at our first one, that we're doing it again. Our next gathering will be **Thursday, October 24th at 7:30 at Vennture Brew Co. in Brookfield** (**fka Biloba**) Enjoy good beer, good conversations, and God. Non-beer drinkers welcome; must be 21 or older. Contact Matt at matt@unitybrookfield.org to tap into more info... or just show up! Vennture Brew is located at 2970 N. Brookfield Road.

**20-30 Somethings: Halloween Costume Karaoke, Friday, October 25th, 7:30 PM @ Vennture Brewing in Tosa.** Get your costume ready and come bark at the moon with your best vocal riffs this side of the grave! Meet at 5519 W North Ave in Tosa. As always, help us get the word out to others in the area and feel free to invite those you know too!

And feel free to pass along names, cells and email addresses for any friends (or adult children) who are now in the Greater Milwaukee area so we can make sure to reach out and invite them! Thanks!

#### Watch for these upcoming adult forums

• Sunday October 6, 9:30 AM COL - Aspen Center with Pets and Confirmation Students.

Come hear stories from the residents of Aspen Center and meet some UNITY pets! You are welcome to bring your own pet as well! 9:30-10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall @ COL. Please contact Cindy Boyd (262-424-3610 or dcboyd1985@sbcglobal.net) with any questions.

- October 20: Fall Walk to Coffeeville. Gather with us by the COL fireplace at 9:30 AM! We'll enjoy a scenic fall walk on the Fox River trail to Coffeeville grab a drink and treat, and walk back to church.
- October 27: Adult Boundary Waters Trip. Interested in the summer adventure of a lifetime? Come hear all about this upcoming trip and how you can be a part of the excitement! 9-:30-10:30 AM @ COL.

#### Do You Have Ideas for Adult Programming? Let Us Know!

Adult Programs is beginning to brainstorm programming ideas for fall and winter planning. If you have any ideas for groups, events, studies, or speakers that you'd like us to know about, please reach out to our new Adult Programs chairperson, Todd Blatnik, at todd.blatnik@wi.rr.com.

#### **UNITY Member Care**

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# Grief Group will continue meeting on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays through the end of the year. The next meetings are October 9th & October 23rd from 6:30-8:00 pm at COL in room 202 - *When Life Isn't the Same* ....

If you have lost a spouse or a parent or someone else close to you, the grieving doesn't end after the funeral. We invite you to a safe space where you can share more about where you are at in your journey ... learn more about the stages of grief ... and get help finding your way through what you need most for the road ahead.

We invite you to join us for our Grief Group. These gatherings will be led by Pastor Jim Ahlquist and Nicole Krause. If this is the right time for you, or if someone you know could benefit from being a part of this, please join us! If you have questions or just want to discuss whether this is the right place for you, contact Pastor Jim at jim@unitybrookfield.org or 715-210-2245.

**UNITY Member Care is always here for you.** You don't have to face life's ups and downs alone. Whether it's an unexpected hospitalization, a recent diagnosis, the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, addiction, anxiety, depression, or virtually anything else, the pastors are only a call, text, or email away. Please **never** hesitate to reach out -- whether we're the only stop you'll make or just the first step in a longer care process.

**Prayer Place cards-** If you have a prayer request that you would like included in the Prayers for Friends and Family section in the bulletin, there are cards available in the narthex near the bulletin board. You can fill out the request and pin it to the bulletin board or place it in the basket and it will be included in the upcoming bulletin. These prayer requests will stay for 4 weeks and then if you need further prayer, repost as often as needed. Any questions, please contact Nancy by phone or email nancy@unitybrookfield.org

#### **Worship & Music Opportunities**

Director of Music, Contact Lynn Key, c: 414-507-5888 e: lynn@unitybrookfield.org Children's Choirs, Contact Janet Day, c: 414-975-0286, e: janetday4@me.com Fellowship Choir, Contact Molly Pufall-Brown, c: 920-265-6881, e: mpufall@gmail.com Handbells & Praise Band, Contact Stacey Nordmeyer, c: 414-617-7673, e: staceynordmeyer72@icloud.com

**UNITY's All-Music Tuesdays:** We rehearse every Tuesday night through mid-May. Come join us in making Glorious music, even if you can't make it every week. Nursery and child care are

available. Parents, join an adult music group that rehearses on the same night as your child's youth music group! No auditions are necessary. Talk to any of our music staff if you have questions.

- JOYFUL NOISE MUSIC MAKERS Ages PreK-Grade 1 6:00pm to 6:30pm Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall • Directed by Janet Day • While learning beginning music concepts, the Joyful Noise Music Makers will sing songs, play music games, play instruments, move and rejoice, and most importantly, have fun in a safe, group setting!
- CELEBRATION MUSIC MAKERS Ages Grade 2–Grade 6 Tuesdays: 6:30pm to 7:15pm Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall Directed by Janet Day While learning elementary music concepts, the Celebration Choir will have units on World Music Drumming, Orff Instruments, Recorders, Bucket Drumming, Boomwhackers, Ukuleles, Hand Chimes all while singing praises and learning to work together in a group to share our talents in worship service once a month.
- HOSANNA BELLS Beginning to Early Intermediate Ringers Tuesdays: 7:15pm to 8:00pm Cross of Life Sanctuary Join the fun! Play handbells with your friends and family to share an anthem in a worship service once a month. This beginning handbell group will teach handbell playing techniques, challenge and improve your musical skills, develop teamwork, improve your physical coordination, attention span, and self-discipline, teach patience and cooperation, and so much more. A great group for a parent and child music experience!
- **FELLOWSHIP CHOIR** Ages 7th Grade–Adult Tuesdays: 7:15pm to 8:15pm Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall Directed by Molly Pufall-Brown Accompanied by Lynn Key This choral group will rehearse once a week and sing in worship once a month.
- GLORIA DEI BELLS Late Intermediate to Advanced Ringers Tuesdays: 6:15pm to 7:15pm Cross of Life Sanctuary Directed by Stacey Nordmeyer. This is an intermediate/advanced handbell ensemble that rehearses once a week and plays in worship once a month.

Join us in worship on October 5-6 as we lift up in prayer two of our small groups and display their lovingly created gifts:

- Sew Comfy will display a selection of the heart-shaped pillows that they make. They sew several hundred each year that are given to people going through breast cancer treatment/surgery/ recovery. They are always looking for cheerful, soft 100% cotton fabric donations.
- The Quilting Group will also display a selection of their quilts. They sew easy quilts that are sent to various organizations, such as Serenity Inns, Aspen Center & Lutheran World Relief. They also take donations of cotton material and/or sheets (full, queen, king: flat or fitted) for their quilt projects.

Mark your Calendars! Our BEGIN Group (Brookfield Elm Grove Interfaith Network) is bringing back the Thanksgiving Service in person once again! We have been a part of BEGIN for the past twenty years and this yearly gathering has always attracted people from all of our local faith communities. It's been such an easy way to learn a little more about other faith traditions, see worship spaces that you otherwise may never have a chance or feel comfortable visiting out of the blue and meet people from other faith communities all while enjoying sweet treats at the end of the evening. This year, to help make it happen, we are HOSTING! So, mark your calendar for Wednesday, November 20th at 7:00 p.m. at the COL campus. Watch for more information, but hopefully, we can create ways for our Confirmation students to add some visual element or musical gift as part of the service. In addition, maybe we can invite people to be a part of a choir that learns a song before the service to share and if you would be willing to help in any way from helping us get the word out, to making people feel welcome while they're here to helping us provide delicious deserts after, please talk to Lynn Key or Sherrie Lorbeck. We hope you'll be a part of this incredibly special gathering!

#### Sr. High

Contact Nancy Oberhauser, c: 262-527-8869, e: nancy.oberhauser@Aexp.com or Sherrie Lorbeck, c: 414-477-7762 e: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org or Ryan Johnson, c: 262-825-7331, e: rmjohnson@gmail.com

**Livestream - Sunday mornings from 8:15 - 10:00 am at the COL campus**. We are looking for a small team of people who would be trained on our new equipment so that we can livestream the worship service to the BEST of our ability! (To ensure good camera shots, that the sound is coming through and that the slides are included, along with making sure things are smooth for those worshiping in person. If you are interested, talk to Matt Griepentrog or PSher. This is a paid position.

**Council Youth Rep. We are looking for 2 students to attend our Church Council meetings once a month on a Tuesday evening, 7:00 - 9:00pm**. (it's okay if you need to leave a little early to finish homework), but along with Nancy Oberhauser, our Youth Chair, you will be listing up what's happening and also what's needed, while also being a part of MAJOR decisions happening this year in the life of our church! Talk to PSher or Nancy Oberhauser, our Council - Youth chairperson for more info or if you are interested! It looks great on resumes and for college!

**Kickin It With Jesus Soccer Team is back!** If you'd be interested in playing at Brookfield indoor soccer for the first session, fill out the Google Form on our Website, from the Sr. High email or talk to Ryan Johnson. We'll get the details on the schedule, final registration fee (likely somewhere between \$80-\$100) and maybe even a Jersey! In addition, if you are a parent who would be willing to help support the team and cheer them on, watch for a sign up genius when we know the schedule! (The on field "coach" is on the sidelines but you don't need to have coaching experience! )

Sept. 29 - 6:00 - approx. 7:40 p.m. join us for 'Game Show Battle Rooms'. Come and experience the thrill of playing your favorite game show games in custom arenas. Cost is \$25. Text Ryan Johnson to sign up and then meet up at CTK at 6pm. Game on!!

#### Oct. 6 - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at COL. Waukesha Food Pantry Scavenger Hunt -

Help us serve our community by collecting as much food as possible to help the Waukesha Food Pantry. We will divide up in groups on a scavenger hunt to collect food from family, friends, neighbors, and our church family. In a race against time each group will be judged according to how much food they have collected based on its weight. Boxes of pudding are good, but heavy cans of fruits, vegetables or meat or jars of peanut butter and jelly are even better! We will need drivers to compete in this challenge with us, as well as two people who would be willing to haul all of the food in to the food pantry at some point during the week while they are open. Let PSher know if you are able to drive ASAP, so we can have you fill out a Driver's Check (if you haven't completed one in the past 3 years!)

# Unity members who live within 5 miles of one of our campuses will be invited to sign up if they are willing to have a group visit their doorstep on Sunday night. Watch for the sign up sheets or let us know! Thank you!

(There is NO possible way whatsoever that any "cheating" could happen in this Scavenger Hunt where the team that has the most weight of items collected wins! No adult has EVER "forgotten" to unload groceries from their trunk before coming to drive and surely, none of our teens have EVER asked to go home because they have "forgotten" something!)

**SATURDAY, Oct. 12 - The Dark Side Haunted Adventure!** (*No event Sunday, the 13th*) Join us for the BEST haunted FARM experience in southeastern Wisconsin! Way more than

something that takes 15 minutes to go through, where you don't really experience anything new. Head out to this rock farm that has sort of friendly feel in the daylight, but come the week-end evenings in October, transforms to share the history of the people who have lived and worked on this farm over the years. There are amazing light displays that will mesmerize, a hayride into the woods, just don't sit up too tall, let you have the top of your head burned by the fires that erupt from the abandoned vehicles! We'll do our best to not lose anyone in the MAZE.

But because of all there is to experience, this is NOT for those who are early to bed! We will plan to meet at COL at 5:30 p.m. to carpool for the drive out to Ixonia (about 40 minutes). Last year, the experience was over 90 minutes to journey through from start to finish, not including the 90+ minutes we stood in line just to get in! This year we are going to pay for a fast pass ticket to help cut down on our wait time, but sign up as soon as possible, so that we can make sure that we can get you in! Cost is \$30. We will need a number of drivers and as always your ticket is included if you drive! Please click on the sign-up in the Sr. High email or on the website to get your ticket before it's TOO late! PSher HATES Haunted Anything, but even she will tell you this is TOO cool to miss!

**Oct. 20 - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at COL. Summer trip info meeting about the Boundary Waters Canoe Area July 19-26th, 2025.** Come and learn more about what this amazing trip is like! For most people, it's a once in a lifetime experience and many hire guides to take a trip like this, but thanks to all the experience within UNITY, we will make sure every group is prepared and outfitted with all the equipment that they need, a delicious menu of food to keep you going each day and all that you need to know so that you can experience a week in the awesome beauty of God's creation making memories that will bless you for a lifetime!

We also need 3 adult leaders (typically 2 males, 1 female) for every 6 youth, so if you have ever thought about giving this a try OR are longing to return, come find out more information! Because we will need to plan for groups so that we can reserve permits for where each group will launch from and exit from in early January, registration and a deposit of \$250 is due by December 1.

Oct. 27 - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at COL. Pumpkin Carving/Costume Contest. Bring your own pumpkin or bring \$5.00 to buy one. We'll have all the supplies and a few designs to pick from, but feel free to print your own if you'd like. We'll have the candles to let your pumpkins shine before taking them home with you to enjoy! We'll have prizes for creative carving ideas, most intricate carving and of course, best dressed!

#### Parents of our College Students:

For all of you who now are saying good bye to your College student(s), we are crying right along with you, but also praying for them TOO (And you!) that the year will be good where they'll have a chance to make new friends, learn and experience all the important life lessons that come along the way and please know, that we are STILL ALWAYS HERE, so don't hesitate to reach out or to remind them to reach out if things are a little more challenging than they were expecting or if they have faith/life questions! AND, after you get them all settled in and don't know what to do with yourself, MAKE SURE TO fill out the Google Form online, so we can keep in touch with them and send them a little Care Package of Love too!

#### Save the date: July 19-26, 2025 Boundary Waters

There have also been a lot of requests for an Adult Boundary Waters trip next summer, so join us October 27th for forum (see Adult Programs for more info),watch for more info, or talk to Matt Griepentrog if you're slightly interested in what that could look like!

Partner we are praying for this month: Rutilio Grande in El Salvador

The altar flowers at both campuses are given by Tom & Tammy Lee In honor of the wedding of Jessica Lee and Mitchell Beine on 9/21

Thank you to Nancy Kostanski for arranging the altar flowers this weekend

This weekend's communion breads were baked by Denny Thompson

#### **Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members**

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

#### **Cross of Life Campus**

Julie Schultz, Nancy Oberhauser, Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Mary Jo Eggert, Joseph Nutt, Linda Langer, Sandi John, Jerry Buenger, Karen Beres, Bob Rusk, Debbie Horne, Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Ardyce Myhre, Paula Dryer, Marlene Jernberg, John Vaughan, Alyce Vollan, Barb Purnell, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

#### **Christ the King Campus**

Marge Kipp, Parker Godfrey, Ann Borowski, Dawn Suharski, Fred Petran, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Dave Rau

> We give a prayer of thanksgiving for the birth of: Thomas James Dowling, grandson of Jane & Pat Dowling

#### **UNITY Prayer Place**

Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.

#### September 28-29

James Searles (cardiac arrest), father of Melissa Grabowski Joan Patmore (breast cancer), cousin of Jensy Engle Erika Foss (brain cancer-in hospice), cousin of Karen Anderson Nancy Foss (cancer), cousin of Karen Anderson Dan Jakala (bone cancer), brother-in-law of Laura Buege Beth Kumer & Family (passing of Beth's father, Ed), friend of Deborah Nustad J.C. Mitchell & Family (passing of J.C.'s mother, Pat), friends of the Nustad family Jolie J. & family (23 year old with stage 4 breast & liver cancer), friends of Nustad family Donna Funk (bladder cancer/liver issues), daughter of Pearl Haack

#### September 21-22

Terri Kwiatkowski (stage 4 terminal cancer), friend of Michelle Aprahamian

#### September 14-15

Polly Galian (cancer), best friend of Pat Petran Ron Ripley (cancer), cousin of Dick Dressler The Blake Family (loss of son [22] to diabetes complications), friend of Deborah Nustad The Lemke Family (loss of son Michael to brain cancer), friend of many UNITY families Chris F. (battling cancer for 2nd time), cousin of Tara Sanicola Tony Susa (spinal cord injury), brother-in-law of Vivian Clark Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

#### September 7-8

Dalton Keller (4 year old with bacterial meningitis), family friends of the Loomis family Andrea Knoke (ovarian cancer), friend of Kyle & Anna Jansson Peyton (health concerns), granddaughter of Neal & Barb Borkenhagen Jean Bekkedal (breast cancer & surgery), sister-in-law of Joan Trainor

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, etc.) overseas and our military personnel: Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank Holte Alex Hienz Bryce Roland, grandson of Grace Leverenz Caroline Schneider, daughter of Brian & Patty Billy Thomas, son of Eric & Sally Thomas Mallori Trester, daughter of Dale Trester Kyle Unger, cousin of the Wistrom family

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## COL 5:00 p.m.

## Ministers for Saturday, September 28, 2024

Worship Coordinator:	
Greeters:	Sue Fisher, Duane Maas
	James Lorbeck, Nate Maritz
Ushers:	Molly Swain, Tim Culhane
Worship Assistant:	Kim Klug
Reader:	Duane Maas
Communion Assistants:	Caroline Halbach, Tim Nustad
ABC:	Kay Koepsel-Benning
Musician:	Janet Day
Sound:	George Lorbeck
Visual Projection:	-
Song Leader:	Becki Culhane
Sunday School Leaders:	Beth Ann Wuerl
Sunday School Support:	
Nursery:	Rachel Manganaro

<u>COL 8:30 a.m.</u>	Ministers for Sunday, September 29, 2024
Worship Coordinator:	Denny Thompson
Greeters:	Becky Conway, Sandi John
Acolyte:	Addison Kahle, Brooke Conway
Ushers:	Charlie Nass, Kevin Nass
Worship Assistant: Reader:	Eric Thomas
Reader:	Tracy Karrels
Communion Assistants:	Sandy John, Nelson Brownell, Diane & Dick Dressler
	Lisa Nass
	Janet Day
Sound:	Denny Thompson
Livestream: Visual Projection:	Rudy Schneider
Visual Projection:	Nicole Krause
Sunday Sabool Londors:	Megan Van Hoorn, Lisa Kahle, Becky Conway
Sunday School Support:	Sophie Miesfeld
Nursery:	Maddy Paradis
Coffee	Maddy Paradis Lauren Brownell
CTK 9:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, September 29, 2024
Greeters:	Marge & Jerry Kipp
Acolyte:	Davy Allar
Ushers:	Kenny Kostanski, Ken Kostanski
Worship Assistant: Reader:	Jim Johnsen
Reader:	Jim Johnsen
Communion Assistants:	Pat & Fred Petran
ABC:	Barb Hemmingsen
Musician:	Lynn Key
Visual Projection:	Jell Ney Corumn Nordstrom
Sunday School Leaders:	Corynn Nordstrom Jessica Loomis, Judie Born
Sunday School Support:	Jessica Looinis, Judie Doin
Nursery	Robin Nordstrom
	Marge Kipp
<u>COL 10:45 a.m.</u>	Ministers for Sunday, September 29, 2024
Worship Coordinator:	T 0 1
Greeters:	
	Austin Alft, Max Herington
	Collette Tatera Fred Varin
Worship Assistant: Reader:	Tiffany Reay
Communion Assistants:	Joy Czarnik, Carole Syse
ABC:	JUY CLAIMIN, CAIDIC SYSC
Musician:	Janet Day
	Clyde Reay
Visual Projection:	Josh Botsch
Song Leader:	
Sunday School Leaders:	Tara Sanicola, Jackie Herington
Sunday School Support:	
Nursery:	Maddy Paradis
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## Twentieth Weekend after Pentecost Worldwide Communion Weekend

## October 5-6, 2024

Saturday, October 5, 2024 5:00 pm COL Sunday, October 6, 2024 8:30 am COL 9:30 am CTK 10:45 am COL

### Live Streamed at 8:30 am Sundays and available Online anytime afterwards

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#### WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH! We're glad you're here today! UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** We're glad to have you with us! If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: unitybrookfield.org for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

- Children. Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- **Nursery.** Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- Sunday School. All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)

#### • At UNITY, the Communion Table is:

- Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
- Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
- Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
- We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
- Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
- If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.
- **Pastors.** UNITY is currently served by Pastor Sherrie Lorbeck, Pastor Eric Silberschmidt who is our Interim pastor as we search for two additional pastors. along with Pastor Jim Ahlquist, who is our part time pastoral care pastor and occasional preacher. Most Saturdays, the weekend preacher is the pastor at that service. On Sundays, the preacher for the weekend travels to both campuses to share the message. The other pastor is then based at the COL campus. Feel free to reach out if you need anything or would like to talk more.

**GIVING.** If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay and Venmo are also accepted. Thank you!



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## Twentieth Weekend after Pentecost Worldwide Communion Weekend October 5-6, 2024

#### Prelude

"How Excellent Is Thy Name" "Alleluia" Tunney/arr. Hayes Caccini (5:00, 8:30, 10:45) (9:30)

#### Words of Welcome

#### Invocation

Pastor: We gather in the name of the Holy Trinity, one God, who brought light to the darkness, who spoke forgiveness and love, and whose spirit is with us when we have the courage to leave the mountain top. Amen.

#### **Sharing the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Many: And also with you.

#### **Call to Worship**

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One: <b>Many:</b>	How good, Lord, to be here! May we be overwhelmed by the glory of God's love!
One: Many:	As we gather for worship, we confess that We have not always welcomed the light of God's love. Afraid that it might reveal too much, it feels safer in the shadows.
One: Many:	Is it good, Lord, to be here? Lord, if you see the truth, will you still love us? Will we still be welcome in this place? Will we still be a part of this Church family?
One: Many:	Is it good, Lord, to be here? Here in this place where Baptismal promises are spoken. Here in this place where we receive love and forgiveness in the bread and the wine.
One: Many:	How good, Lord, to be here! Your love for us is amazing and overwhelming! We give thanks for the wonder of mountain top experience.
One: Many:	How good, Lord, to be here! We give thanks for the view from the mountain top but you call us to share the light of your love in all the dark places in our world. May your love be revealed in the work of the Church.

#### **Opening Hymn**

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

ELW 671

#### Children's Message

#### Greeting and Prayer of the Day

- Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!
- Many: And also with you.
- One: Let us pray. O God of light and love,

Many: We give thanks that you call us together to experience the wonders of your love. Like the Disciples, may we be overwhelmed when we come face to face with your loving presence. That's not where the Gospel ends and that's not where our story ends either. Fed by our time of worship, may we go out from this place filled with gratitude and ready to share the light of your love. Amen.

Anthem"This Is the Day" ~ Garrett / arr. Huggins<br/>Fellowship Choir; Molly Pufall-Brown, Director; Lynn Key, Accompanist(All Services-recording 9:30)

#### Gospel Acclamation "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" WOV 612 (All Services)

#### Gospel: Mark 9:2-9

In Mark's Gospel, the Disciples have a vision of what power and glory will look like. Jesus revealed a different plan for the Messiah that included betrayal, death, and resurrection. Jesus would be a servant king. Now in the Transfiguration, the Disciples experience God's power and glory first hand. Overwhelmed, they are instructed to listen to Jesus and to prepare for the coming of new life, hope, and Resurrection.

One: The Gospel according to Mark, the ninth chapter

#### Many: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>2</sup>Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved listen to him!" <sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

One: The Gospel of the Lord!

Many: Praise to you, O Christ.

Eric Silberschmidt

#### Hymn of the Day

"How Good, Lord, to Be Here" ELW 315 vs. 1, 2, 5 (All Services)

#### The Prayers of the People

One:	Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people
	according to their needs.
	(Congregation response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer.")
Pastor:	Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your
	mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Many:	Amen.

#### **Announcements and Offering**

<b>Offertory Response</b> (as gifts are brought forward)		(All Services)
"We Are an Offering"	ELW 692	

#### **Prayer of Thanks**

One: Let us pray. Gracious God,

Many: in the abundance of your steadfast love, you call us from death to life, from silence to speech, from idleness to action. With these gifts we offer ourselves to you, and with the Church through all the ages we give thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

- Many: And also with you.
- Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
- Many: We lift them to the Lord.
- Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### Words of Institution

#### The Lord's Prayer (ecumenical)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

#### **Communion Meditation**

"Heavenly Lights"	Lorie Line	(5:00, 8:30, 10:45)
"I Love to Tell the Story"	arr. Keveren	(9:30)

#### **Post Communion Blessing**

- Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace and peace.
- Many: Amen.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

One: Let us pray. Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Many: Amen.

#### Benediction

<b>Sending Hymn</b> <i>"We Are Marching in the Light"</i>	ELW 866	(All Services)
DismissalOne:Go in peace, serve the Lord!Many:Thanks be to God!		
Postlude		
"We Are Marching in the Light"	arr. Carter	(5:00, 8:30, 10:45)
"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"	Watts	(9:30)

## This Weekend at UNITY!

Join us in worship on October 5-6 as we lift up in prayer two of our small groups and display their lovingly created gifts:

- Sew Comfy is one of the many long standing small groups which is behind the scenes at UNITY. For nearly 25 years this group has made at least 400 heart-shaped pillows per year (that's 10,000+ pillows!) which have been donated to Froedtert's Breast Cancer Center. In the past year, pillows have also been well received at the UW Cancer Center in Pewaukee. As one thankful recipient noted, "It is a bright spot in a difficult day...an unexpected touch of warmth and caring." Baskets of pillows are available at each church for anyone who may benefit from a Sew Comfy pillow. If you'd like to help, a donation of bright, colorful cotton fabric is appreciated and can be placed by the baskets of pillows. One yard of fabric yields three pillows. Contact Tami Miller if you'd like more information: tamimiller119@gmail.com
- The Quilting Group will also display a selection of their quilts. They sew easy quilts that are sent to various organizations, such as Serenity Inns, Aspen Center & Lutheran World Relief. They also take donations of cotton material and/or sheets (full, queen, king: flat or fitted) for their quilt projects.

**This weekend in Sunday School** our students will be creating cards with words of encouragement and support to be sent to a church with a connection to UNITY in an area of South Carolina impacted by Helene. See more ways to help those affected by this disaster below in the Highlights.

Sunday October 6, 9:30 AM COL Fellowship Hall - Aspen Center with Pets and Confirmation Students. It's a Forum that includes a Doggie Play Date! Come hear stories from the residents of Aspen Center and meet some UNITY pets! You are welcome to bring your own pet as well! 9:30-10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall @ COL. Please contact Cindy Boyd (262-424-3610 or dcboyd1985@sbcglobal.net) with any questions.

**Oct. 6 - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at COL. Waukesha Food Pantry Scavenger Hunt -** Help us serve our community by collecting as much food as possible to help the Waukesha Food Pantry. We will divide up in groups on a scavenger hunt to collect food from family, friends, neighbors, and our church family. In a race against time each group will be judged according to how much food they have collected based on its weight. Boxes of pudding are good, but heavy cans of fruits, vegetables or meat or jars of peanut butter and jelly are even better! We will need drivers to compete in this challenge with us, as well as two people who would be willing to haul all of the food to the food pantry at some point during the week while they are open. Let PSher know if you are able to drive ASAP, so we can have you fill out a Driver's Check (if you haven't completed one in the past 3 years!)

Unity members who live within 5 miles of one of our campuses will be invited to sign up if they are willing to have a group visit their doorstep on Sunday night. Watch for the sign up sheets at either campus after worship, or let Pastor Sherrie know if you want a visit (Sherrie@unitybrookfield.org.) If you can help drive, contact Ryan Johnson by emailing him at rmjohnson1117@gmail.com! Thank you!(There is NO possible way whatsoever that any "cheating" could happen in this Scavenger Hunt where the team that has the most weight of items collected wins! No adult has EVER "forgotten" to unload groceries from their trunk before coming to drive and surely, none of our teens have EVER asked to go home because they have "forgotten" something!)

#### **UNITY Highlights**

**Call Committee Update:** The UNITY Call Committee continues to work through the process of vetting candidates who have expressed an interest in joining the team at UNITY Lutheran Church. The Milwaukee Synod of the ELCA recently provided additional candidates for review and consideration. The committee typically begins each new dialog with an introductory interview – sometimes by video call, but in person if possible. If there is a mutual interest in continuing the conversation, we attempt to meet in person if distance is not an obstacle. In subsequent discussions, we dive deeper into each candidate's qualifications and motivation for considering a move to UNITY. If the conversation appears to get serious, we also include information about the Brookfield /Milwaukee area. Any discussions about salary and compensation are referred to the HR Committee. We are attempting to use ELCA standards as much as possible but have learned that not all synods share the same guidelines. Thankfully, the HR Committee provides their expertise when these kinds of challenges arise. At each step of the process, both the candidate(s) and the committee have the option to back out or proceed. We are prayerfully considering every stage of the process and ask for your continued prayers as things unfold. We are anxious to see and share progress but are seeking discernment and trusting in God's timing. We know the importance of this decision and have big shoes to fill, so we don't want to rush into anything that may not be in our best long-term interest. Thank you for your patience, prayers, and unwavering support!

~ Melanie Varin, Call Committee Co-Chair

#### LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE: HURRICANE HELENE - How can you help?

As many of you know, in late September, Hurricane Helene hit the coast of Florida as a Category 4 hurricane, ravaging communities in the southeast, from Florida to Virginia. As the floodwaters have started to recede, the extreme devastation - especially in North Carolina and Tennessee - has become clearer. Entire towns, roads and bridges have been washed away, and millions are without power and cell service.

Whatever unfolds because of this storm, Lutheran Disaster Response will be there. Lutheran Disaster Response has strong relationships in the region and is already at work on the ground. Working alongside synods and other partners, Lutheran Disaster Response is prepared to provide support throughout the impacted region. It is anticipated that their greatest impact will be reaching those in underserved and rural areas.

Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip them to respond to those affected by hurricanes and related disasters, such as mudslides, severe storms and flooding. These gifts also empower them to respond to disasters whenever and wherever they strike. Gifts to "Hurricane Response" will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by hurricanes, until the response is complete.

UNITY is providing envelopes marked **ELCA Disaster Response** for the purpose of donating. You can make payments by:

Cash or check payable to UNITY Lutheran Church marked 'Hurricane Response' Pay through the UNITY website, Donate Now, select Other Giving, indicating same Use the credit card machines at either campus, or Use VANCO.

**Please be looking for emails from UNITY.** If you are not receiving them, please check your spam or junk mailboxes. If you aren't receiving them there, please reach out to Lynn or Nancy in the office to confirm we have the correct email address(es), and so we know what service provider you have for us to contact through our support team. Due to increased security measures put in place by email providers, many of our emails are going there. This happens with individual emails as well as with group emails (even when UNITY staff reply to emails sent to them it's happened). We don't want to miss you, and don't want you to miss hearing from us!

#### Please see the <u>new items added below</u> to our list of 'Help Needed':

Are you a behind the scenes person? Are you looking to help out in some capacity, but have limited time, or need flexibility to make it work into your life / schedule? Well we have a list of items that we could use help with on a periodic basis, or continual basis but with a small time commitment, etc. See if anything listed here fits the bill for you. If not, check back periodically to see if there is something new added to the list that you would like to help with and works for you. And just know that your UNITY staff appreciate every bit of time and energy you exert to help! Contact Lynn Key with questions or to help.

- Weekly: After 10:45/last service at COL or anytime in the few days after, we could use someone at COL to clean up the coffee & tea carts (clean up coffee pot, put dirty cups into the dishwasher, restock cart with clean cups, etc.) Perhaps a rotating group could do this rather than an individual.
- Quarterly: Take COL acolyte, worship assistant robes and fine linens (used for communion) home to spot, wash, iron if needed (mainly fine linens) and return for the next worship service.
- **Periodically at both campuses:** Go through the sanctuary occasionally (maybe once per month?) and refill the holders with visitor cards, offering envelopes and scribble sheets for kids, plus sharpen or replace missing pencils. Can be done any time.
- **Do you like to make candles?** At the COL campus we have wax candles on the altar. We have an accumulation of short candles that could be used to create 'new' altar candles rather than purchasing new ones. If this is something that you enjoy doing, please contact Lynn Key in the UNITY office (lynn@unitybrookfield.org or 262-781-7600)
- Are you into wood refinishing? At the COL campus we have 2 small sets of 'steps' that are used when we adorn the altar area with plants, such as poinsettias at Christmas and flowers at Easter. The steps have been well used and are showing it. It would be wonderful to have them refinished. If this is something you enjoy doing, please contact Lynn Key in the UNITY office for additional information and the location of the steps.

**New Confirmation C-Mail Format.** We are trying something new this year for our Confirmation Program. Students will have the opportunity to write their C-Mails either on paper or electronically! This means you may see students on their phones during worship. We are entrusting the students with a big responsibility to have access to their phones during worship. This is a way to make it easier for students to use a format they are more comfortable with. In addition, it allows us to share pictures back and forth to engage and connect. Paper versions are still available at both campuses.

Keep Connecting with Us-we love to hear from you! Please continue reaching out any time.

Pastor Sherrie Lorbeck: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org Cell: 414-477-7762 Pastor Eric Silberschmidt: eric@unitybrookfield.org Cell: 262-716-9854

Don't know who to contact? Call our Church Office at 262-781-7600. Oftentimes they can assist you with your needs. If not, you will be directed to the proper person. The important thing is to stay in touch with us!

#### **Children's Education**

Contact Michelle Aprahamian, c: 414-732-8615, email: michelle@unitybrookfield.org

Attention All Sunday School Teachers! UNITY is again using Ministry Scheduler Pro (MSP) for scheduling teaching starting with this weekend. You will get emails from Nancy Kostanski, Volunteer Coordinator, before being scheduled asking about service and class preferences, dates you are not available, etc. Once the schedule is produced, you will get an email with all your scheduled dates, and automatic reminders will come out the week before you are scheduled as well. With the downloadable app you can also see all your information, and that for your family. This was a great help last year making it easier for everyone working with our Sunday School kids!

A New Way to Help! Sunday School Support Person - You will work with a team of volunteers on a weekly rotating schedule so that you would help with Sunday school 1-2 times per month. Support persons are there to assist the Sunday school leader. You might help with a craft, assist a child who needs a bathroom break or a walk in the hallway or some quiet time outside of the classroom. You are an extra set of hands to gather supplies or help with clean-up. You are the "go to" for any last minute or unexpected needs. No teaching experience is necessary. Just a love for kids and an understanding of the impact one caring adult can have on the life of a child on their Faith journey. This position is for anyone in 8th grade through adults. This new position is now being scheduled through MSP, just like teaching and other volunteer positions. Since it's a new position, it is not being auto scheduled, so you can go into MSP, add that as a position and sign up for a date(s), or talk to Michelle Aprahamian or Nancy Kostanski, Volunteer Coordinator to help.

#### NEW!! Mark Your Calendars for Autumn Fest on October 11th

If you're ready to celebrate the arrival of sweater weather and pumpkin everything (and even if you're not), then please join us for **Autumn Fest on Friday, October 11th, from 5:30-8:00 p.m. at the CTK campus.** Together we'll enjoy dinner, campfire toastings, pumpkin decorating and a pumpkin (egg) hunt. The evening will conclude with a special outdoor screening of the movie "Up." What better way to embrace the days getting shorter? Those interested in attending can indicate their intentions using a Sign-Up Genius link that will be available soon via email communication, as well as on the Unity website. Hope to see you there!

#### Confirmation

Contact Nicole Krause, e: nicole@unitybrookfield.org or Sherrie Lorbeck, e: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org

**NEW this year!** We are offering Confirmation classes on Sunday nights AND Wednesday nights after hearing from so many of our young people who didn't want to have to miss Confirmation because it conflicted with a practice night of a team they are a part of! We just had our Orientation meeting where we went through everything about the program and the coming year so **be in touch with Nicole Krause or Sherrie Lorbeck if you are interested in being a part!** Classes have started so let us know if you'd like to join soon!!

Classes are Sundays at COL from 6:00-7:30 pm and Wednesdays from 6:15-7:45 pm. Our trimester lesson focuses on Values and the Choices We Make and why we worship!

Confirmation Sunday Fusion continues this Sunday with Aspen Center and a Dog Play Date!
Join us in the Fellowship Hall for this combined event. Our next Sunday is October 13,
9:30-10:30am at the COL Campus in room 208. Partner focus for this session is Aspen Center. Confirmation students and parent volunteers can sign up on the signup genius link at unitybrookfield.org.

**Confirmation Friday Fusion Oct. 11 - 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. at COL.** Pumpkin Carving/ Costume Contest. Bring your own pumpkin or bring \$5.00 to buy one. We'll have all the supplies and a few designs to pick from, but feel free to print your own if you'd like. We'll have the candles to let your pumpkins shine before taking them home with you to enjoy! We'll have prizes for creative carving ideas, most intricate carving and of course, best dressed!

#### **Servant Ministries**

Contact Ellen Vermillion, c: 262-565-8512, e: evermill61@gmail.com or Nicole Krause, e: nicole@unitybrookfield.org

**Volunteer Treasurer Needed for Bread of Healing Clinic, 10/hrs/month.** We give thanks for UNITY member Doreen Brecheisen who has served as the treasurer for our free clinic partner in Milwaukee for the last 4 years, and are looking for the next great person to fill the role. Might this be your next calling? The role involves working with the accountant's financials to produce monthly reports for the board and assist with the budget. A combination of monthly in-person meetings and working from home. About 10 hours/week. Accounting background and knowledge of quickbooks would be big assets. Doreen (norskjohnson@gmail.com) would be happy to talk with anyone interested in the role or you can reach out directly to Barb Horner-Ibler at the clinic: (414) 313-9430. This is an organization you would be proud to support. Thanks for considering and spreading the word.

Let's Get Cookin'! Mass Meal Prep Resumes October 16 - One Wednesday each month from 4:00-6:30pm, 4 adults will work with 4 Confirmation students to whip up a delicious recipe in the COL Kitchen for 25 men at Aspen Center! It's easy: cooking stations are all set up and ready for our Sous Chefs to step in. What if cooking really isn't your thing but you still want to help? No problem! We also need the following support: 1 or 2 shoppers, 2 home bakers, and 1 meal delivery driver. It's a big team effort, so what a blessing you will be! Cooking dates are: October 16, November 6, December 11, January 8, February 12 and May 7. Sign up online by clicking on the appropriate links: Adult Signup or Confirmation Signup. Questions? Contact Cindy Flynn at 262-391-7870 or cindylouflynn@aol.com. Fun Fact: Over the years our UNITY Confirmation kids and congregation have consistently made meals for the following partners: Springdale House (this goes back many years!) Serenity Inns, Juno House, Siena House, and this year, Aspen Center! UNITY, thank you for sharing your time to fill not only the stomachs of men in recovery, but also their hearts!

#### Applications Due for El Salvador Mission of Healing Trip: November 16

Our Mission of Healing Trip to El Salvador will be **February 15-22, 2025. Application and deposit deadline: November 16.** Cost: if you are a UNITY member, church will pay all your in-country expenses. You just pay the plane ticket (approx. \$700).

Similar to previous, pre-Covid years we will travel on Saturday, visit our sister church Cordero on Sunday, help the Salvadoran Lutheran Church with their traveling health fair Monday-Thursday (setting up in a different town each day), play on Friday, and travel home on Saturday. The offerings at the health fair always vary based on what our group can offer, but it's usually a combination of basic wellness checks, health education (on topics like nutrition, reproductive health, mental health, oral health) and activities for kids. The Salvadorans have asked if we can do extra emphasis on mental health this year.

Skills needed: anyone can apply, but listed are skills/backgrounds we could most use:

- Behavioral/mental health training
- Medical providers (advanced practice professionals, PAs, physicians)
- Nurses
- Pharmacy
- Art
- Kids/education
- Yoga/relaxation/expressive arts

We also always need 3-4 "willing to do anything" worker-bee-type people. No Spanish is needed, although it's always a plus. Application is on our Sign Up web page. For more info, contact Nicole Krause at nicole@unitybrookfield.org.

**Ongoing Service Opportunities:** UNITY has standing volunteer "shifts" at various partners that we commit to covering as a church. Each one is coordinated by a different UNITY member... each has its own sign up page on the church website... and each is an opportunity for you!

- Waukesha Food Pantry Food Distribution: Each month, 4th Saturday, 9am-12pm; 5th Monday 5:30 8 pm.
- Serenity Inns Recovery Program Fellowship Dinners: cook, deliver, or serve a meal for 12 residents. Each month, 1st Sunday & 2nd Friday, 6 7pm. Kids welcome.

#### Save the Date for 2025 El Salvador Summer Trip:

• August 5-12 Relationship-Building Summer Trip.

#### **Property Needs**

Contact Denny Thompson, Director of Buildings and Properties c: 262-844-0556, email: dennyt325@yahoo.com Al Bengston, c: 414-322-6445, email: allanbengst234@gmail.com

#### Fall Cleanups (Indoors and Outdoors): CTK: Oct. 12 | COL: Oct. 19 - 9am-12pm Come one, come all! Please lend a hand (or two) at our Fall Cleanups on Saturdays, 9 am-noon: at CTK on October 12 and at COL on October 19.

For outdoors, we need lots of people to rake, trim, pull weeds, pull annuals and prep the grounds for winter. Please bring garden gloves and a rake if you can. At our COL campus we also have a lot of tree trimming that will be the main focus of the cleanup, so please bring chainsaws, extender-type trimmers and trailers if you have them. At CTK we will also do cleanup of debris from tree-dropping that will occur prior to October 12.

At both campuses, our church home interiors need some TLC. We will be doing some deep cleaning like you would with your own home. Some helpful items to bring from home if possible would be vacuum cleaners with hoses (corners and edging, etc.), a step stool, and kneeling pads. Many hands make light work, so the saying goes, so please come help us spiff up our buildings, inside and out! Cleanups will be held rain or shine, and lunch will be provided at both campuses. Questions? Contact Denny Thompson at dennyt325@yahoo.com. Thank you for helping maintain our facilities!

**Lawn Mowers:** We are close to season end, and we want to thank all who have been faithfully keeping our properties cut and looking beautiful! The roster has been staying full, and that's a great thing. We just have a bit of October to fill. Please use our online sign up, and let's finish the year out strong. If you need a tutorial or have any questions, contact Property Director Denny above.

#### **Adult Programs**

Contact: Todd Blatnik, email: todd.blatnik@wi.rr.com or Matt Griepentrog, c: 262-787-8820, e: matt@unitybrookfield.org

**NEW Monday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Eric! - Mondays at 10 AM @ COL, continues Monday October 7th.** Looking for a weekly bible study group? Pastor Eric has just what you're looking for! Start your week with Eric as he leads a study that follows the worship lectionary (the three year cycle of Scripture readings used in worship). You'll take a deep dive into the weekly scripture readings (you won't be left behind if you miss a week or more). Bring a friend, and meet us in Room 202 @ COL.

**Lunch Bunch** - Join us the second Wednesday of each month at 11:30 am at Maxim's. (18025 W. Capitol Drive in Brookfield.) The next meeting is **October 9**. Everyone is welcome, no matter your age or stage: younger, older, singles, couples, regular or occasional. Just show up because the nice thing about Maxim's is that seating is endlessly expandable. And, if you have any questions before you come, Esther McKee is your point person: (262) 246-6443.

Sheepshead Small Group - Play Sheepshead with us on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month, 6:30pm at our Christ the King campus. Sheepshead is a 5-player trump-style partner card game, a bit complicated to learn but addictive once you've got it. Beginners or those interested in learning are welcome to join the group, we are happy to teach you. We will meet twice a month September-November and then determine if we need to adjust numbers, frequency, etc. Contact is Mary Huss (mhwis@hotmail.com). Next Game Night: Thursday, October 17th at 6:30 pm CTK

**Special Milestone Event: Empty Nest, Full Hearts. Monday, October 21st, 7-8:15 PM @ COL.** All new or seasoned Empty Nesters are invited to this event! Life is full of meaningful milestones, and this event is designed to celebrate one of life's most transformative moments: the empty nest. Whether you're a single adult or a couple, this is a time to reflect on the emotions and changes that come with children leaving home. Whether you're excited about this chapter of life or apprehensive, join us for an evening of sharing and connecting (and desserts!). We'll guide each other in navigating this new chapter, while connecting our journey at home with the wider faith community.

**Theology on Tap Returns!** - We had such a great time at our first one, that we're doing it again. Our next gathering will be **Thursday, October 24th at 7:30 at Vennture Brew Co. in Brookfield** (**fka Biloba**) Enjoy good beer, good conversations, and God. Non-beer drinkers welcome; must be 21 or older. Contact Matt at matt@unitybrookfield.org to tap into more info... or just show up! Vennture Brew is located at 2970 N. Brookfield Road.

**20-30 Somethings: Halloween Costume Karaoke, Friday, October 25th, 7:30 PM @ Vennture Brewing in Tosa.** Get your costume ready and come bark at the moon with your best vocal riffs this side of the grave! Meet at 5519 W North Ave in Tosa. As always, help us get the word out to others in the area and feel free to invite those you know too!

And feel free to pass along names, cells and email addresses for any friends (or adult children) who are now in the Greater Milwaukee area so we can make sure to reach out and invite them! Thanks!

#### Watch for these upcoming adult forums

- October 20: Fall Walk to Coffeeville. Gather with us by the COL fireplace at 9:30 AM! We'll enjoy a scenic fall walk on the Fox River trail to Coffeeville grab a drink and treat, and walk back to church.
- October 27: Adult Boundary Waters Trip. Interested in the summer adventure of a lifetime? Come hear all about this upcoming trip and how you can be a part of the excitement! 9-:30-10:30 AM @ COL.

#### Do You Have Ideas for Adult Programming? Let Us Know!

Adult Programs is beginning to brainstorm programming ideas for fall and winter planning. If you have any ideas for groups, events, studies, or speakers that you'd like us to know about, please reach out to our new Adult Programs chairperson, Todd Blatnik, at todd.blatnik@wi.rr.com.

#### **UNITY Member Care**

Contact: Jim Ahlquist-Minister of Member Care e: jim@unitybrookfield.org, c: 715-210-2245 or Sherrie Lorbeck or Eric Silberschmidt

## Grief Group will continue meeting on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays through the end of the year. The next meetings are October 9th & October 23rd from 6:30-8:00 pm at COL in room 202 - *When Life Isn't the Same* ....

If you have lost a spouse or a parent or someone else close to you, the grieving doesn't end after the funeral. We invite you to a safe space where you can share more about where you are at in your journey ... learn more about the stages of grief ... and get help finding your way through what you need most for the road ahead.

We invite you to join us for our Grief Group. These gatherings will be led by Pastor Jim Ahlquist and Nicole Krause. If this is the right time for you, or if someone you know could benefit from being a part of this, please join us! If you have questions or just want to discuss whether this is the right place for you, contact Pastor Jim at jim@unitybrookfield.org or 715-210-2245.

**UNITY Member Care is always here for you.** You don't have to face life's ups and downs alone. Whether it's an unexpected hospitalization, a recent diagnosis, the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, addiction, anxiety, depression, or virtually anything else, the pastors are only a call, text, or email away. Please **never** hesitate to reach out -- whether we're the only stop you'll make or just the first step in a longer care process.

**Prayer Place cards-** If you have a prayer request that you would like included in the Prayers for Friends and Family section in the bulletin, there are cards available in the narthex near the bulletin board. You can fill out the request and pin it to the bulletin board or place it in the basket and it will be included in the upcoming bulletin. These prayer requests will stay for 4 weeks and then if you need further prayer, repost as often as needed. Any questions, please contact Nancy by phone or email nancy@unitybrookfield.org

#### Worship & Music Opportunities

Director of Music, Contact Lynn Key, c: 414-507-5888 e: lynn@unitybrookfield.org Children's Choirs, Contact Janet Day, c: 414-975-0286, e: janetday4@me.com Fellowship Choir, Contact Molly Pufall-Brown, c: 920-265-6881, e: mpufall@gmail.com Handbells & Praise Band, Contact Stacey Nordmeyer, c: 414-617-7673, e: staceynordmeyer72@icloud.com

**UNITY's All-Music Tuesdays:** We rehearse every Tuesday night through mid-May. Come join us in making Glorious music, even if you can't make it every week. Nursery and child care are available. Parents, join an adult music group that rehearses on the same night as your child's youth music group! No auditions are necessary. Talk to any of our music staff if you have questions.

- JOYFUL NOISE MUSIC MAKERS Ages PreK-Grade 1 6:00pm to 6:30pm Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall • Directed by Janet Day • While learning beginning music concepts, the Joyful Noise Music Makers will sing songs, play music games, play instruments, move and rejoice, and most importantly, have fun in a safe, group setting!
- CELEBRATION MUSIC MAKERS Ages Grade 2–Grade 6 Tuesdays: 6:30pm to 7:15pm Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall Directed by Janet Day While learning elementary music concepts, the Celebration Choir will have units on World Music Drumming, Orff Instruments, Recorders, Bucket Drumming, Boomwhackers, Ukuleles, Hand Chimes all while singing praises and learning to work together in a group to share our talents in worship service once a month.
- HOSANNA BELLS Beginning to Early Intermediate Ringers Tuesdays: 7:15pm to 8:00pm Cross of Life Sanctuary Join the fun! Play handbells with your friends and family to share an anthem in a worship service once a month. This beginning handbell group will teach handbell playing techniques, challenge and improve your musical skills, develop teamwork, improve your

physical coordination, attention span, and self-discipline, teach patience and cooperation, and so much more. A great group for a parent and child music experience!

- **FELLOWSHIP** CHOIR Ages 7th Grade–Adult Tuesdays: 7:15pm to 8:15pm Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall Directed by Molly Pufall-Brown Accompanied by Lynn Key This choral group will rehearse once a week and sing in worship once a month.
- GLORIA DEI BELLS Late Intermediate to Advanced Ringers Tuesdays: 6:15pm to 7:15pm Cross of Life Sanctuary Directed by Stacey Nordmeyer. This is an intermediate/advanced handbell ensemble that rehearses once a week and plays in worship once a month.

Mark your Calendars! Our BEGIN Group (Brookfield Elm Grove Interfaith Network) is bringing back the Thanksgiving Service in person once again! We have been a part of BEGIN for the past twenty years and this yearly gathering has always attracted people from all of our local faith communities. It's been such an easy way to learn a little more about other faith traditions, see worship spaces that you otherwise may never have a chance or feel comfortable visiting out of the blue and meet people from other faith communities all while enjoying sweet treats at the end of the evening. This year, to help make it happen, we are HOSTING! So, mark your calendar for Wednesday, November 20th at 7:00 p.m. at the COL campus. Watch for more information, but hopefully, we can create ways for our Confirmation students to add some visual element or musical gift as part of the service. In addition, maybe we can invite people to be a part of a choir that learns a song before the service to share and if you would be willing to help in any way from helping us get the word out, to making people feel welcome while they're here to helping us provide delicious deserts after, please talk to Lynn Key or Sherrie Lorbeck. We hope you'll be a part of this incredibly special gathering!

#### Sr. High

Contact Nancy Oberhauser, c: 262-527-8869, e: nancy.oberhauser@Aexp.com or Sherrie Lorbeck, c: 414-477-7762 e: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org or Ryan Johnson, c: 262-825-7331, e: rmjohnson@gmail.com

**Livestream - Sunday mornings from 8:15 - 10:00 am at the COL campus**. We are looking for a small team of people who would be trained on our new equipment so that we can livestream the worship service to the BEST of our ability! (To ensure good camera shots, that the sound is coming through and that the slides are included, along with making sure things are smooth for those worshiping in person. If you are interested, talk to Matt Griepentrog or PSher. This is a paid position.

**Council Youth Rep. We are looking for 2 students to attend our Church Council meetings once a month on a Tuesday evening, 7:00 - 9:00pm**. (it's okay if you need to leave a little early to finish homework), but along with Nancy Oberhauser, our Youth Chair, you will be listing up what's happening and also what's needed, while also being a part of MAJOR decisions happening this year in the life of our church! Talk to PSher or Nancy Oberhauser, our Council - Youth chairperson for more info or if you are interested! It looks great on resumes and for college!

**Kickin It With Jesus Soccer Team is back!** If you'd be interested in playing at Brookfield indoor soccer for the first session, fill out the Google Form on our Website, from the Sr. High email or talk to Ryan Johnson. We'll get the details on the schedule, final registration fee (likely somewhere between \$80-\$100) and maybe even a Jersey! In addition, if you are a parent who would be willing to help support the team and cheer them on, watch for a sign up genius when we know the schedule! (The on field "coach" is on the sidelines but you don't need to have coaching experience!)

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**Oct. 20 - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at COL. Summer trip info meeting about the Boundary Waters Canoe Area July 19-26th, 2025.** Come and learn more about what this amazing trip is like! For most people, it's a once in a lifetime experience and many hire guides to take a trip like this, but thanks to all the experience within UNITY, we will make sure every group is prepared and outfitted with all the equipment that they need, a delicious menu of food to keep you going each day and all that you need to know so that you can experience a week in the awesome beauty of God's creation making memories that will bless you for a lifetime!

We also need 3 adult leaders (typically 2 males, 1 female) for every 6 youth, so if you have ever thought about giving this a try OR are longing to return, come find out more information! Because we will need to plan for groups so that we can reserve permits for where each group will launch from and exit from in early January, registration and a deposit of \$250 is due by December 1.

Oct. 27 - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at COL. Pumpkin Carving/Costume Contest. Bring your own pumpkin or bring \$5.00 to buy one. We'll have all the supplies and a few designs to pick from, but feel free to print your own if you'd like. We'll have the candles to let your pumpkins shine before taking them home with you to enjoy! We'll have prizes for creative carving ideas, most intricate carving and of course, best dressed!

#### Parents of our College Students:

For all of you who now are saying good bye to your College student(s), we are crying right along with you, but also praying for them TOO (And you!) that the year will be good where they'll have a chance to make new friends, learn and experience all the important life lessons that come along the way and please know, that we are STILL ALWAYS HERE, so don't hesitate to reach out or to remind them to reach out if things are a little more challenging than they were expecting or if they have faith/life questions! AND, after you get them all settled in and don't know what to do with yourself, MAKE SURE TO fill out the Google Form online, so we can keep in touch with them and send them a little Care Package of Love too!

#### Save the date: July 19-26, 2025 Boundary Waters

There have also been a lot of requests for an Adult Boundary Waters trip next summer, so join us October 27th for forum (see Adult Programs for more info),watch for more info, or talk to Matt Griepentrog if you're slightly interested in what that could look like! Partner we are praying for this month: Aspen Center

The altar flowers at COL are given to the glory of God

The altar flowers at CTK are given by Joan Vreeland in remembrance of Jerold on their wedding anniversary

and

the McGhee family in celebration of Joyce Koenitzer's 95th Birthday

Thank you to Jane Dowling for arranging the altar flowers this weekend

This weekend's communion breads were baked by Kelsey Morrison

#### **Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members**

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

#### **Cross of Life Campus**

Julie Schultz, Nancy Oberhauser, Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Mary Jo Eggert, Joseph Nutt, Linda Langer, Sandi John, Jerry Buenger, Karen Beres, Bob Rusk, Debbie Horne, Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Ardyce Myhre, Paula Dryer, Marlene Jernberg, John Vaughan, Alyce Vollan, Barb Purnell, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

#### Christ the King Campus

Marge Kipp, Parker Godfrey, Ann Borowski, Dawn Suharski, Fred Petran, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Dave Rau

#### **UNITY Prayer Place**

Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.

#### October 5-6

Susan (breast cancer), cousin of Debbie Pam Godfrey (stage 4 cancer), aunt of Eric Godfrey Peyton (health concerns), granddaughter of Neal & Barb Borkenhagen Andrea Knoke (ovarian cancer), friend of Kyle & Anna Jansson

#### September 28-29

James Searles (cardiac arrest), father of Melissa Grabowski Joan Patmore (breast cancer), cousin of Jensy Engle Erika Foss (brain cancer-in hospice), cousin of Karen Anderson Nancy Foss (cancer), cousin of Karen Anderson Dan Jakala (bone cancer), brother-in-law of Laura Buege Beth Kumer & Family (passing of Beth's father, Ed), friend of Deborah Nustad J.C. Mitchell & Family (passing of J.C.'s mother, Pat), friends of the Nustad family Jolie J. & family (23 year old with stage 4 breast & liver cancer), friends of Nustad family Donna Funk (bladder cancer/liver issues), daughter of Pearl Haack

#### September 21-22

Terri Kwiatkowski (stage 4 terminal cancer), friend of Michelle Aprahamian

#### September 14-15

Polly Galian (cancer), best friend of Pat Petran Ron Ripley (cancer), cousin of Dick Dressler The Blake Family (loss of son [22] to diabetes complications), friend of Deborah Nustad The Lemke Family (loss of son Michael to brain cancer), friend of many UNITY families Chris F. (battling cancer for 2nd time), cousin of Tara Sanicola Tony Susa (spinal cord injury), brother-in-law of Vivian Clark Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, etc.) overseas and our military personnel: Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank

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Marv Wunder	
Dawn Conlin, Nicki Shady	
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Cheryl Caraulia, Duane Maas	
Jeff Key	
Bill James	
Cathy & Bill James	
Kim Urchell	
Lynn Key	
Mark Shady	
Katie Maas	
Molly Pufall-Brown	
Becky Riehl	
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Nursery: Samantha James

<u>COL 8:30 a.m.</u>	Ministers for Sunday, October 6, 2024
Worship Coordinator:	Tauri & Maula Millar
Greeters:	
Acolyte:	Charlotte Quinnell, Mackenzie Kiefer, Johnny Steigerwald
Ushers: Worship Assistant:	Bernd Bruhnke, Charlie Nass Paul Langer
worship Assistant.	Josh Bemus
	Debbie Riederer, Melissa Bemus, Susie Hilgart, Kevin Nass
	Lisa Nass
	Lynn Key
	Mike Aprahamian
Livestream.	Clyde Reay
Visual Projection:	Fonda Kapitan
Song Leader:	Molly Pufall-Brown
Sunday School Leaders:	
Sunday School Support:	Jov Griepentrog
Nursery:	Chloe O'Connell
Coffee:	Kathy Bruhnke
CTK 9:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, October 6, 2024
Greeters:	Anna Jansson, Chris Wagner
Acolyte:	Emma Jansson, AJ Niederbaumer
Ushers:	Harlan Mueller, Jerry Kipp
Worship Assistant:	Jim Johnsen
	Barb Patterson
Communion Assistants:	Eric Godfrey, Jim Leifer
ABC: Musicion:	Diana VanSlyke
Visual Projection:	Greg O'Connell Parker Godfrey
Song Leader:	Trisha Smith
Sunday School Leaders:	
Sunday School Support:	Jossica Loonnis, 7 mila Jansson
Nurserv:	Robin Nordstrom
Coffee:	
COL 10:45 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, October 6, 2024
Worship Coordinator:	Patricia Pelzel
Greeters:	
	Max Herington
Ushers.	Autumn Krier
Worship Assistant:	
Reader:	Keira Kroepfl
Communion Assistants:	Violet Herington, Joe Herington
ABC:	Jeff Pelzel
Musician:	Lynn Key
Sound:	
Visual Projection:	
Song Leader:	
Sunday School Leaders:	Davida Kroepfl, Jackie Herington
Sunday School Support:	Chlos O'Connoll
nursery:	Chloe O'Connell
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### **Twenty-first Weekend after Pentecost**

October 12-13, 2024

Saturday, October 12, 2024 5:00 pm COL Sunday, October 13, 2024 8:30 am COL 9:30 am CTK 10:45 am COL

Live Streamed at 8:30 am Sundays and available Online anytime afterwards

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#### WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH! We're glad you're here today! UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** We're glad to have you with us! If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: unitybrookfield.org for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

- Children. Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- **Nursery.** Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- Sunday School. All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)

#### • At UNITY, the Communion Table is:

- Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
- Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
- Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
- We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
- Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
- If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.
- **Pastors.** UNITY is currently served by Pastor Sherrie Lorbeck, Pastor Eric Silberschmidt who is our Interim pastor as we search for two additional pastors. along with Pastor Jim Ahlquist, who is our part time pastoral care pastor and occasional preacher. Most Saturdays, the weekend preacher is the pastor at that service. On Sundays, the preacher for the weekend travels to both campuses to share the message. The other pastor is then based at the COL campus. Feel free to reach out if you need anything or would like to talk more.

**GIVING.** If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay and Venmo are also accepted. Thank you!



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#### Twenty-first Weekend after Pentecost October 12-13, 2024

#### Prelude

"Take My Life And Let It Be"arr. Lorie Line(5:00)"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"arr. Hustad(8:30, 10:45)"Your Name"Praise Band(9:30)

#### Words of Welcome

#### **Sharing the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Many: And also with you.

#### **Call to Worship**

One: In the Old Testament tradition, to see the face of God was to die.

- Many: God was too holy, too everything for us to ever behold.
- One: In the gospels, God comes to us in human form...
- Many: ...to see Jesus was to see the face of God; filled with grace and truth.
- One: Still, when Jesus looked intently at people it seemed to melt them...
- Many: ...able to see hidden motives and agendas, his truth often caused people to blink.
- One: To this very day, we so often look away from you, O Christ...not because seeing you is death,
- Many: ...but because seeing you is life...a servant life far different from the life of self we often seek.
- One: Give us the courage to look at you, O Servant, our Savior.
- Many: Let us die to our dead-end priorities and live to yours! Amen.

#### **Opening Hymn**

"Rise Up, O Saints of God!"	ELW 669 vs. 1-4	(5:00, 8:30, 10:45)
"For All That You Have Done"	Praise Band	(9:30)

#### **Children's Message**

#### Greeting and Prayer of the Day

- Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!
- Many: And also with you.
- One: Let us pray. God of grace and God of glory...
- Many: ...on your people, pour your power. Make us aware of our sins. The sins of commission we usually can see...but it is those sins of omission that sneak up on our souls: all those times we might say, "I didn't know," or "It was up to somebody else." Forgive us, we pray. Forgive it all. Turn us to you and then to each other with hearts opened to your life...hands opened to your service. We ask it, through the ways of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anthem"J-E-S-U-S And Jesus Is His Name" arr. J. Day(8:30)Joyful Noise Music Makers; Janet Day, Director; Lynn Key, Accompanist"Campana Sonos"Kathleen Wissinger"Campana Sonos"Kathleen Wissinger(9:30)Hosanna Handbells; Stacey Nordmeyer, Director"I Am A C-H-R-I-S-T-I-A-N" ~ Traditional Christian Children's Song(10:45)Celebration Music Makers; Janet Day, Director; Lynn Key, Accompanist

Gospel Acclamation "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" WOV 612 (All Services)

#### **Gospel:** Mark 10:17-31

Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

One: The Gospel according to Mark, the tenth chapter

#### Many: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>17</sup>As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother." <sup>20</sup>He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." <sup>21</sup>Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." <sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup>Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." <sup>26</sup>They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

<sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

One: The Gospel of the Lord! Many: Praise to you, O Christ. **Sermon** *"What Must I Do?"* 

Jim Ahlquist

#### Hymn of the Day

"God of Grace and God of Glory"	ELW 705 vs. 1-4	(5:00, 8:30, 10:45)
"Be Thou My Vision"	Praise Band	(9:30)

#### The Prayers of the People

One: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. *(Congregation response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer.")* Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Many: Amen.

#### **Announcements and Offering**

<b>Offertory Response</b> (as gifts are brought forward)		(All Services)
"We Are an Offering"	ELW 692	

#### **Prayer of Thanks**

- One: Let us pray. God, our Creator,
- Many: you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

- Pastor: The Lord be with you.
- Many: And also with you.
- Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
- Many: We lift them to the Lord.
- Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### **Words of Institution**

#### The Lord's Prayer (traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### **Communion Meditation**

"Take My Life"	Underwood/arr. Parker	(5:00)
"Create in Me a Clean Heart"	arr. Hayes	(8:30, 10:45)
"10,000 Reasons"	Praise Band	(9:30)

#### **Post Communion Blessing**

- Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace and peace.
- Many: Amen.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

One: Let us pray. Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

Many: Amen.

#### Benediction

#### Sending Hymn

	Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"	ELW 545 vs. 1-3	(5:00, 8:30, 10:45)
	f Elijah"	Praise Band	(9:30)
<i>Dismissal</i> One: Many:	Go in peace, serve the Lord! Thanks be to God!		

#### Postlude

"Lord, Reign in Me"	Brown/arr. Parker	(5:00)
"Let All Things Now Living"	arr. Larson	(8:30, 10:45)
"Days of Elijah" reprise	Praise Band	(9:30)

#### This Weekend at UNITY!

We welcome Pastor Jim Ahlquist who will be preaching this weekend. Many of you likely remember when he was first called to serve as the pastor at Christ the King back in 2012 and then along the way, as we listened to the leading of the Holy Spirit, was a part of the team when we voted to officially become one congregation with two campuses in April of 2016!

While we had to say goodbye in 2017 to Jim and his family as he took a call to be a part of another situation looking to do the same thing in Eau Claire, it's so good to have him and his family back with us in "retirement". This is why you may not see Jim as much as you used to as his role is focused on helping to visit and connect with our homebound members or those who are in need of a visit and prayer support, so he spends most of his time out and about calling on members.

In addition, we are grateful that he was willing to help out by leading worship once every six weeks or so. If you haven't met him, be bold and introduce yourself to him! Chances are he will know someone that you do!

**Continued Prayers and Financial Support for those down south affected by the recent hurricanes.** Thank you to everyone who generously gave to support the clean up and rebuilding needs. We received \$1,165. just last weekend that Matt Griepentrog already sent to Lutheran Disaster Relief for their immediate need. If you would like to still make a gift, you can use the envelopes in the pews or in the narthex that are white and green.

**Sound Training.** For those who are scheduled to help with Sound or for anyone interested in learning, join us in the **COL sanctuary, Sunday at 9:30a.m** for an introduction to our new sound board which has a lot of really beneficial features and a few important things that you should know about that are different from the old one.

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**THANK YOU to everyone who shared food or bought needed items for the Waukesha Food Pantry!** Our Sr High youth are so appreciative as they raced around the area to get to everyone's door. The winning team had over 600 pounds alone (lots of peanut butter in their collection) and the total among all five car groups was over 907 pounds! Imagine an entire truckload of food and baby wipes! Thank you so much and special thanks to Kim Nodolf, Davida Kroepfl, Nancy Kerr, Vicki Mueller, Trisha Smith AND Greg Peterson for taking it all to the Food Pantry for us in your truck!

#### **UNITY Highlights**

**Call Committee Update:** The UNITY Call Committee continues to work through the process of vetting candidates who have expressed an interest in joining the team at UNITY Lutheran Church. The Milwaukee Synod of the ELCA recently provided additional candidates for review and consideration. The committee typically begins each new dialog with an introductory interview – sometimes by video call, but in person if possible. If there is a mutual interest in continuing the conversation, we attempt to meet in person if distance is not an obstacle. In subsequent discussions, we dive deeper into each candidate's qualifications and motivation for considering a move to UNITY. If the conversation appears to get serious, we also include information about the Brookfield /Milwaukee area. Any discussions about salary and compensation are referred to the HR Committee. We are attempting to use ELCA standards as much as possible but have learned that not all synods share the same guidelines. Thankfully, the HR Committee provides their expertise when these kinds of challenges arise. At each step of the process, both the candidate(s) and the committee have the option to back out or proceed. We are prayerfully considering every stage of the process and ask for your continued prayers as things unfold. We are anxious to see and share progress but are seeking discernment and trusting in God's timing. We know the importance of this decision and have big shoes to fill, so we don't want to rush into anything that may not be in our best long-term interest. Thank you for your patience, prayers, and unwavering support!

~ Melanie Varin, Call Committee Co-Chair

#### LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE: HURRICANES - How YOU can help!

Hurricanes Helene and Milton hit the coast of Florida within weeks of each other as powerful and devastating storms impacting states across the Southeast. With your help, Lutheran Disaster Response will continue to be there to support people affected by Milton, Helene and any other storms that may strike this season.

Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip them to respond to those affected by hurricanes and related disasters, such as mudslides, severe storms and flooding. These gifts also empower them to respond to disasters whenever and wherever they strike. Gifts to **"Hurricane Response"** will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by hurricanes, until the response is complete.

UNITY is providing envelopes marked **ELCA Disaster Response** for the purpose of donating. You can make payments by:

- Cash or check payable to UNITY Lutheran Church marked 'Hurricane Response'
- Pay through the UNITY website, Donate Now, select Other Giving, indicating same
- Use the credit card machines at either campus, or
- Use Venmo.

#### **New Member Gatherings:**

Are you interested in learning more about UNITY and its mission, ministries and who does what and ways you can be a part? If so, then we invite you to join us on **Tuesday, October 29th from 6:00-7:30pm at the COL campus.** We'll plan to have subs for dinner and children are welcome to blend into kids choirs or hang out in the nursery where we'll have child care. If you are able to **RSVP to Anna Jansson (ajansson8@gmail.com)**, that would be most appreciated as we plan for food. Please also let us know if you have any dietary needs.

The second gathering will be at the **CTK campus on Sunday**, **November 10th from Noon to 2:00pm**. These two gatherings will be different, so it's best if you're able to attend both of them so you don't miss anything. If these dates don't work out right now, we'll do this again in the Spring too. Hope you feel welcome here at UNITY! If the timing is right for you, we'd love to have you as an official part of our family!

**Staffing Update:** As our communication needs have quadrupled from what they were 4 years ago, Natalie Kamenick, our Director of Communications, has decided to step down from that role as she recognizes it could easily be a full time position plus. When she first started 3 years ago, we weren't worshiping in person so the largest need was recording and editing the worship services along with a few email announcements. Now there is so much to communicate in every area of our ministries, in every format available to us from print, email campaigns, social media, to website, video, and now livestream. We are so very thankful for Natalie's incredible talent and flexibility to adapt to all of our changing needs over these past few years and all that she quickly learned along the way. With three young boys though, we understand her decision to be at home more rather than less, though we will miss working with her and the enthusiasm she brought with her every day. Thankfully for all of us, we'll still be able to see her and her family around! We wish her lots of blessings!

In the meantime we are taking a larger look at all of the needs we have in this area and our HR/ Finance team will work to put together a job description for all of our current needs along with the areas that staff have already identified. Bill Hubert, our new webmaster, is currently sending the congregational email campaigns and covering online communication. If you or anyone you know is interested in a communication role at UNITY, please talk to Pastor Sherrie, council president, Phil Roemaat, or anyone from our HR team.

#### Mass Meal Prep Resumes this week Wednesday, October 16 - we still have openings!

One Wednesday each month from **4:00-6:30 pm**, 4 adults will work with 4 Confirmation students to whip up a delicious recipe in the COL Kitchen for 25 men at Aspen Center! It's easy: cooking stations are all set up and ready for our Sous Chefs to step in. What if cooking really isn't your thing but you still want to help? No problem! We also need the following support: 1 or 2 shoppers, 2 home bakers, and 1 meal delivery driver. It's a big team effort, so what a blessing you will be! Sign up online by clicking on the appropriate links: Adult Signup or Confirmation Signup. See Servant Ministries for future dates. Questions? Contact Cindy Flynn at 262-391-7870 or cindylouflynn@aol.com.

**Please be on the lookout...for emails from UNITY.** If you are not receiving them, please check your spam or junk mailboxes. If you aren't receiving them there, please reach out to Lynn or Nancy in the office to confirm we have the correct email address(es), and so we know what service provider you have for us to contact through our support team. Due to increased security measures put in place by email providers, many of our emails are going there. This happens with individual emails as well as with group emails (even when UNITY staff reply to emails sent to them it's happened). We don't want to miss you, and don't want you to miss hearing from us!

**THANK YOU** to the many people who have stepped up to help with various items already! Are you a behind the scenes person, looking to help out in some way, but have limited time, or need flexibility to make it work? We have items that we could use help with on a periodic basis, or continual basis but with a small time commitment, etc. See if anything listed here fits the bill for you. If not, check back periodically to see if there is something new added to the list that you would like to help with and works for you. And just know that your UNITY staff appreciate every bit of time and energy you exert to help! Contact Lynn Key with questions or to help.

- Weekly: After 10:45/last service at COL or within a few days after, we could use someone at COL to clean up the coffee & tea carts (clean up coffee pot, put dirty cups into the dishwasher, restock cart with clean cups, etc.) Perhaps a rotating group could do this rather than an individual.
- **Periodically at both campuses:** Go through the sanctuary occasionally and refill visitor cards, offering envelopes, scribble sheets, sharpen or replace missing pencils. Can be done any time.
- **Do you like to make candles?** At the COL campus we have wax candles on the altar. We have an accumulation of short candles that could be used to create 'new' altar candles rather than purchasing new ones. If this is something that you enjoy doing, please contact Lynn Key.

**New Confirmation C-Mail Format.** We are trying something new this year for our Confirmation Program. Students will have the opportunity to write their C-Mails either on paper or electronically! This means you may see students on their phones during worship. We are entrusting the students with a big responsibility to have access to their phones during worship. This is a way to make it easier for students to use a format they are more comfortable with. In addition, it allows us to share pictures back and forth to engage and connect. Paper versions are still available at both campuses.

**Calling ALL Thrivent Members!** If you have any life insurance policies or annuities or anything with Thrivent, you may be eligible to direct what's known as "Choice Dollars" to the beneficiary of your choice. These are dollars that aren't used or given to you if you don't do anything AND you have to log in to your account and choose where to direct them EVERY year.

If your yearly premiums or your total investments are not high enough to qualify for these Choice Dollars, YOU STILL can apply for what's known as a Thrivent Action grant, which allows you to receive two \$250 gift cards per year to use for supplies to fund a ministry event related to education, serving or fundraising. Super easy to do and last year, we received an additional \$4,000 in money to support what we do because of members who applied. Contact Pastor Sherrie for more information and the wording for project ideas. Thank you!

**Online Worship Live-Streamed:** We are now live streaming our 8:30 am COL service using a new system and process, which allows us to stream directly to Vimeo instead of Facebook. It can also be viewed on our website at any later time. Please help us out and sit in the front so it doesn't look like no one is in worship! Thank you in advance for your patience as we work through the new process. The feedback that we have received so far from members who are homebound or who live further away is that it's so nice to see people they know and love. It feels like they are right with us in worship. The video and the audio quality is also so much better with our new equipment than where we first started in 2020.

Keep Connecting with Us-we love to hear from you! Please continue reaching out any time.

Pastor Sherrie Lorbeck:Pastor Eric Silberschmidt:sherrie@unitybrookfield.orgeric@unitybrookfield.orgCell: 414-477-7762Cell: 262-716-9854Don't know who to contact? Call our Church Office at 262-781-7600. Often they can assist with<br/>your needs. If not, you will be directed to the proper person. Most important-stay in touch with us!

#### **Children's Education**

Contact Michelle Aprahamian, c: 414-732-8615, email: michelle@unitybrookfield.org

A New Way to Help! Sunday School Support Person - You will work with a team of volunteers on a weekly rotating schedule so that you would help with Sunday school 1-2 times per month. Support persons are there to assist the Sunday school leader. You might help with a craft, assist a child who needs a bathroom break or a walk in the hallway or some quiet time outside of the classroom. You are an extra set of hands to gather supplies or help with clean-up. You are the "go to" for any last minute or unexpected needs. No teaching experience is necessary. Just a love for kids and an understanding of the impact one caring adult can have on the life of a child on their Faith journey. This position is for anyone in 8th grade through adults. This new position is now being scheduled through MSP, just like teaching and other volunteer positions. Since it's a new position, it is not being auto scheduled, so you can go into MSP, add that as a position and sign up for a date(s), or talk to Michelle Aprahamian or Nancy Kostanski, Volunteer Coordinator to help.

#### Confirmation

Contact Nicole Krause, e: nicole@unitybrookfield.org or Sherrie Lorbeck, e: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org

**Confirmation Sunday Fusion continues this Sunday October 13, 9:30-10:30am at the COL Campus in room 208**. Partner focus for this session is Aspen Center. Confirmation students and parent volunteers can sign up on the signup genius link at unitybrookfield.org.

Service Project Opportunity: Worship & Serve Lunch at Hephatha Lutheran Church Sunday Oct. 27. Meet at COL at 8:15 am to attend their worship service at 9:00 am followed by serving lunch after service. Parent drivers are needed. Estimated time back at church is 1:30 pm. Find the sign up link on our website.

#### **Servant Ministries**

Contact Ellen Vermillion, c: 262-565-8512, e: evermill61@gmail.com or Nicole Krause, e: nicole@unitybrookfield.org

**Volunteer Treasurer Needed for Bread of Healing Clinic, 10/hrs/month.** We give thanks for UNITY member Doreen Brecheisen who has served as the treasurer for our free clinic partner in Milwaukee for the last 4 years, and are looking for the next great person to fill the role. Might this be your next calling? The role involves working with the accountant's financials to produce monthly reports for the board and assist with the budget. A combination of monthly in-person meetings and working from home. About 10 hours/week. Accounting background and knowledge of quickbooks would be big assets. Doreen (norskjohnson@gmail.com) would be happy to talk with anyone interested in the role or you can reach out directly to Barb Horner-Ibler at the clinic: (414) 313-9430. This is an organization you would be proud to support. Thanks for considering and spreading the word.

Let's Get Cookin'! Mass Meal Prep Resumes October 16 - One Wednesday each month from 4:00-6:30pm, 4 adults will work with 4 Confirmation students to whip up a delicious recipe in the COL Kitchen for 25 men at Aspen Center! It's easy: cooking stations are all set up and ready for our Sous Chefs to step in. What if cooking really isn't your thing but you still want to help? No problem! We also need the following support: 1 or 2 shoppers, 2 home bakers, and 1 meal delivery driver. It's a big team effort, so what a blessing you will be! Cooking dates are: October 16, November 6, December 11, January 8, February 12 and May 7. Sign up online by clicking on the appropriate links: Adult Signup or Confirmation Signup. Questions? Contact Cindy Flynn at 262-391-7870 or cindylouflynn@aol.com. *Fun Fact:* Over the years our UNITY Confirmation kids and congregation have consistently made meals for the following partners: Springdale House (this goes back many years!) Serenity Inns, Juno House, Siena House, and this year, Aspen Center! UNITY, thank you for sharing your time to fill not only the stomachs of men in recovery, but also their hearts!

#### Hephatha Accepting Furniture Donations

Our partner, Hephatha Lutheran Church, is assisting Holy Cross Lutheran Church with their "Share Our Best" Furniture Ministry. This ministry, which was begun a couple years ago to help kids not have to sleep on the floor, relies on donations of furniture that they will pick up. They are looking for furniture that is in reasonably good condition – primarily beds (single, full and queen sizes, with frames and bedding) – as well as dressers, kitchen tables and chairs, and other pieces. If you have furniture to donate, please contact Hephatha Servant Advocate Shirley Denu at srdenu2@gmail.com so the donation can be coordinated. Thank you for helping with this important ministry that directly impacts the quality of life at home for so many in need. Attend Hebron's Annual Gala on November 9; Join us for Hebron Housing Services' 2024 Annual Gala on Saturday, November 9, at the Milwaukee Marriott West. As their largest fundraising event of the year, this elegant evening will feature:

- 5:00 pm: Appetizers, Open Bar, Raffles & Silent Auction
- 6:30 pm: Plated Dinner with Wine, Program & Live Auction
- Following Program: Live Music & Cash Bar

Formal attire is requested, and all proceeds support Hebron's two emergency shelters - Juno House & Siena House - which provide services to individuals and families facing homeless-ness in Waukesha County. To purchase tickets, browse/bid/buy auction items, or to donate, visit hebronhouse.org/events. Questions? Contact Servant Advocate Jane Boorse at janeboorse43@gmail.com.

**Volunteers Needed for Hebron's Annual Gala on November 9:** Are you able to help ensure the success of Hebron Housing Services' largest fundraising event of the year? Their Annual Gala on Saturday, Nov. 9, at the Milwaukee Marriott West, raises funds to support its two emergency shelters – Juno House & Siena House – but they need many hands to make it happen. They are looking to fill several different shifts and roles, which include: setting up, tearing down, greeting guests, checking coats, assisting with the Silent Auction, and more! For more info on each position and to sign up to help, please visit Hebron's SignUpGenius page found on UNITY's Sign Up web page. Questions? Contact Servant Advocate Jane Boorse at janeboorse43@gmail.com.

#### Applications Due for El Salvador Mission of Healing Trip: November 16

Our Mission of Healing Trip to El Salvador will be **February 15-22, 2025. Application and deposit deadline: November 16.** Cost: if you are a UNITY member, church will pay all your incountry expenses. You just pay the plane ticket (approx. \$700).

Similar to previous, pre-Covid years we will travel on Saturday, visit our sister church Cordero on Sunday, help the Salvadoran Lutheran Church with their traveling health fair Monday-Thursday (setting up in a different town each day), play on Friday, and travel home on Saturday. The offerings at the health fair always vary based on what our group can offer, but it's usually a combination of basic wellness checks, health education (on topics like nutrition, reproductive health, mental health, oral health) and activities for kids. The Salvadorans have asked if we can do extra emphasis on mental health this year.

Skills needed: anyone can apply, but listed are skills/backgrounds we could most use:

- Behavioral/mental health training
- Medical providers (advanced practice professionals, PAs, physicians)
- Nurses

Kids/education

• Pharmacy

• Yoga/relaxation/expressive arts

• Art

We also always need 3-4 "willing to do anything" worker-bee-type people. No Spanish is needed, although it's always a plus. Application is on our Sign Up web page. For more info, contact Nicole Krause at nicole@unitybrookfield.org.

**Ongoing Service Opportunities:** UNITY has standing volunteer "shifts" at various partners that we commit to covering as a church. Each one is coordinated by a different UNITY member... each has its own sign up page on the church website... and each is an opportunity for you!

- Waukesha Food Pantry Food Distribution: Each month, 4th Saturday, 9am-12pm; 5th Monday 5:30 8 pm.
- Serenity Inns Recovery Program Fellowship Dinners: cook, deliver, or serve a meal for 12 residents. Each month, 1st Sunday & 2nd Friday, 6 7pm. Kids welcome.

Save the Date for 2025 El Salvador Summer Trip: August 5-12 Relationship-Building Trip.

#### Property Needs Contact Denny Thompson, Director of Buildings and Properties c: 262-844-0556, email: dennyt325@yahoo.com Al Bengston, c: 414-322-6445, email: allanbengst234@gmail.com

#### **Fall Cleanup at COL (Indoors and Outdoors): Saturday October 19 - 9am-12pm** Come one, come all! Please lend a hand (or two) at our Fall Cleanup.

Our church home interiors need some TLC. We will be doing some deep cleaning like you would with your own home - cleaning in corners, window sills, edging, etc. Some helpful items to bring from home (if possible): vacuums with hoses, step stools, kneeling pads, etc. We will provide indoor rubber gloves, cleaners, rags, dusters, etc.

Outdoors we have trees to come down and others to be trimmed as the main focus of the cleanup, so please bring chainsaws, battery pole chain saws, extender-type trimmers and trailers if you have them. We need lots of people to rake, trim, pull weeds, pull annuals and prep the grounds for winter. Please bring garden gloves and a rake if you can.

Make it a whole family event! Childcare will be provided. Cleanups will be held rain or shine, and breakfast treats and lunch will be provided. Questions? Contact Denny Thompson at dennyt325@yahoo.com. Thank you for helping maintain our facilities!

**Lawn Mowers:** We are close to season end, and we want to thank all who have been faithfully keeping our properties cut and looking beautiful! The roster has been staying full, and that's a great thing. We just have a bit of October to fill. Please use our online sign up, and let's finish the year out strong. If you need a tutorial or have any questions, contact Property Director Denny above.

#### **Adult Programs**

Contact: Todd Blatnik, email: todd.blatnik@wi.rr.com or Matt Griepentrog, c: 262-787-8820, e: matt@unitybrookfield.org

**NEW Monday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Eric! - Mondays at 10 AM @ COL, continues Monday October 14th.** Looking for a weekly bible study group? Pastor Eric has just what you're looking for! Start your week with Eric as he leads a study that follows the worship lectionary (the three year cycle of Scripture readings used in worship). You'll take a deep dive into the weekly scripture readings (you won't be left behind if you miss a week or more). Bring a friend, and meet us in Room 202 @ COL.

Sheepshead Small Group - Play Sheepshead with us on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month, 6:30pm at our Christ the King campus. Sheepshead is a 5-player trump-style partner card game, a bit complicated to learn but addictive once you've got it. Beginners or those interested in learning are welcome to join the group, we are happy to teach you. We will meet twice a month September-November and then determine if we need to adjust numbers, frequency, etc. Contact is Mary Huss (mhwis@hotmail.com). Next Game Night: Thursday, October 17th at 6:30 pm CTK

**Men's Third Saturday Breakfast meets Saturday, October 19, 7:30-9:00 am at COL campus.** We get together, survive our own cooking and talk about the readings used in worship that weekend. Never tried it out? Been part of it for years? Either way, how about joining us next time? And then right after that, you can help with the COL indoor & outdoor work day! See Property (below).

Special Milestone Event: Empty Nest, Full Hearts. Monday, October 21st, 7-8:15 PM @ COL. Whether the title of Empty Nester is new, old, or even if your nest isn't always empty, this night is for you! Life is full of meaningful milestones, and this event is designed to celebrate one of life's

most transformative moments: the empty nest. Whether you're a single adult or a couple, you'll find it fun and relevant. The one hour event will include time for meeting other Empty Nesters, sharing about our families and the challenges young adults face as they leave home, and talking about ways to stay connected in faith. Oh, and there will be desserts too!

**Theology on Tap Returns! -** We had such a great time at our first one, that we're doing it again. Our next gathering will be **Thursday, October 24th at 7:30 at Vennture Brew Co. in Brookfield** (**fka Biloba**) Enjoy good beer, good conversations, and God. Non-beer drinkers welcome; must be 21 or older. Contact Matt at matt@unitybrookfield.org to tap into more info... or just show up! Vennture Brew is located at 2970 N. Brookfield Road.

**20-30 Somethings: Halloween Costume Karaoke, Friday, October 25th, 7:30 PM @ Vennture Brewing in Tosa.** Get your costume ready and come bark at the moon with your best vocal riffs this side of the grave! Meet at 5519 W North Ave in Tosa. As always, help us get the word out to others in the area and feel free to invite those you know too!

And feel free to pass along names, cells and email addresses for any friends (or adult children) who are now in the Greater Milwaukee area so we can make sure to reach out and invite them! Thanks!

#### Watch for these upcoming adult forums

- October 20: Fall Walk to Coffeeville. Gather with us by the COL fireplace at 9:30 AM! We'll enjoy a scenic fall walk on the Fox River trail to Coffeeville grab a drink and treat, and walk back to church.
- October 27: Adult Boundary Waters Trip. Interested in the summer adventure of a lifetime? Come hear all about this upcoming trip and how you can be a part of the excitement! 9-:30-10:30 AM @ COL.

**Calling All Bakers!** We have an idea for a Christmas Cookie baking event where you can come and share recipes, use the kitchens and make all the time breeze by when you get to enjoy mixing and baking with others. In addition, if we could also help support the Cookie buffet at Advent Fest on December 6, that would be awesome! And if we're able to roll out enough, the Sr. High would love your help and experience with a Cookie Walk as a new fundraiser this year to help support next year's Summer Trip! If this sounds like fun, contact Tiffany Reay(sreays@gmail.com), Group Opportunities chair or Pastor Sherrie.

#### Do You Have Ideas for Adult Programming? Let Us Know!

Adult Programs is beginning to brainstorm programming ideas for fall and winter planning. If you have any ideas for groups, events, studies, or speakers that you'd like us to know about, please reach out to our new Adult Programs chairperson, Todd Blatnik, at todd.blatnik@wi.rr.com.

UNITY Member Care Contact: Jim Ahlquist-Minister of Member Care e: jim@unitybrookfield.org, c: 715-210-2245 or Sherrie Lorbeck or Eric Silberschmidt

## Grief Group will continue meeting on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays through the end of the year. The next meeting is October 23rd from 6:30-8:00 pm at COL in room 202 - *When Life Isn't the Same ....*

If you have lost a spouse or a parent or someone else close to you, the grieving doesn't end after the funeral. We invite you to a safe space where you can share more about where you are at in your journey ... learn more about the stages of grief ... and get help finding your way through what you need most for the road ahead.

We invite you to join us for our Grief Group. These gatherings will be led by Pastor Jim Ahlquist and Nicole Krause. If this is the right time for you, or if someone you know could benefit from being a part of this, please join us! If you have questions or just want to discuss whether this is the right place for you, contact Pastor Jim at jim@unitybrookfield.org or 715-210-2245.

**UNITY Member Care is always here for you.** You don't have to face life's ups and downs alone. Whether it's an unexpected hospitalization, a recent diagnosis, the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, addiction, anxiety, depression, or virtually anything else, the pastors are only a call, text, or email away. Please **never** hesitate to reach out -- whether we're the only stop you'll make or just the first step in a longer care process.

**Prayer Place cards-** If you have a prayer request that you would like included in the Prayers for Friends and Family section in the bulletin, there are cards available in the narthex near the bulletin board. You can fill out the request and pin it to the bulletin board or place it in the basket and it will be included in the upcoming bulletin. These prayer requests will stay for 4 weeks and then if you need further prayer, repost as often as needed. Any questions, please contact Nancy by phone or email nancy@unitybrookfield.org

#### Worship & Music Opportunities

Director of Music, Contact Lynn Key, c: 414-507-5888 e: lynn@unitybrookfield.org Children's Choirs, Contact Janet Day, c: 414-975-0286, e: janetday4@me.com Fellowship Choir, Contact Molly Pufall-Brown, c: 920-265-6881, e: mpufall@gmail.com Handbells & Praise Band, Contact Stacey Nordmeyer, c: 414-617-7673, e: staceynordmeyer72@icloud.com

**UNITY's All-Music Tuesdays:** We rehearse every Tuesday night through mid-May. Come join us even if you can't make it every week. Nursery and child care are available. No auditions are necessary. Talk to any of our music staff if you have questions.

- JOYFUL NOISE MUSIC MAKERS Ages Prek-Grade 1 6:00pm to 6:30pm Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall Directed by Janet Day.
- CELEBRATION MUSIC MAKERS Ages Grade 2–Grade 6 Tuesdays: 6:30pm to 7:15pm Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall Directed by Janet Day.
- HOSANNA BELLS Beginning to Early Intermediate Ringers Tuesdays: 7:15pm to 8:00pm Cross of Life Sanctuary.
- **FELLOWSHIP CHOIR** Ages 7th Grade–Adult Tuesdays: 7:15pm to 8:15pm Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall Directed by Molly Pufall-Brown.
- GLORIA DEI BELLS Late Intermediate to Advanced Ringers Tuesdays: 6:15pm to 7:15pm Cross of Life Sanctuary Directed by Stacey Nordmeyer.

Mark your Calendars! Our BEGIN Group (Brookfield Elm Grove Interfaith Network) is bringing back the Thanksgiving Service in person once again! We have been a part of BEGIN for the past twenty years and this yearly gathering has always attracted people from all of our local faith communities. It's been such an easy way to learn a little more about other faith traditions, see worship spaces that you otherwise may never have a chance or feel comfortable visiting out of the blue and meet people from other faith communities all while enjoying sweet treats at the end of the evening. This year, to help make it happen, we are HOSTING! So, mark your calendar for Wednesday, November 20th at 7:00 p.m. at the COL campus. Watch for more information, but hopefully, we can create ways for our Confirmation students to add some visual element or musical gift as part of the service. In addition, maybe we can invite people to be a part of a choir that learns a song before the service to share and if you would be willing to help in any way from helping us get the word out, to making people feel welcome while they're here to helping us provide delicious deserts after, please talk to Lynn Key or Sherrie Lorbeck. We hope you'll be a part of this incredibly special gathering!

#### Sr. High

Contact Nancy Oberhauser, c: 262-527-8869, e: nancy.oberhauser@Aexp.com or Sherrie Lorbeck, c: 414-477-7762 e: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org or Ryan Johnson, c: 262-825-7331, e: rmjohnson1117@gmail.com

**Livestream - Sunday mornings from 8:15 - 10:00 am at the COL campus**. We are looking for a small team of people who would be trained on our new equipment so that we can livestream the worship service to the BEST of our ability! (To ensure good camera shots, that the sound is coming through and that the slides are included, along with making sure things are smooth for those worshiping in person. If you are interested, talk to Matt Griepentrog or PSher. This is a paid position.

Kickin It With Jesus Soccer Team is back - Registration Deadline is 10/21!! If you'd be interested in playing at Brookfield indoor soccer for the first session (Saturdays 11/2-12/29), text Ryan Johnson or look in GroupMe for the sign up link. We'll get the details on the schedule, final registration fee (likely somewhere between \$80-\$100) and maybe even a Jersey! In addition, if you are a parent who would be willing to help support the team and cheer them on, watch for a sign up genius when we know the schedule! (The on field "coach" is on the sidelines but you don't need to have coaching experience!)

**Oct. 20 - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at COL. Summer trip info meeting about the Boundary Waters Canoe Area July 19-26th, 2025.** Come and learn more about what this amazing trip is like! For most people, it's a once in a lifetime experience and many hire guides to take a trip like this, but thanks to all the experience within UNITY, we will make sure every group is prepared and outfitted with all the equipment that they need, a delicious menu of food to keep you going each day and all that you need to know so that you can experience a week in the awesome beauty of God's creation making memories that will bless you for a lifetime!

We also need 3 adult leaders (typically 2 males, 1 female) for every 6 youth, so if you have ever thought about giving this a try OR are longing to return, come find out more information! Because we will need to plan for groups so that we can reserve permits for where each group will launch from and exit from in early January, registration and a deposit of \$250 is due by December 1.

Oct. 27 - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at COL. Pumpkin Carving/Costume Contest. Bring your own pumpkin or bring \$5.00 to buy one. We'll have all the supplies and a few designs to pick from, but feel free to print your own if you'd like. We'll have the candles to let your pumpkins shine before taking them home with you to enjoy! We'll have prizes for creative carving ideas, most intricate carving and of course, best dressed!

#### Parents of our College Students:

For all of you who now are saying good bye to your College student(s), we are crying right along with you, but also praying for them TOO (And you!) that the year will be good where they'll have a chance to make new friends, learn and experience all the important life lessons that come along the way and please know, that we are STILL ALWAYS HERE, so don't hesitate to reach out or to remind them to reach out if things are a little more challenging than they were expecting or if they have faith/life questions! AND, after you get them all settled in and don't know what to do with yourself, MAKE SURE TO fill out the Google Form online, so we can keep in touch with them and send them a little Care Package of Love too!

Save the date: July 19-26, 2025 Boundary Waters

Partner we are praying for this month: Aspen Center

The altar flowers at COL are given by Cindy Boyd in celebration of Erica's birthday

The altar flowers at CTK are given to the glory of God

Thank you to Barb Hemmingsen for arranging the altar flowers this weekend

This weekend's communion breads were baked by Cathy Buck

#### **Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members**

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

#### **Cross of Life Campus**

Jill Barney, Julie Schultz, Nancy Oberhauser, Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Mary Jo Eggert, Joseph Nutt, Linda Langer, Sandi John, Jerry Buenger, Karen Beres, Bob Rusk, Debbie Horne, Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Ardyce Myhre, Paula Dryer, Marlene Jernberg, John Vaughan, Alyce Vollan, Barb Purnell, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

#### **Christ the King Campus**

Marge Kipp, Parker Godfrey, Ann Borowski, Dawn Suharski, Fred Petran, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Dave Rau

> We pray our prayers of sympathy for family and loved ones as they mourn the death of a loved one:

#### **Cross of Life Campus**

The Schrieber and Halbach families on the death of Roger's brother, David The Kamenick family on the death of Matt's grandfather, Vern Kamenick

#### **UNITY Prayer Place**

Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.

#### October 12-13

Ann Beaudoin (health concerns), mother of Dave Beaudoin Candy Small (health concerns), sister of Dave Beaudoin Nora Werra (cardiac procedure), step-mom of Julie Schultz Steve Perry (West Nile virus), friend of Julie & Steve Schultz Karen (breast cancer), great aunt of Sia & Weston Grabowski Polly Galian (cancer), best friend of Pat Petran Tony Susa (spinal cord injury), brother-in-law of Vivian Clark Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

#### **October 5-6**

Susan (breast cancer), cousin of Debbie Pam Godfrey (stage 4 cancer), aunt of Eric Godfrey Peyton (health concerns), granddaughter of Neal & Barb Borkenhagen Andrea Knoke (ovarian cancer), friend of Kyle & Anna Jansson

#### September 28-29

James Searles (cardiac arrest), father of Melissa Grabowski Joan Patmore (breast cancer), cousin of Jensy Engle Erika Foss (brain cancer-in hospice), cousin of Karen Anderson Nancy Foss (cancer), cousin of Karen Anderson Dan Jakala (bone cancer), brother-in-law of Laura Buege Beth Kumer & Family (passing of Beth's father, Ed), friend of Deborah Nustad J.C. Mitchell & Family (passing of J.C.'s mother, Pat), friends of the Nustad family Jolie J. & family (23 year old with stage 4 breast & liver cancer), friends of Nustad family Donna Funk (bladder cancer/liver issues), daughter of Pearl Haack

#### September 21-22

Terri Kwiatkowski (stage 4 terminal cancer), friend of Michelle Aprahamian

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, etc.) overseas and our military personnel: Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank

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Acolyte:	CeCe Weitmann, Maxwell Roemaat
Ushers:	Carly Gill, Marv Wunder
Worship Assistant:	
Reader:	Phil Roemaat
Communion Assistants:	Melissa & Kevin Grabowski
ABC:	Jeff & Lynn Key
Musician:	Lynn Key
Sound:	Rudy Schneider
Visual Projection:	Kayla Grabowski
	Natalie Schneider
Sunday School Leaders:	Adrienne Krueger
Sunday School Support:	
Nursery:	Rachel Manganaro

<u>COL 8:30 a.m.</u>	Ministers for Sunday, October 13, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Livestream: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders: Sunday School Support: Nursery: Coffee:	Denny Thompson Barb Consigny, Jann Meissner Blake Duerr, Charlie Rentmeester Diane & Dick Dressler Susie Hilgart Diane Dressler Barb Consigny, Erica Pergande, Michelle Duerr, Tim Herman Jann & Dave Meissner Janet Day Fonda Kapitan Claire Dominski Mike Aprahamian Bill Hubert Becky & Nick Van Deraa, Julie Miesfeld, Joanne Rentmeester Sophie Miesfeld Chloe O'Connell Eric Thomas
CTK 9:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, October 13, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders: Sunday School Support:	Jim Johnsen Diana VanSlyke, Steve Walz Patty Zais Praise Band Parker Godfrey Praise Band Jessica Loomis, Emily McFadden Ali Allar
COL 10:45 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, October 13, 2024
Visual Projection:	Steve Brewer Annika Nellis, Sue Hastings Janet Day Adrik Nellis JJ Steichen Nicole Krause Jamie Toussaint, Kelly Shoff Donna LeClaire



Twenty-second Weekend after Pentecost

October 19-20, 2024

Saturday, October 19, 2024 5:00 pm COL Sunday, October 20, 2024 8:30 am COL 9:30 am CTK 10:45 am COL

Live Streamed at 8:30 am Sundays and available Online anytime afterwards

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#### WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH! We're glad you're here today! UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** We're glad to have you with us! If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: unitybrookfield.org for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

- Children. Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- **Nursery.** Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- Sunday School. All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)

#### • At UNITY, the Communion Table is:

- Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
- Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
- Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
- We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
- Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
- If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.
- **Pastors.** UNITY is currently served by Pastor Sherrie Lorbeck, Pastor Eric Silberschmidt who is our Interim pastor as we search for two additional pastors. along with Pastor Jim Ahlquist, who is our part time pastoral care pastor and occasional preacher. Most Saturdays, the weekend preacher is the pastor at that service. On Sundays, the preacher for the weekend travels to both campuses to share the message. The other pastor is then based at the COL campus. Feel free to reach out if you need anything or would like to talk more.

**GIVING.** If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay and Venmo are also accepted. Thank you!



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#### Twenty-second Weekend after Pentecost October 19-20, 2024

## Prelude"Almost Home"Praise Band(5:00, 8:30, 10:45)"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"arr. Hustad(9:30)

#### Words of Welcome

#### **Time for Confession and Forgiveness**

- One: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- Many: Amen.
- One: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Many: Amen.

- One: Most merciful God,
- Many: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

One: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin; and made us alive together with Christ.

Friends, believe the Good News, by grace you have been saved! In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirt that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

#### Many: Amen.

#### **Sharing the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Many: And also with you.

#### **Opening Hymn**

"Almost Home"	Praise Band	(5:00, 8:30, 10:45)
"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"	ELW 712 vs. 1-4	(9:30)

#### **Children's Message**

#### **Greeting and Prayer of the Day**

- Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!
- Many: And also with you.
- One: Let us pray. Creator God,
- Many: from the beginning you have stitched this world together. No matter how much we may have done collectively to unravel it since... no matter how much we have done personally to unravel it since... we just pause now to appreciate the goodness You put into this world and every person in whom we saw it this week.

(pause for reflection)

One: Creator God,

Many: thank you for redeeming our mistakes, seeking the lost, and putting together what we pull apart. Fill us up, so that goodness overflows and life is better for the poor and the struggling, the rich and the secure... better for all, we pray. Amen.

Anthem"Let All Things Now Living" arr. Cathy Moklebust<br/>Gloria Dei Handbells; Stacey Nordmeyer, Director<br/>"This Is the Day" ~ Garrett / arr. Huggins<br/>Fellowship Choir; Molly Pufall-Brown, Director; Lynn Key, Accompanist(8:30, 10:45)<br/>(Video 9:30)<br/>Fellowship Choir; Molly Pufall-Brown, Director; Lynn Key, Accompanist

Gospel Acclamation "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" WOV 612 (All Services)

#### **Gospel:** Mark 10:35-45

How often we wholeheartedly indicate our readiness for something that we don't fully understand. James and John do the same thing here in their eagerness to share in what they think Jesus' glory will mean.

One: The Gospel according to Mark, the tenth chapter

#### Many: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>35</sup>James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." <sup>36</sup>And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" <sup>37</sup>And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." <sup>38</sup>But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" <sup>39</sup>They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; <sup>40</sup>but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

<sup>41</sup>When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. <sup>42</sup>So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. <sup>43</sup>But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.

One: The Gospel of the Lord! Many: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sherrie Lorbeck

## Hymn of the Day

"Be Thou My Vision"	Praise Band	(5:00, 8:30, 10:45)
"God of Grace and God of Glory"	ELW 705 vs. 1-4	(5:00, 8:30, 10:45)

#### The Prayers of the People

One: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. *(Congregation response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer.")*Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Many: Amen.

## **Announcements and Offering**

<b>Offertory Response</b> (as gifts are brought forward)		(All Services)
"We Are an Offering"	ELW 692	

#### **Prayer of Thanks**

- One: Let us pray. Merciful Father,
- Many: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us... ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

- Pastor: The Lord be with you.
- Many: And also with you.
- Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
- Many: We lift them to the Lord.
- Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### **Words of Institution**

#### The Lord's Prayer (traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### **Communion Meditation**

"For All That You Have Done"	Praise Band	(5:00, 8:30, 10:45)
"Create in Me a Clean Heart"	arr. Hayes	(9:30)

#### **Post Communion Blessing**

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace and peace.

Many: Amen.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

One: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Many: Amen.

#### Benediction

#### Sending Hymn

"Goodness, Love and Mercy" "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"	Praise Band ELW 545 vs. 1-3	(5:00, 8:30, 10:45) (9:30)
DismissalOne:Go in peace, serve the Lord!Many:Thanks be to God!		
<b>Postlude</b> "Goodness, Love and Mercy" reprise "Let All Things Now Living"	Praise Band arr. Larson	(5:00, 8:30, 10:45) (9:30)

# This Weekend at UNITY!

**Continued prayers and financial support for those affected by the recent hurricanes.** Thank you to everyone who generously gave to support the clean up and rebuilding needs. Together we have raised \$3,000 over the last 2 weeks, which Matt Griepentrog has already sent to Lutheran Disaster Relief for their immediate need. If you would like to still make a gift, you can use the white and green LDR envelopes in the narthex for cash or checks (payable to UNITY Lutheran Church marked 'Hurricane Response'); pay through the UNITY website, Donate Now, select Other Giving, indicating same; use the credit card machines at either campus, or use Venmo.

**This Sunday, October 20, 9:30 at COL: Fall Walk to Coffeeville.** Gather with us by the COL fireplace at 9:30 AM! We'll enjoy a scenic fall walk on the Fox River trail to Coffeeville - grab a drink and treat, and walk back to church.

Sr. High this Sunday, October 20 - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at COL. Summer trip info meeting about the Boundary Waters Canoe Area July 19-26th, 2025. Come and learn more about what this amazing trip is like! For most people, it's a once in a lifetime experience and many hire guides to take a trip like this, but thanks to all the experience within UNITY, we will make sure every group is prepared and outfitted with all the equipment that they need, a delicious menu of food to keep you going each day and all that you need to know so that you can experience a week in the awesome beauty of God's creation making memories that will bless you for a lifetime!

We also need 3 adult leaders (typically 2 males, 1 female) for every 6 youth, so if you have ever thought about giving this a try OR are longing to return, come find out more information! Because we will need to plan for groups so that we can reserve permits for where each group will launch from and exit from in early January, registration and a deposit of \$250 is due by December 1.

## **UNITY Highlights**

New Member Gatherings: Are you interested in learning more about UNITY and its mission, ministries and who does what and ways you can be a part? If so, then we invite you to join us on **Tuesday, October 29th from 6:00-7:30pm at the COL campus**. We'll plan to have subs for dinner and children are welcome to blend into kids choirs or hang out in the nursery where we'll have child care. If you are able to RSVP to Anna Jansson (ajansson8@gmail.com), that would be most appreciated as we plan for food. Please also let us know of any dietary needs. The second gathering will be at the **CTK campus on Sunday, November 10th from Noon to 2:00pm**. These two gatherings will be different, so it's best if you're able to attend both of them so you don't miss anything. If these dates don't work out right now, we'll do this again in the Spring too. Hope you feel welcome here at UNITY! If the timing is right for you, we'd love to have you as an official part of our family!

**Staffing Update:** As our communication needs have quadrupled from what they were 4 years ago, Natalie Kamenick, our Director of Communications, has decided to step down from that role as she recognizes it could easily be a full time position plus. When she first started 3 years ago, we weren't worshiping in person so the largest need was recording and editing the worship services along with a few email announcements. Now there is so much to communicate in every area of our ministries, in every format available to us from print, email campaigns, social media, to website, video, and now livestream. We are so very thankful for Natalie's incredible talent and flexibility to adapt to all of our changing needs over these past few years and all that she quickly learned along the way. With three young boys though, we understand her decision to be at home more rather than less, though we will miss working with her and the enthusiasm she brought with her every day. Thankfully for all of us, we'll still be able to see her and her family around! We wish her lots of blessings!

In the meantime we are taking a larger look at all of the needs we have in this area and our HR/ Finance team will work to put together a job description for all of our current needs along with the areas that staff have already identified. Bill Hubert, our new webmaster, is currently sending the congregational email campaigns and covering online communication. If you or anyone you know is interested in a communication role at UNITY, please talk to Pastor Sherrie, council president, Phil Roemaat, or anyone from our HR team.

#### Hephatha Partner Appreciation Day Event on November 2: You're invited!

Join us for Hephatha's Partner Appreciation Day event on Saturday, November 2, at 3 pm for in-person worship followed by dinner. As Hephatha says, "We thank God for you! We are grateful for your serving in the Gospel with us and we hope you can join us for this special time of giving thanks to God and honoring you, our mission partners!" If you are unable to attend in person, visit Hephatha100.com for a "one click" link to join the worship via Zoom.

**Please be on the lookout...for emails from UNITY.** If you are not receiving them, please check your spam or junk mailboxes. If you aren't receiving them there, please reach out to Lynn or Nancy in the office to confirm we have the correct email address(es), and so we know what service provider you have for us to contact through our support team. Due to increased security measures put in place by email providers, many of our emails are going there. This happens with individual emails as well as with group emails (even when UNITY staff reply to emails sent to them it's happened). We don't want to miss you, and don't want you to miss hearing from us!

**THANK YOU** to the many people who have stepped up to help with various items already! Are you a behind the scenes person, looking to help out in some way, but have limited time, or need flexibility? We have items that we could use help with on a periodic basis, or continual basis but with a small time commitment, etc. See if anything listed here fits the bill for you. If not, check back periodically to see if there is something new added to the list that you would like to help with. Contact Lynn Key with questions or to help. Your UNITY staff thanks you!

- Weekly: After 10:45/last service at COL or within a few days after, we could use someone to clean up the coffee & tea carts (clean up coffee pot, put dirty cups in the dishwasher, restock cart with clean cups, etc.) Perhaps a rotating group could do this rather than an individual.
- **Do you like to make candles?** At the COL campus we have wax candles on the altar. We have an accumulation of short candles that could be used to create 'new' altar candles rather than purchasing new ones. If this is something that you enjoy doing, please contact Lynn.

**New Confirmation C-Mail Format.** We are trying something new this year for our Confirmation Program. Students will have the opportunity to write their C-Mails either on paper or electronically! This means you may see students on their phones during worship. We are entrusting the students with a big responsibility to have access to their phones during worship. This is a way to make it easier for students to use a format they are more comfortable with. In addition, it allows us to share pictures back and forth to engage and connect. Paper versions are still available at both campuses.

**Calling ALL Thrivent Members!** If you have any life insurance policies or annuities or anything with Thrivent, you may be eligible to direct what's known as "Choice Dollars" to the beneficiary of your choice. These are dollars that aren't used or given to you if you don't do anything **and** you have to log in to your account and choose where to direct them EVERY year. If your yearly premiums or your total investments are not high enough to qualify for these Choice Dollars, YOU STILL can apply for what's known as a Thrivent Action grant, which allows you to receive two \$250 gift cards per year to use for supplies to fund a ministry event related to education, serving or fundraising. Super easy to do and last year, we received an additional \$4,000 in money to support what we do because of members who applied. Contact Pastor Sherrie for more information and the wording for project ideas. Thank you!

**Online Worship Live-Streamed:** We are now live streaming our 8:30 am COL service using a new system and process, which allows us to stream directly to Vimeo instead of Facebook. It can also be viewed on our website at any later time. Please help us out and sit in the front so it doesn't look like no one is in worship! Thank you in advance for your patience as we work through the new process. The feedback that we have received so far from members who are homebound or who live further away is that it's so nice to see people they know and love. It feels like they are right with us in worship. The video and the audio quality is also so much better with our new equipment than where we first started in 2020.

Keep Connecting with Us-we love to hear from you! Please continue reaching out any time.Pastor Sherrie Lorbeck:Pastor Eric Silberschmidt:sherrie@unitybrookfield.orgeric@unitybrookfield.orgCell: 414-477-7762Cell: 262-716-9854Don't know who to contact? Call our Church Office at 262-781-7600. Often they can assistwith your needs. If not, you will be directed to the proper person. Most important-stay in touchwith us!

#### **Children's Education**

Contact Michelle Aprahamian, c: 414-732-8615, email: michelle@unitybrookfield.org

*A New Way to Help!* Sunday School Support Person - You will work with a team of volunteers on a weekly rotating schedule so that you would help with Sunday school 1-2 times per month. Support persons are there to assist the Sunday school leader. You might help with a craft, assist a child who needs a bathroom break or a walk in the hallway or some quiet time outside of the classroom. You are an extra set of hands to gather supplies or help with clean-up. You are the "go to" for any last minute or unexpected needs. No teaching experience is necessary. Just a love for kids and an understanding of the impact one caring adult can have on the life of a child on their Faith journey. This position is for anyone in 8th grade through adults. This new position is now being scheduled through MSP, just like teaching and other volunteer positions. Since it's a new position, it is not being auto scheduled, so you can go into MSP, add that as a position and sign up for a date(s), or talk to Michelle Aprahamian or Nancy Kostanski, Volunteer Coordinator to help.

#### Mark Your Calendars for Advent Fest on December 6

Ready for some cookies, caroling and Christ-centered fun to get into the spirit of the season? Who isn't? Mark your calendar now for one of our most popular events! Advent Fest will be held on **Friday, December 6, from 5:30-8:00 pm at our COL campus.** Together we'll enjoy dinner, worship, crafting, music, and an evening of fun for the whole family. Watch for more info to come, along with signups for Advent Fest crafts that are for ALL ages and stages. (Children in 3rd grade and younger must be accompanied by an adult.) You really don't want to miss this much-loved annual tradition at UNITY!

Confirmation Contact Nicole Krause, e: nicole@unitybrookfield.org or Sherrie Lorbeck, e: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org

Sunday Fusion starts a new series this week! Join us on October 20 and November 2nd from 9:30-10:30 am in Room 208. Series 2 is focused on Urban Ministry with Hephatha Lutheran Church; our diverse sister church on Milwaukee's near north side. Our onsite visit will be on Sunday, October 27th with details below.

**Confirmation Dinners are this week! Sunday, October 20th at 5:30 pm and Wednesday, October 23rd at 5:45 pm.** Enjoy food and fellowship with fellow students before class this week! Shoppers, preppers and bakers are needed. Please see the confirmation page on the website for sign up information.

Service Project Opportunity: Worship & Serve Lunch at Hephatha Lutheran Church Sunday Oct. 27. Meet at COL at 8:15 am to attend their worship service at 9:00 am followed by serving lunch after service. Parent drivers are needed. Estimated time back at church is 1:30 pm. Find the sign up link on our website.

## Servant Ministries

Contact Ellen Vermillion, c: 262-565-8512, e: evermill61@gmail.com or Nicole Krause, e: nicole@unitybrookfield.org

**Volunteer Treasurer Needed for Bread of Healing Clinic, 10/hrs/month.** We give thanks for UNITY member Doreen Brecheisen who has served as the treasurer for our free clinic partner in Milwaukee for the last 4 years, and are looking for the next great person to fill the role. Might this be your next calling? The role involves working with the accountant's financials to produce monthly reports for the board and assist with the budget. A combination of monthly in-person meetings and working from home. About 10 hours/week. Accounting background and knowledge of quickbooks would be big assets. Doreen (norskjohnson@gmail.com) would be happy to talk with anyone interested in the role or you can reach out directly to Barb Horner-Ibler at the clinic: (414) 313-9430. This is an organization you would be proud to support. Thanks for considering and spreading the word.

## Holiday Bag Sales to be November 2-3 & 9-10

At UNITY we are committed to helping feed hungry people, and one way we do this is by helping the Food Pantry of Waukesha County stock its shelves. Our Holiday Bag Sales will be held between services November 2-3 & 9-10 at both campuses. Bags of groceries will be "sold" for \$10 each during these two weekends. Any questions? Contact our new Food Pantry Servant Advocates Melanie Rooney at melrooney7@gmail.com or Bill Rooney at billrooney017@gmail.com

Let's Get Cookin'! Mass Meal Prep continues November 6 - One Wednesday each month from 4:00-6:30pm, 4 adults will work with 4 Confirmation students to whip up a delicious recipe in the COL Kitchen for 25 men at Aspen Center! It's easy: cooking stations are all set up and ready for our Sous Chefs to step in. What if cooking really isn't your thing but you still want to help? No problem! We also need the following support: 1 or 2 shoppers, 2 home bakers, and 1 meal delivery driver. It's a big team effort, so what a blessing you will be! Cooking dates are: October 16, November 6, December 11, January 8, February 12 and May 7. Sign up online by clicking on the appropriate links: Adult Signup or Confirmation Signup. Questions? Contact Cindy Flynn at 262-391-7870 or cindylouflynn@aol.com. *Fun Fact:* Over the years our UNITY Confirmation kids and congregation have consistently made meals for the following partners: Springdale House (this goes back many years!) Serenity Inns, Juno House, Siena House, and this year, Aspen Center! UNITY, thank you for sharing your time to fill not only the stomachs of men in recovery, but also their hearts!

**Hephatha Accepting Furniture Donations: Our partner, Hephatha Lutheran Church, is assisting Holy Cross Lutheran Church with their "Share Our Best" Furniture Ministry.** This ministry, which was begun a couple years ago to help kids not have to sleep on the floor, relies on donations of furniture that they will pick up. They are looking for furniture that is in reasonably good condition – primarily beds (single, full and queen sizes, with frames and bedding) – as well as dressers, kitchen tables and chairs, and other pieces. If you have furniture to donate, please contact Hephatha Servant Advocate Shirley Denu at srdenu2@gmail.com so the donation can be coordinated. Thank you for helping with this important ministry that directly impacts the quality of life at home for so many in need.

Attend Hebron's Annual Gala on November 9; Join us for Hebron Housing Services' 2024 Annual Gala on Saturday, November 9, at the Milwaukee Marriott West. As their largest fundraising event of the year, this elegant evening will feature:

- 5:00 pm: Appetizers, Open Bar, Raffles & Silent Auction
- 6:30 pm: Plated Dinner with Wine, Program & Live Auction
- Following Program: Live Music & Cash Bar

Formal attire is requested, and all proceeds support Hebron's two emergency shelters - Juno House & Siena House - which provide services to individuals and families facing homelessness in Waukesha County. To purchase tickets, browse/bid/buy auction items, or to donate, visit hebronhouse.org/events. Questions? Contact Servant Advocate Jane Boorse at janeboorse43@gmail.com.

**Volunteers Needed for Hebron's Annual Gala on November 9:** Are you able to help ensure the success of Hebron Housing Services' largest fundraising event of the year? Their Annual Gala on Saturday, Nov. 9, at the Milwaukee Marriott West, raises funds to support its two emergency shelters – Juno House & Siena House – but they need many hands to make it happen. They are looking to fill several different shifts and roles, which include: setting up, tearing down, greeting guests, checking coats, assisting with the Silent Auction, and more! For more info on each position and to sign up to help, please visit Hebron's SignUpGenius page found on UNITY's Sign Up web page. Questions? Contact Servant Advocate Jane Boorse at janeboorse43@gmail.com.

## Applications Due for El Salvador Mission of Healing Trip: November 16

Our Mission of Healing Trip to El Salvador will be **February 15-22, 2025. Application and deposit deadline: November 16.** Cost: if you are a UNITY member, church will pay all your in-country expenses. You just pay the plane ticket (approx. \$700).

Similar to previous, pre-Covid years we will travel on Saturday, visit our sister church Cordero on Sunday, help the Salvadoran Lutheran Church with their traveling health fair Monday-Thursday (setting up in a different town each day), play on Friday, and travel home on Saturday. The offerings at the health fair always vary based on what our group can offer, but it's usually a combination of basic wellness checks, health education (on topics like nutrition, reproductive health, mental health, oral health) and activities for kids. The Salvadorans have asked if we can do extra emphasis on mental health this year.

Skills needed: anyone can apply, but listed are skills/backgrounds we could most use:

- Behavioral/mental health training
- Medical providers (advanced practice professionals, PAs, physicians)
- Nurses

• Kids/education

• Pharmacy

• Yoga/relaxation/expressive arts

• Art

We also always need 3-4 "willing to do anything" worker-bee-type people. No Spanish is needed, although it's always a plus. Application is on our Sign Up web page. For more info, contact Nicole Krause at nicole@unitybrookfield.org.

**Ongoing Service Opportunities:** UNITY has standing volunteer "shifts" at various partners that we commit to covering as a church. Each one is coordinated by a different UNITY member... each has its own sign up page on the church website... and each is an opportunity for you!

- Waukesha Food Pantry Food Distribution: Each month, 4th Saturday, 9am-12pm; 5th Monday 5:30 8 pm.
- Serenity Inns Recovery Program Fellowship Dinners: cook, deliver, or serve a meal for 12 residents. Each month, 1st Sunday & 2nd Friday, 6 7pm. Kids welcome.

Save the Date for 2025 El Salvador Summer Trip: August 5-12 Relationship-Building Trip.

#### **Property Needs**

Contact Denny Thompson, Director of Buildings and Properties c: 262-844-0556, email: dennyt325@yahoo.com Al Bengston, c: 414-322-6445, email: allanbengst234@gmail.com

*Thank you* to all who helped with our two indoor and outdoor workdays at CTK and COL campuses. At CTK about 10 dead trees were taken down, so there is now firewood available for anyone wishing to pick some up.

#### **Adult Programs**

Contact: Todd Blatnik, email: todd.blatnik@wi.rr.com or Matt Griepentrog, c: 262-787-8820, e: matt@unitybrookfield.org

**NEW Monday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Eric! - Mondays at 10 AM @ COL, continues Monday October 21st.** Looking for a weekly bible study group? Pastor Eric has just what you're looking for! Start your week with Eric as he leads a study that follows the worship lectionary (the three year cycle of Scripture readings used in worship). You'll take a deep dive into the weekly scripture readings (you won't be left behind if you miss a week or more). Bring a friend, and meet us in Room 202 @ COL.

Special Milestone Event: Empty Nest, Full Hearts. Monday, October 21st, 7-8:15 PM @ COL. Whether the title of Empty Nester is new, old, or even if your nest isn't always empty, this night is for you! Life is full of meaningful milestones, and this event is designed to celebrate one of life's most transformative moments: the empty nest. Whether you're a single adult or a couple, you'll find it fun and relevant. The one hour event will include time for meeting other Empty Nesters, sharing about our families and the challenges young adults face as they leave home, and talking about ways to stay connected in faith. Oh, and there will be desserts too!

**Theology on Tap Returns!** - We had such a great time at our first one, that we're doing it again. Our next gathering will be **Thursday, October 24th at 7:30 at Vennture Brew Co. in Brookfield (fka Biloba)** Enjoy good beer, good conversations, and God. Non-beer drinkers welcome; must be 21 or older. Contact Matt at matt@unitybrookfield.org to tap into more info... or just show up! Vennture Brew is located at 2970 N. Brookfield Road.

**20-30 Somethings: Halloween Costume Karaoke, Friday, October 25th, 7:30 PM** *@* **Vennture Brewing in Tosa.** Get your costume ready and come bark at the moon with your best vocal riffs this side of the grave! Meet at 5519 W North Ave in Tosa. As always, help us get the word out to others in the area and feel free to invite those you know too!

And feel free to pass along names, cells and email addresses for any friends (or adult children) who are now in the Greater Milwaukee area so we can make sure to reach out and invite them! Thanks!

Sheepshead Small Group - Play Sheepshead with us on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month, 6:30pm at our Christ the King campus. Sheepshead is a 5-player trump-style partner card game, a bit complicated to learn but addictive once you've got it. Beginners or those interested in learning are welcome to join the group, we are happy to teach you. We will meet twice a month September-November and then determine if we need to adjust numbers, frequency, etc. Contact is Mary Huss (mhwis@hotmail.com). Next Game Night: Thursday, November 7th at 6:30 pm CTK

## Upcoming adult forum:

**October 27: Adult Boundary Waters Trip.** Interested in the summer adventure of a lifetime? Come hear all about this upcoming trip and how you can be a part of the excitement! 9:30am COL.

**Calling All Bakers!** We have an idea for a Christmas Cookie baking event where you can come and share recipes, use the kitchens and make all the time breeze by when you get to enjoy mixing and baking with others. In addition, if we could also help support the Cookie buffet at Advent Fest on December 6, that would be awesome! And if we're able to roll out enough, the Sr. High would love your help and experience with a Cookie Walk as a new fundraiser this year to help support next year's Summer Trip! If this sounds like fun, contact Tiffany Reay(sreays@gmail.com), Group Opportunities chair or Pastor Sherrie.

#### Do You Have Ideas for Adult Programming? Let Us Know!

Adult Programs is beginning to brainstorm programming ideas for fall and winter planning. If you have any ideas for groups, events, studies, or speakers that you'd like us to know about, please reach out to our new Adult Programs chairperson, Todd Blatnik, at todd.blatnik@wi.rr.com.

## **UNITY Member Care**

Contact: Jim Ahlquist-Minister of Member Care e: jim@unitybrookfield.org, c: 715-210-2245 or Sherrie Lorbeck or Eric Silberschmidt

# Grief Group will continue meeting on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays through the end of the year. The next meeting is October 23rd from 6:30-8:00 pm at COL in room 202 - *When Life Isn't the Same* ....

If you have lost a spouse or a parent or someone else close to you, the grieving doesn't end after the funeral. We invite you to a safe space where you can share more about where you are at in your journey ... learn more about the stages of grief ... and get help finding your way through what you need most for the road ahead.

We invite you to join us for our Grief Group. These gatherings will be led by Pastor Jim Ahlquist and Nicole Krause. If this is the right time for you, or if someone you know could benefit from being a part of this, please join us! If you have questions or just want to discuss whether this is the right place for you, contact Pastor Jim at jim@unitybrookfield.org or 715-210-2245.

**UNITY Member Care is always here for you.** You don't have to face life's ups and downs alone. Whether it's an unexpected hospitalization, a recent diagnosis, the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, addiction, anxiety, depression, or virtually anything else, the pastors are only a call, text, or email away. Please **never** hesitate to reach out -- whether we're the only stop you'll make or just the first step in a longer care process.

**Prayer Place cards-** If you have a prayer request that you would like included in the Prayers for Friends and Family section in the bulletin, there are cards available in the narthex near the bulletin board. You can fill out the request and pin it to the bulletin board or place it in the basket and it will be included in the upcoming bulletin. These prayer requests will stay for 4 weeks and then if you need further prayer, repost as often as needed. Any questions, please contact Nancy by phone or email nancy@unitybrookfield.org

## Worship & Music Opportunities

Director of Music, Contact Lynn Key, c: 414-507-5888 e: lynn@unitybrookfield.org Children's Choirs, Contact Janet Day, c: 414-975-0286, e: janetday4@me.com Fellowship Choir, Contact Molly Pufall-Brown, c: 920-265-6881, e: mpufall@gmail.com Handbells & Praise Band, Contact Stacey Nordmeyer, c: 414-617-7673, e: staceynordmeyer72@icloud.com

**UNITY's All-Music Tuesdays:** We rehearse every Tuesday night through mid-May. Come join us even if you can't make it every week. Nursery and child care are available. No auditions are necessary. Talk to any of our music staff if you have questions.

- JOYFUL NOISE MUSIC MAKERS Ages PreK–Grade 1 6:00pm to 6:30pm Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall Directed by Janet Day.
- **CELEBRATION MUSIC MAKERS** Ages Grade 2–Grade 6 Tuesdays: 6:30pm to 7:15pm Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall Directed by Janet Day.
- HOSANNA BELLS Beginning to Early Intermediate Ringers Tuesdays: 7:15pm to 8:00pm Cross of Life Sanctuary.
- **FELLOWSHIP CHOIR** Ages 7th Grade–Adult Tuesdays: 7:15pm to 8:15pm Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall Directed by Molly Pufall-Brown.
- GLORIA DEI BELLS Late Intermediate to Advanced Ringers Tuesdays: 6:15pm to 7:15pm Cross of Life Sanctuary Directed by Stacey Nordmeyer.

Mark your Calendars! Our BEGIN Group (Brookfield Elm Grove Interfaith Network) is bringing back the Thanksgiving Service in person once again! We have been a part of BEGIN for the past twenty years and this yearly gathering has always attracted people from all of our local faith communities. It's been such an easy way to learn a little more about other faith traditions, see worship spaces that you otherwise may never have a chance or feel comfortable visiting out of the blue and meet people from other faith communities all while enjoying sweet treats at the end of the evening. This year, to help make it happen, we are HOSTING! So, mark your calendar for Wednesday, November 20th at 7:00 p.m. at the COL campus. Watch for more information, but *we will need greeters, dessert makers or buyers, dessert set up servers and singers!* To learn a song to share, come early at 6:15 p.m. If you are interested, please talk to Lynn Key or Sherrie Lorbeck. We hope you'll be a part of this incredibly special gathering!

Then the following week, join us for UNITY's Thanksgiving Eve worship services: Wednesday, November 27th. We will again offer 2 worship options: Christ the King Campus at 1:00pm or 7:00 pm at the Cross of Life Campus. Mark your calendars to join us for worship and pie socials!

#### Sr. High

Contact Nancy Oberhauser, c: 262-527-8869, e: nancy.oberhauser@Aexp.com or Sherrie Lorbeck, c: 414-477-7762 e: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org or Ryan Johnson, c: 262-825-7331, e: rmjohnson1117@gmail.com

**Livestream - Sunday mornings from 8:15 - 10:00 am at the COL campus**. We are looking for a small team of people who would be trained on our new equipment so that we can livestream the worship service to the BEST of our ability! (To ensure good camera shots, that the sound is coming through and that the slides are included, along with making sure things are smooth for those worshiping in person. If you are interested, talk to Matt Griepentrog or PSher. This is a paid position.

Kickin It With Jesus Soccer Team is back - Registration Deadline is 10/21!! If you'd be interested in playing at Brookfield indoor soccer for the first session (Saturdays 11/2-12/29), text Ryan Johnson or look in GroupMe for the sign up link. We'll get the details on the schedule, final registration fee (likely somewhere between \$80-\$100) and maybe even a Jersey! In addition, if you are a parent who would be willing to help support the team and cheer them on, watch for a sign up genius when we know the schedule! (The on field "coach" is on the sidelines but you don't need to have coaching experience!)

**Oct. 27 - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at COL. Pumpkin Carving/Costume Contest. Bring your own pumpkin or bring \$5.00 to buy one.** We'll have all the supplies and a few designs to pick from, but feel free to print your own if you'd like. We'll have the candles to let your pumpkins shine before taking them home with you to enjoy! We'll have prizes for creative carving ideas, most intricate carving and of course, best dressed!

#### Parents of our College Students:

For all of you who now are saying good bye to your College student(s), we are crying right along with you, but also praying for them TOO (And you!) that the year will be good where they'll have a chance to make new friends, learn and experience all the important life lessons that come along the way and please know, that we are STILL ALWAYS HERE, so don't hesitate to reach out or to remind them to reach out if things are a little more challenging than they were expecting or if they have faith/life questions! AND, after you get them all settled in and don't know what to do with yourself, **MAKE SURE TO fill out the Google Form online, so we can keep in touch with them and send them a little Care Package of Love too!** 

## Save the date: July 19-26, 2025 Boundary Waters

Partner we are praying for this month: Aspen Center

The altar flowers at COL are given by Kim Klug in celebration of Nicholas's birthday

The altar flowers at CTK are given by Holly Zorzin in honor of Linda Wilson's birthday

Thank you to Barb Hemmingsen for arranging the altar flowers this weekend

This weekend's communion breads were baked by Barb Borkenhagen

# Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

#### **Cross of Life Campus**

Steve Schultz, Jill Barney, Julie Schultz, Nancy Oberhauser, Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Mary Jo Eggert, Joseph Nutt, Linda Langer, Jerry Buenger, Karen Beres, Bob Rusk, Debbie Horne, Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Ardyce Myhre, Paula Dryer, Marlene Jernberg, John Vaughan, Alyce Vollan, Barb Purnell, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

## Christ the King Campus

Marge Kipp, Parker Godfrey, Ann Borowski, Dawn Suharski, Fred Petran, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Dave Rau

> We pray our prayers of sympathy for family and loved ones as they mourn the death of a loved one:

## **Cross of Life Campus**

Darrell Foell, Charter Member of Cross of Life

We give a prayer of thanksgiving for the renewed health of: Sandi John

> We celebrate the marriage of: Erin Dowling and Tyler Gagnelius

We give a prayer of thanksgiving for the birth of:

Brenton Robert Rogahn to Sara & Jacob on 10/12, grandson of Jenny & Mike Collins

## **UNITY Prayer Place**

Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.

#### October 19-20

Terri Kwiatkowski (stage 4 terminal cancer), friend of Michelle Aprahamian Ron Ripley (cancer treatments), cousin of Dick Dressler

## October 12-13

Ann Beaudoin (health concerns), mother of Dave Beaudoin Candy Small (health concerns), sister of Dave Beaudoin Nora Werra (cardiac procedure), step-mom of Julie Schultz Steve Perry (West Nile virus), friend of Julie & Steve Schultz Karen (breast cancer), great aunt of Sia & Weston Grabowski Polly Galian (cancer), best friend of Pat Petran Tony Susa (spinal cord injury), brother-in-law of Vivian Clark Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

## **October 5-6**

Susan (breast cancer), cousin of Debbie Pam Godfrey (stage 4 cancer), aunt of Eric Godfrey Peyton (health concerns), granddaughter of Neal & Barb Borkenhagen Andrea Knoke (ovarian cancer), friend of Kyle & Anna Jansson

#### September 28-29

James Searles (cardiac arrest), father of Melissa Grabowski Joan Patmore (breast cancer), cousin of Jensy Engle Erika Foss (brain cancer-in hospice), cousin of Karen Anderson Nancy Foss (cancer), cousin of Karen Anderson Dan Jakala (bone cancer), brother-in-law of Laura Buege Beth Kumer & Family (passing of Beth's father, Ed), friend of Deborah Nustad J.C. Mitchell & Family (passing of J.C.'s mother, Pat), friends of the Nustad family Jolie J. & family (23 year old with stage 4 breast & liver cancer), friends of Nustad family Donna Funk (bladder cancer/liver issues), daughter of Pearl Haack

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, etc.) overseas and our military personnel: Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank Kender Structure Struct

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COL 5:00 p.m.	Ministers for Saturday, October 19, 2024	
Worship Coordinator:	Lynn Key	
Greeters:	Cheryl Caraulia, Matthew Nustad	
Acolyte:		
Ushers:	Tim Nustad	
Worship Assistant:	Jeff Key	
Reader:	Kim Klug	
	Cheryl Caraulia, Kim Klug	
	Lynn & Jeff Key	
Musician:	Praise Band	
	Kevin Nordmeyer	
Visual Projection:		
Song Leader:		
Sunday School Leaders: Sunday School Support:	Adrienne Krueger	
Nursery:	Frances Paradis	

COL 8.30 a m	Ministors for Sunday October 20, 2024
COL 8:30 a.m. Worship Coordinator:	Ministers for Sunday, October 20, 2024
Greeters	Jenny Hauser, Brian Finnigan
	Addison Kahle, Charlotte, Quinnell
Ushers:	Fonda & David Kapitan
Worship Assistant: Reader:	Mike Aprahamian
Reader:	David Kapitan
Communion Assistants:	Cheryl Caraulia, Sandi John, Cindy & Brian Flynn Sandi John
	Praise Band
Sound:	Kevin Nordmeyer
Livestream:	Josef Keup
Livestream: Visual Projection: Song Leader:	Kim Keup
Song Leader:	Praise Band
Sunday School Leaders:	Julie Miesfeld, Megan Van Hoorn, Lisa Kahle
Sunday School Support: Nursery	Chloe O'Connell
Coffee:	
CTK 9:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, October 20, 2024
Greeters:	Marge & Jerry Kipp
Acolyte:	
Ushers:	Fred Petran, Jim Leifer
Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC:	Barb Borkenhagen
Communion Assistants:	Ienny & Mike Collins
ABC <sup>-</sup>	Julie Smith
Musician:	Janet Day
Visual Projection:	Julie Smith
Song Leader:	Jeff Stark
Sunday School Leaders: Sunday School Support:	Emily McFadden, Raven Epding
Nurserv	Robin Nordstrom
Coffee:	Kathy Grunwald
COL 10:45 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, October 20, 2024
Worship Coordinator:	
Greeters:	Drew Olsson
Acolyte:	Austin Alft
Ushers: Worship Assistant:	Joy Czarnik
Reader:	Ananya Ebenezer
Communion Assistants:	Carole Syse, Keira Kroepfl
ABC:	
	Praise Band
Sound:	Kevin Nordmeyer
Visual Projection: Song Leader:	Nateign Johnn Praise Band
Sunday School Leaders:	Jennifer Loverine, Davida Kroepfl
Sunday School Support:	
Nursery:	Chloe O'Connell
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Twenty-third Weekend after Pentecost Reformation Weekend

October 26-27, 2024

Saturday, October 26, 2024 5:00 pm COL Sunday, October 27, 2024 8:30 am COL 9:30 am CTK 10:45 am COL

Live Streamed at 8:30 am Sundays and available Online anytime afterwards

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#### WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH! We're glad you're here today! UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** We're glad to have you with us! If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: unitybrookfield.org for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

- Children. Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- **Nursery.** Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- Sunday School. All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)

## • At UNITY, the Communion Table is:

- Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
- Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
- Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
- We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
- Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
- If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.
- **Pastors.** UNITY is currently served by Pastor Sherrie Lorbeck, Pastor Eric Silberschmidt who is our Interim pastor as we search for two additional pastors. along with Pastor Jim Ahlquist, who is our part time pastoral care pastor and occasional preacher. Most Saturdays, the weekend preacher is the pastor at that service. On Sundays, the preacher for the weekend travels to both campuses to share the message. The other pastor is then based at the COL campus. Feel free to reach out if you need anything or would like to talk more.

**GIVING.** If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay and Venmo are also accepted. Thank you!



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# Twenty-third Weekend after Pentecost Reformation Weekend October 26-27, 2024

#### Prelude

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"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"	arr. Jack Schrader	(5:00, 8:30, 10:45)
"Be Thou My Vision"	arr. Line	(9:30)

## Words of Welcome

## Invocation

- Pastor: We gather in the name of the Holy Trinity, one God, who has promised to be our God, whose love and forgiveness claims us as God's people, and whose spirit of truth is on our hearts.
- Many: Amen.

## **Call to Worship: From Psalm 46**

- One: The Lord of hosts is with us. The God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- Many: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in danger.
- One: Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea.
- Many: Though the waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
- One: God is in the midst of the city. It shall not be shaken.
- Many: The nations rage and the kingdoms shake. God speaks and the earth melts away.
- One: The Lord of hosts is with us. The God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- Many: Behold the one who makes war cease in all the world, who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.
- One: God says: Be still and know that I am God. Be still in the wonder of my love and forgiveness.
- Many: The Lord of hosts is with us. The God of Jacob is our stronghold.

## Sharing the Peace

Pastor: The Lord of hosts is with us and so may the peace of the Lord be with you as well.

#### Many: And also with you.

Pastor: Greet those around you with the love and peace of the Lord.

## **Opening Hymn**

"A Mighty Fortress	Is Our God"	ELW 504 vs. 1-4	(All Services)

## **Children's Message**

#### Greeting and Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

#### Many: And also with you.

One: Let us pray. God of all creation,

Many: The nations rage and the kingdoms shake. We have done much to tear apart your creation and to keep each other from finding peace. Help us to quiet our minds and to pause in our busy lives long enough to worship You and to appreciate the goodness You put in the world. We are amazed that you seek us when we are lost and shepherd us home when we wander. You redeem our mistakes and remember our sins no more. Amen.

#### Anthem *"Let Me Be Your Vessel"* ~ arr. Purifoy (Video 5:00, 8:30, 10:45; live 9:30) Fellowship Choir; Molly Pufall-Brown, Director; Lynn Key, Accompanist

## First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The prophet says that the New Covenant will be unbreakable but comes with the expectation that the people of God will live upright lives because we understand the difference between right and wrong. It is written on our hearts. This New Covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive our selfishness and remember our sin no more. Hope and new life depend on a God who forgives and forgets.

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt — a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

One:	The Word of the Lord!
Many:	Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" WOV 612 (All Services)

Gospel: John 8:31-36

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

One: The Gospel according to John, the eighth chapter **Many:** Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>31</sup>Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." <sup>33</sup>They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

One: Many:	The Gospel of the Lord! Praise to you, O Christ.		
Sermon	"Written on Our Hearts"	Eric Silberschmidt	

#### Hymn of the Day

"Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God" WOV 783 (All Services)

#### The Prayers of the People

One: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. *(Congregation response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer.")* 

Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Many: Amen.

#### **Announcements and Offering**

<b>Offertory Response</b> (as gifts are brought forward)	
"We Are an Offering"	ELW 692

(All Services)

#### **Prayer of Thanks**

One: Let us pray. Blessed are you,

Many: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### Words of Institution

#### The Lord's Prayer (traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### **Communion Meditation**

"Gentle, Like Jesus"	Roger Copeland	(5:00, 8:30, 10:45)
"Amazing Grace"	arr. Line	(9:30)

#### **Post Communion Blessing**

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace and peace.

Many: Amen.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

One: Let us pray. O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Many: Amen.

#### Benediction

Sending Hymn "We All Are One In Mission"	ELW 576	(All Services)
DismissalOne:Go in peace, serve the Lord!Many:Thanks be to God!		
Postlude		
"Blessed Assurance"	arr. Line	(5:00, 8:30, 10:45)
"The Church's One Foundation"	Hughes	(9:30)
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**Forum This Sunday, October 27:** Adult Boundary Waters Trip. Interested in the summer adventure of a lifetime? Come hear all about this upcoming trip and how you can be a part of the excitement! 9:30-10:30 AM @ COL.

Sr. High this Sunday October 27 - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at COL. Pumpkin Carving/Costume Contest. Bring your own pumpkin or bring \$5.00 to buy one. We'll have all the supplies and a few designs to pick from, but feel free to print your own if you'd like. We'll have the candles to let your pumpkins shine before taking them home with you to enjoy! We'll have prizes for creative carving ideas, most intricate carving and of course, best dressed!

**Confirmation Service Project Opportunity: Worship & Serve Lunch at Hephatha Lutheran Church Sunday Oct. 27. Meet at COL at 8:15 am** to attend their worship service at 9:00 am followed by serving lunch after service. **Parent drivers are needed. Estimated time back at church is 1:30 pm.** Find the sign up link on our website.

We join in the grief that overwhelms the family of Rev. Abelina Centero de Gómez, and we embrace the Salvadoran Lutheran Synod for the death of one of its faithful servants.

We express our most heartfelt condolences, support and prayers for her husband, esteemed Bishop Medardo Gómez, her children, and other brothers and sisters in Christ, hoping that they find strength and comfort in the hope of the resurrection.

**New Member Gatherings:** Are you interested in learning more about UNITY and its mission, ministries and who does what and ways you can be a part? If so, then we invite you to join us on **Tuesday, October 29th from 6:00-7:30pm at the COL campus**. We'll plan to have subs for dinner and children are welcome to blend into kids choirs or hang out in the nursery where we'll have child care. If you are able to RSVP to Anna Jansson (ajansson8@gmail.com), that would be most appreciated as we plan for food. Please also let us know of any dietary needs.

The second gathering will be at the **CTK campus on Sunday, November 10th from Noon to 2:00pm**. These two gatherings will be different, so it's best if you're able to attend both of them so you don't miss anything. If these dates don't work out right now, we'll do this again in the Spring too. Hope you feel welcome here at UNITY! If the timing is right for you, we'd love to have you as an official part of our family!

Hephatha Partner Appreciation Day Event on November 2: You're invited! Join us for Hephatha's Partner Appreciation Day event on Saturday, November 2, at 3 pm for in-person worship followed by dinner. As Hephatha says, "We thank God for you! We are grateful for your serving in the Gospel with us and we hope you can join us for this special time of giving thanks to God and honoring you, our mission partners!" If you are unable to attend in person, visit Hephatha100.com for a "one click" link to join the worship via Zoom.

**Please be on the lookout...for emails from UNITY.** If you are not receiving them, please check your spam or junk mailboxes. If you aren't receiving them there, please reach out to Lynn or Nancy in the office to confirm we have the correct email address(es), and so we know what service provider you have for us to contact through our support team. Due to increased security measures put in place by email providers, many of our emails are going there. This happens with individual emails as well as with group emails (even when UNITY staff reply to emails sent to them it's happened). We don't want to miss you, and don't want you to miss hearing from us!

**New Confirmation C-Mail Format.** We are trying something new this year for our Confirmation Program. Students will have the opportunity to write their C-Mails either on paper or electronically! This means you may see students on their phones during worship. We are entrusting the students with a big responsibility to have access to their phones during worship. This is a way to make it easier for students to use a format they are more comfortable with. In addition, it allows us to share pictures back and forth to engage and connect. Paper versions are still available at both campuses.

**Calling ALL Thrivent Members!** If you have any life insurance policies or annuities or anything with Thrivent, you may be eligible to direct what's known as "Choice Dollars" to the beneficiary of your choice. These are dollars that aren't used or given to you if you don't do anything **and** you have to log in to your account and choose where to direct them EVERY year.

If your yearly premiums or your total investments are not high enough to qualify for these Choice Dollars, YOU STILL can apply for what's known as a Thrivent Action grant, which allows you to receive two \$250 gift cards per year to use for supplies to fund a ministry event related to education, serving or fundraising. Super easy to do and last year, we received an additional \$4,000 in money to support what we do because of members who applied. Contact Pastor Sherrie for more information and the wording for project ideas. Thank you!

**Online Worship Live-Streamed:** We are now live streaming our 8:30 am COL service using a new system and process, which allows us to stream directly to Vimeo instead of Facebook. It can also be viewed on our website at any later time. Please help us out and sit in the front so it doesn't look like no one is in worship! Thank you in advance for your patience as we work through the new process. The feedback that we have received so far from members who are homebound or who live further away is that it's so nice to see people they know and love. It feels like they are right with us in worship. The video and the audio quality is also so much better with our new equipment than where we first started in 2020.

Keep Connecting with Us-we love to hear from you! Please continue reaching out any time.Pastor Sherrie Lorbeck:Pastor Eric Silberschmidt:sherrie@unitybrookfield.orgeric@unitybrookfield.orgCell: 414-477-7762Cell: 262-716-9854Don't know who to contact? Call our Church Office at 262-781-7600. Often they can assistwith your needs. If not, you will be directed to the proper person. Most important-stay intouch with us!

## **Children's Education**

Contact Michelle Aprahamian, c: 414-732-8615, email: michelle@unitybrookfield.org

# Mark Your Calendars for Advent Fest on December 6

Ready for some cookies, caroling and Christ-centered fun to get into the spirit of the season? Who isn't? Mark your calendar now for one of our most popular events! Advent Fest will be held on **Friday, December 6, from 5:30-8:00 pm at our COL campus.** Together we'll enjoy dinner, worship, crafting, music, and an evening of fun for the whole family. Watch for more info to come, along with signups for Advent Fest crafts that are for ALL ages and stages. (Children in 3rd grade and younger must be accompanied by an adult.) You really don't want to miss this much-loved annual tradition at UNITY! Advent Fest team is currently planning for this event. Watch for sign up coming soon!

# Nov. 30-Dec. 1 - No Sunday school. Happy Thanksgiving!

**Mark your calendars for December 14-15.** Join us for our Sunday school Christmas program at all worship services. No one tells The Greatest Story Ever Told better than our kids.

A New Way to Help! Sunday School Support Person - You will work with a team of volunteers on a weekly rotating schedule so that you would help with Sunday school 1-2 times per month. Support persons are there to assist the Sunday school leader. You might help with a craft, assist a child who needs a bathroom break or a walk in the hallway or some quiet time outside of the classroom. You are an extra set of hands to gather supplies or help with clean-up. You are the "go to" for any last minute or unexpected needs. No teaching experience is necessary. Just a love for kids and an understanding of the impact one caring adult can have on the life of a child on their Faith journey. This position is for anyone in 8th grade through adults. This new position is now being scheduled through MSP, just like teaching and other volunteer positions. Since it's a new position, it is not being auto scheduled, so you can go into MSP, add that as a position and sign up for a date(s), or talk to Michelle Aprahamian or Nancy Kostanski, Volunteer Coordinator to help.

Confirmation Contact Nicole Krause, e: nicole@unitybrookfield.org or Sherrie Lorbeck, e: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org

Sunday Fusion Series 2 continues with focus on our partner Hephatha Lutheran Church. This week, students will be visiting our partner (details below). Regular Fusion class will continue on November 2nd from 9:30-10:30 am in Room 208.

Service Project Opportunity: Worship & Serve Lunch at Hephatha Lutheran Church Sunday Oct. 27. Meet at COL at 8:15 am to attend their worship service at 9:00 am followed by serving lunch after service. Parent drivers are needed. Estimated time back at church is 1:30 pm. Find the sign up link on our website.

## Servant Ministries

Contact Ellen Vermillion, c: 262-565-8512, e: evermill61@gmail.com or Nicole Krause, e: nicole@unitybrookfield.org

**Volunteer Treasurer Needed for Bread of Healing Clinic, 10 hrs/month.** We give thanks for UNITY member Doreen Brecheisen who has served as the treasurer for our free clinic partner in Milwaukee for the last 4 years, and are looking for the next great person to fill the role. Might this be your next calling? The role involves working with the accountant's financials to produce monthly reports for the board and assist with the budget. A combination of monthly in-person meetings and working from home. About 10 hours/week. Accounting background and knowledge of quickbooks would be big assets. Doreen (norskjohnson@gmail.com) would be happy to talk with anyone interested in the role or you can reach out directly to Barb Horner-Ibler at the clinic: (414) 313-9430. This is an organization you would be proud to support. Thanks for considering and spreading the word.

## Holiday Bag Sales to be November 2-3 & 9-10

At UNITY we are committed to helping feed hungry people, and one way we do this is by helping the Food Pantry of Waukesha County stock its shelves. Our Holiday Bag Sales will be held between services November 2-3 & 9-10 at both campuses. Bags of groceries will be "sold" for \$10 each during these two weekends. Any questions? Contact our new Food Pantry Servant Advocates Melanie Rooney at melrooney7@gmail.com or Bill Rooney at billrooney017@gmail.com

Let's Get Cookin'! Mass Meal Prep continues November 6 - One Wednesday each month from 4:00-6:30pm, 4 adults will work with 4 Confirmation students to whip up a delicious recipe in the COL Kitchen for 25 men at Aspen Center! It's easy: cooking stations are all set up and ready for our Sous Chefs to step in. What if cooking really isn't your thing but you still want to help? No problem! We also need the following support: 1 or 2 shoppers, 2 home bakers, and 1 meal delivery driver. It's a big team effort, so what a blessing you will be! Cooking dates are: November 6, December 11, January 8, February 12 and May 7. Sign up online by clicking on the appropriate links: Adult Signup or Confirmation Signup. Questions? Contact Cindy Flynn at 262-391-7870 or cindylouflynn@aol.com.

*Fun Fact:* Over the years our UNITY Confirmation kids and congregation have consistently made meals for the following partners: Springdale House (this goes back many years!) Serenity Inns, Juno House, Siena House, and this year, Aspen Center! UNITY, thank you for sharing your time to fill not only the stomachs of men in recovery, but also their hearts!

Hephatha Accepting Furniture Donations: Our partner, Hephatha Lutheran Church, is assisting Holy Cross Lutheran Church with their "Share Our Best" Furniture Ministry. This ministry, which was begun a couple years ago to help kids not have to sleep on the floor, relies on donations of furniture that they will pick up. They are looking for furniture that is in reasonably good condition – primarily beds (single, full and queen sizes, with frames and bedding) – as well as dressers, kitchen tables and chairs, and other pieces. If you have furniture to donate, please contact Hephatha Servant Advocate Shirley Denu at srdenu2@gmail.com so the donation can be coordinated. Thank you for helping with this important ministry that directly impacts the quality of life at home for so many in need.

Attend Hebron's Annual Gala on November 9; Join us for Hebron Housing Services' 2024 Annual Gala on Saturday, November 9, at the Milwaukee Marriott West. As their largest fundraising event of the year, this elegant evening will feature:

- 5:00 pm: Appetizers, Open Bar, Raffles & Silent Auction
- 6:30 pm: Plated Dinner with Wine, Program & Live Auction
- Following Program: Live Music & Cash Bar

Formal attire is requested, and all proceeds support Hebron's two emergency shelters -Juno House & Siena House - which provide services to individuals and families facing homeless-ness in Waukesha County. To purchase tickets, browse/bid/buy auction items, or to donate, visit hebronhouse.org/events. Questions? Contact Servant Advocate Jane Boorse at janeboorse43@gmail.com.

**Volunteers Needed for Hebron's Annual Gala on November 9:** Are you able to help ensure the success of Hebron Housing Services' largest fundraising event of the year? Their Annual Gala on Saturday, Nov. 9, at the Milwaukee Marriott West, raises funds to support its two emergency shelters – Juno House & Siena House – but they need many hands to make it happen. They are looking to fill several different shifts and roles, which include: setting up, tearing down, greeting guests, checking coats, assisting with the Silent Auction, and more! For more info on each position and to sign up to help, please visit Hebron's SignUpGenius page found on UNITY's Sign Up web page. Questions? Contact Servant Advocate Jane Boorse at janeboorse43@gmail.com.

#### Applications Due for El Salvador Mission of Healing Trip: November 16

Our Mission of Healing Trip to El Salvador will be **February 15-22, 2025. Application and deposit deadline: November 16.** Cost: if you are a UNITY member, church will pay all your in-country expenses. You just pay the plane ticket (approx. \$700). Similar to previous, pre-Covid years we will travel on Saturday, visit our sister church Cordero on Sunday, help the Salvadoran Lutheran Church with their traveling health fair Monday-Thursday (setting up in a different town each day), play on Friday, and travel home on Saturday. The offerings at the health fair always vary based on what our group can offer, but it's usually a combination of basic wellness checks, health education (on topics like nutrition, reproductive health, mental health, oral health) and activities for kids. The Salvadorans have asked if we can do extra emphasis on mental health this year. **Skills needed:** anyone can apply, but listed are skills/backgrounds we could most use:

- Behavioral/mental health training
- Medical providers (advanced practice professionals, PAs, physicians)
- Nurses
- Pharmacy
- Art
- Kids/education
- Yoga/relaxation/expressive arts

We also always need 3-4 "willing to do anything" worker-bee-type people. No Spanish is needed, although it's always a plus. Application is on our Sign Up web page. For more info, contact Nicole Krause at nicole@unitybrookfield.org.

**Ongoing Service Opportunities:** UNITY has standing volunteer "shifts" at various partners that we commit to covering as a church. Each one is coordinated by a different UNITY member... each has its own sign up page on the church website... and each is an opportunity for you!

- Waukesha Food Pantry Food Distribution: Each month, 4th Saturday, 9am-12pm; 5th Monday 5:30 8 pm.
- Serenity Inns Recovery Program Fellowship Dinners: cook, deliver, or serve a meal for 12 residents. Each month,1st Sunday & 2nd Friday, 6 7pm. Kids welcome.

Save the Date for 2025 El Salvador Summer Trip: August 5-12 Relationship-Building Trip.

# **Property Needs**

Contact Denny Thompson, Director of Buildings and Properties c: 262-844-0556, email: dennyt325@yahoo.com Al Bengston, c: 414-322-6445, email: allanbengst234@gmail.com

At both campuses dead trees were taken down on the work days, so there is now firewood available for anyone wishing to pick some up. There are piles at both campuses (wood on pallets at CTK is for fire pits so kindly leave that.)

Attention all lawn mowers, we have added dates to the SignUp Genius to take us through most of November. Please sign up and help us finish out the season strong!

## **Adult Programs**

Contact: Todd Blatnik, email: todd.blatnik@wi.rr.com or Matt Griepentrog, c: 262-787-8820, e: matt@unitybrookfield.org

**NEW Monday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Eric! - Mondays at 10 AM @ COL, continues Monday October 28th.** Looking for a weekly bible study group? Pastor Eric has just what you're looking for! Start your week with Eric as he leads a study that follows the worship lectionary (the three year cycle of Scripture readings used in worship). You'll take a deep dive into the weekly scripture readings (you won't be left behind if you miss a week or more). Bring a friend, and meet us in Room 202 @ COL.

Sheepshead Small Group - Play Sheepshead with us on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month, 6:30pm at our Christ the King campus. Sheepshead is a 5-player trump-style partner card game, a bit complicated to learn but addictive once you've got it. Beginners or those interested in learning are welcome to join the group, we are happy to teach you. We will meet twice a month September-November and then determine if we need to adjust numbers, frequency, etc. Contact is Mary Huss (mhwis@hotmail.com). Next Game Night: Thursday, November 7th at 6:30 pm CTK

**Calling All Bakers!** We have an idea for a Christmas Cookie baking event where you can come and share recipes, use the kitchens and make all the time breeze by when you get to enjoy mixing and baking with others. In addition, if we could also help support the Cookie buffet at Advent Fest on December 6, that would be awesome! And if we're able to roll out enough, the Sr. High would love your help and experience with a Cookie Walk as a new fundraiser this year to help support next year's Summer Trip! If this sounds like fun, contact Tiffany Reay(sreays@gmail.com), Group Opportunities chair or Pastor Sherrie.

## Do You Have Ideas for Adult Programming? Let Us Know!

Adult Programs is beginning to brainstorm programming ideas for fall and winter planning. If you have any ideas for groups, events, studies, or speakers that you'd like us to know about, please reach out to our new Adult Programs chairperson, Todd Blatnik, at todd.blatnik@wi.rr.com.

UNITY Member Care Contact: Jim Ahlquist-Minister of Member Care e: jim@unitybrookfield.org, c: 715-210-2245 or Sherrie Lorbeck or Eric Silberschmidt

# Grief Group will continue meeting on modified Wednesdays through the end of the year. The next meeting is November 6 from 6:30-8:00 pm followed by November 20 with a modified time, 5:30-7:00 pm at COL in room 202 - *When Life Isn't the Same* ....

If you have lost a spouse or a parent or someone else close to you, the grieving doesn't end after the funeral. We invite you to a safe space where you can share more about where you are at in your journey ... learn more about the stages of grief ... and get help finding your way through what you need most for the road ahead.

We invite you to join us for our Grief Group. These gatherings will be led by Pastor Jim Ahlquist and Nicole Krause. If this is the right time for you, or if someone you know could benefit from being a part of this, please join us! A zoom link can be provided if you are not able to meet in person. If you have questions or just want to discuss whether this is the right place for you, contact Pastor Jim at jim@unitybrookfield.org or 715-210-2245.

**UNITY Member Care is always here for you.** You don't have to face life's ups and downs alone. Whether it's an unexpected hospitalization, a recent diagnosis, the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, addiction, anxiety, depression, or virtually anything else, the pastors are only a call, text, or email away. Please **never** hesitate to reach out -- whether we're the only stop you'll make or just the first step in a longer care process.

**Prayer Place cards-** If you have a prayer request that you would like included in the Prayers for Friends and Family section in the bulletin, there are cards available in the narthex near the bulletin board. You can fill out the request and pin it to the bulletin board or place it in the basket and it will be included in the upcoming bulletin. These prayer requests will stay for 4 weeks and then if you need further prayer, repost as often as needed. Any questions, please contact Nancy by phone or email nancy@unitybrookfield.org

## Worship & Music Opportunities

Director of Music, Contact Lynn Key, c: 414-507-5888 e: lynn@unitybrookfield.org Children's Choirs, Contact Janet Day, c: 414-975-0286, e: janetday4@me.com Fellowship Choir, Contact Molly Pufall-Brown, c: 920-265-6881, e: mpufall@gmail.com Handbells & Praise Band, Contact Stacey Nordmeyer, c: 414-617-7673, e: staceynordmeyer72@icloud.com

**UNITY's All-Music Tuesdays:** We rehearse every Tuesday night through mid-May. Come join us even if you can't make it every week. Nursery and child care are available. No auditions are necessary. Talk to any of our music staff if you have questions.

- JOYFUL NOISE MUSIC MAKERS Ages PreK–Grade 1 6:00pm to 6:30pm Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall Directed by Janet Day.
- **CELEBRATION MUSIC MAKERS** Ages Grade 2–Grade 6 Tuesdays: 6:30pm to 7:15pm Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall Directed by Janet Day.
- HOSANNA BELLS Beginning to Early Intermediate Ringers Tuesdays: 7:15pm to 8:00pm Cross of Life Sanctuary.
- **FELLOWSHIP CHOIR** Ages 7th Grade–Adult Tuesdays: 7:15pm to 8:15pm Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall Directed by Molly Pufall-Brown.
- GLORIA DEI BELLS Late Intermediate to Advanced Ringers Tuesdays: 6:15pm to 7:15pm Cross of Life Sanctuary Directed by Stacey Nordmeyer.

Mark your Calendars! Our BEGIN Group (Brookfield Elm Grove Interfaith Network) is bringing back the Thanksgiving Service in person once again! We have been a part of BEGIN for the past twenty years and this yearly gathering has always attracted people from all of our local faith communities. It's been such an easy way to learn a little more about other faith traditions, see worship spaces that you otherwise may never have a chance or feel comfortable visiting out of the blue and meet people from other faith communities all while enjoying sweet treats at the end of the evening. This year, to help make it happen, we are HOSTING! So, mark your calendar for Wednesday, November 20th at 7:00 p.m. at the COL campus. Watch for more information, but we will need greeters, dessert makers or buyers, dessert set up servers and singers! To learn a song to share, come early at 6:15 p.m. If you are interested, please talk to Lynn Key or Sherrie Lorbeck. We hope you'll be a part of this incredibly special gathering!

Then the following week, join us for UNITY's Thanksgiving Eve worship services: Wednesday, November 27th. We will again offer 2 worship options: Christ the King Campus at 1:00pm or 7:00 pm at the Cross of Life Campus. Mark your calendars to join us for worship and pie socials!

Sr. High

Contact Nancy Oberhauser, c: 262-527-8869, e: nancy.oberhauser@Aexp.com or Sherrie Lorbeck, c: 414-477-7762 e: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org or Ryan Johnson, c: 262-825-7331, e: rmjohnson1117@gmail.com

**Oct. 27 - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at COL. Pumpkin Carving/Costume Contest. Bring your own pumpkin or bring \$5.00 to buy one.** We'll have all the supplies and a few designs to pick from, but feel free to print your own if you'd like. We'll have the candles to let your pumpkins shine before taking them home with you to enjoy! We'll have prizes for creative carving ideas, most intricate carving and of course, best dressed!

## Parents of our College Students:

For all of you who now are saying good bye to your College student(s), we are crying right along with you, but also praying for them TOO (And you!) that the year will be good where they'll have a chance to make new friends, learn and experience all the important life lessons that come along the way and please know, that we are STILL ALWAYS HERE, so don't hesitate to reach out or to remind them to reach out if things are a little more challenging than they were expecting or if they have faith/life questions! AND, after you get them all settled in and don't know what to do with yourself, **MAKE SURE TO fill out the Google Form online, so we can keep in touch with them and send them a little Care Package of Love too!** 

Save the date: July 19-26, 2025 Boundary Waters Partner we are praying for this month: Aspen Center

The altar flowers at COL are given by Kathy Conrad in loving memory of Mark Conrad

The altar flowers at CTK are given by Kathy Savignac in honor of Joan Vreeland's birthday

Thank you to Melissa Grabowski for arranging the altar flowers this weekend

This weekend's communion breads were baked by Diane Kotula

## **Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members**

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

## **Cross of Life Campus**

Don Bock, Joan Krause, Steve Schultz, Jill Barney, Julie Schultz, Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Mary Jo Eggert, Joseph Nutt, Linda Langer, Jerry Buenger, Karen Beres, Bob Rusk, Debbie Horne, Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Ardyce Myhre, Paula Dryer, Marlene Jernberg, John Vaughan, Alyce Vollan, Barb Purnell, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

## Christ the King Campus

Parker Godfrey, Ann Borowski, Dawn Suharski, Fred Petran, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Dave Rau

> We pray our prayers of sympathy for family and loved ones as they mourn the death of a loved one:

> > **Cross of Life Campus**

Cathy and Eric Jacobson family on the death of Cathy's mother, Alice McNeal

We give a prayer of thanksgiving for the renewed health of: Marge Kipp and Nancy Oberhauser

We celebrate the marriage of:

Samantha Ranney and Connor McBride on October 12th in Milwaukee Kali Bruhnke & Clark Oster on October 19th in Minneapolis

## **UNITY Prayer Place**

Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.

#### October 26-27

Sara Weix (breast cancer), daughter of Ron & Barb Weix Ruth Ungeran (advanced Parkinson's Disease), sister-in-law of Judie Born, Aunt/ Godmother of Lisa Reid Donna Funk (bladder cancer/liver issues), daughter of Pearl Haack

#### October 19-20

Terri Kwiatkowski (stage 4 terminal cancer), friend of Michelle Aprahamian Ron Ripley (cancer treatments), cousin of Dick Dressler

#### October 12-13

Ann Beaudoin (health concerns), mother of Dave Beaudoin Candy Small (health concerns), sister of Dave Beaudoin Nora Werra (cardiac procedure), step-mom of Julie Schultz Steve Perry (West Nile virus), friend of Julie & Steve Schultz Karen (breast cancer), great aunt of Sia & Weston Grabowski Polly Galian (cancer), best friend of Pat Petran Tony Susa (spinal cord injury), brother-in-law of Vivian Clark Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

#### **October 5-6**

Susan (breast cancer), cousin of Debbie Pam Godfrey (stage 4 cancer), aunt of Eric Godfrey Peyton (health concerns), granddaughter of Neal & Barb Borkenhagen Andrea Knoke (ovarian cancer), friend of Kyle & Anna Jansson

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, etc.) overseas and our military personnel: Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank

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Worship Coordinator:	Chamil Computing Cindry Oaks
	Cheryl Caraulia, Cindy Ochs
Acolyte:	
	Dennis Horne
Worship Assistant:	
Reader:	Greg Buck
Communion Assistants:	Cheryl Caraulia, Jack Guenther
ABC:	Cheryl Caraulia
Musician:	Greg O'Connell
Sound:	Kay Koepsel-Benning
Visual Projection:	Tim Culhane
Song Leader:	Becki Culhane
Sunday School Leaders:	
Sunday School Support:	
Nursery:	Rachel Manganaro

<u>COL 8:30 a.m.</u>	Ministers for Sunday, October 27, 2024
Worship Coordinator:	
Greeters:	Kelsey Kromm, Mark Kindler Maakanzia Kiafar, Charlia Bantmaastar
Acolyte. Ushers:	Mackenzie Kiefer, Charlie Rentmeester Nelson Brownell, Mark Hilgart
Worship Assistant:	Sally Thomas
Reader:	Mark Kindler
Communion Assistants:	Susie Hilgart, Tami Miller, Natalie Schneider, Jen Nowak
ABC:	Jen Nowak
Musician:	Greg O'Connell Denny Thompson
Sound:	Denny Inompson Dudy Schneider
Visual Projection:	Rudy Schneider Kaleigh Jolliff
	Kathy Kindler
Sunday School Leaders:	Kelsey Kromm, Emily Reinhardt, Joanne Rentmeester
Sunday School Support:	
Nursery:	Chloe O'Connell
Coffee:	Lauren Brownell
CTK 9:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, October 27, 2024
Greeters:	Dawn Suharski, Diana VanSlyke
Acolyte:	
Worship Assistant:	Art Keup, Harlan Mueller
Reader	Mary Huss
	Barb Borkenhagen, Barb Patterson
ABC:	Barb Hemmingsen
Musician: Visual Projection:	Lynn Key
Visual Projection:	Jeff Key
Song Leader:	Molly Pufall-Brown
Sunday School Leaders: Sunday School Support:	Langrid Stoffel
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Coffee:	Marge Kipp
COL 10:45 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, October 27, 2024
Worship Coordinator:	Jeff Pelzel
Greeters:	Tara Sanicola, Dustin Vrab
Acolyte:	Robin Cervero-Vrab, Josephine Toussaint
Ushers:	
Worship Assistant:	Steve Brewer
	Eloise Toussaint Violet Herington, Jeff Stark
ABC.	Patricia Pelzel
	Greg O'Connell
Sound:	Josh Botsch
Visual Projection:	Joe Herington
Song Leader:	Jeff Stark
Sunday School Leaders:	Tara Sanicola, Kelly Shoff
Sunday School Support: Nursery:	Chloe O'Connell
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Twenty-fourth Weekend after Pentecost

**All Saints' Weekend** 

November 2-3, 2024

Saturday, November 2, 2024 5:00 pm COL Sunday, November 3, 2024 8:30 am COL 9:30 am CTK 10:45 am COL

Live Streamed at 8:30 am Sundays and available Online anytime afterwards

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Cross of Life Campus 20700 W. North Avenue Brookfield, WI 53045 Christ the King Campus 4600 Pilgrim Road Brookfield, WI 53005

#### WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH! We're glad you're here today! UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** We're glad to have you with us! If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: unitybrookfield.org for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

- Children. Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- **Nursery.** Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- Sunday School. All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)

# • At UNITY, the Communion Table is:

- Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
- Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
- Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
- We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
- Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
- If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.
- **Pastors.** UNITY is currently served by Pastor Sherrie Lorbeck, Pastor Eric Silberschmidt who is our Interim pastor as we search for two additional pastors. along with Pastor Jim Ahlquist, who is our part time pastoral care pastor and occasional preacher. Most Saturdays, the weekend preacher is the pastor at that service. On Sundays, the preacher for the weekend travels to both campuses to share the message. The other pastor is then based at the COL campus. Feel free to reach out if you need anything or would like to talk more.

**GIVING.** If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay and Venmo are also accepted. Thank you!



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# Twenty-fourth Weekend after Pentecost All Saints' Weekend November 2-3, 2024

# Prelude

"O, When Shall I See Jesus?"

setting by Don Hustad

(9:30)

# Words of Welcome

#### **Sharing the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always. Many: And also with you.

# **Call to Worship**

One: Many:	Saints and sinners. They're everywhere, you know. Do you see any? Sinners for sure. Our pews are filled with them. I am one of them. Have mercy on me. Have mercy on us, O Lord!
One:	God's mercy is boundless. So is God's Spirit. When you live in the mercy, then the Spirit allows you to see
Many:	that these pews are also filled with saints! A redeemed people. A chosen people. An inspired people!
One:	And if we could look far beyond us: to past and future, to churches around this world
Many:	We would honor the saints who've gone before us.
One: Many:	We would lay the foundation for believers yet to come. We would be and behold the Body of Christfood for our souls and light of the world! Alleluia! Amen.

# **Opening Hymn**

"For A	Il the Saints"	ELW 422 vs. 1, 2, 6, 7	(All Services)
Anthem	<i>"Jesus Loves Me"</i> Celebration Music Makers; Janet Day	, Director	(9:30)

# Children's Message

# First Lesson Deuteronomy 6:1-9

The 10 Commandments appear in the previous chapter. Chapter 6 is then devoted to reminding the people what a gift these words will be to subsequent generations, but only if they are taught them. In the original Hebrew, the first word of verse 4 is "shema". It is the command form for the verb meaning "Hear!"

Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, <sup>2</sup>so that you and your children and your children's children may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. <sup>3</sup>Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

<sup>4</sup> Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. <sup>5</sup>You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. <sup>6</sup>Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. <sup>7</sup>Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. <sup>8</sup>Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, <sup>9</sup>and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

One:	The Word of the Lord!
Many:	Thanks be to God.

# **Remembering the Saints**

Each year on All Saints Weekend we lift up the names of those from our faith family who died this past year. We light a candle to remember their spirit lives on, and ring a bell to mark their transition from life on earth to life with God.

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Mark Conrad	Je	ff Furness	
Genevieve Ziegler	A	lan MacKenzie	
Jayne Hinkens	B	ob Soerens	
Dave Maus	K	en Schneider	
Barbara Nuland	Le	ois Garms	
Guy Anklam	R	ichard Hoesly	
Baynard Anderson			
	<i>Majesty"</i> ~ Jason Krug ls; Stacey Nordmeyer, D	irector	(8:30, 10:45)
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	"For All the Saints"	ELW 422 vs. 3	(All Services)

**Gospel:** Mark 12:28-34

When a scribe asks Jesus which commandment is first of all, Jesus answers that love of God and love of neighbor are interconnected and define the heart of the kingdom of God.

One: The Gospel according to Mark, the twelfth chapter

# Many: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>28</sup> One of the scribes came near and heard [Jesus and the Sadducees] disputing with one another, and seeing that [Jesus] answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; <sup>30</sup> you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' <sup>31</sup> The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." <sup>32</sup> Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; <sup>33</sup> and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,'—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." <sup>34</sup> When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

One: The Gospel of the Lord!

Many: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon	"The Dance of Heart of	and Head"	Sherrie Lorbeck
Hymn of the "Soon ar	e Day nd Very Soon"	ELW 439 vs. 1-3	(All Services)

# The Prayers of the People

One: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. *(Congregation response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer.")*Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Many: Amen.

# **Announcements and Offering**

Offertory Response (as gifts are brough	nt forward)
"Take My Life, That I May Be"	ELW 583 Refrain

# **Prayer of Thanks**

- One: Let us pray. Merciful God,
- Many: in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you embrace our lives with your great love for humanity. With joy and gladness we ask that these gifts may be for many a sign of that love, and that we may continue to share in your divine life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(All Services)

#### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

# Words of Institution

# The Lord's Prayer (Ecumenical)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

#### **Communion Meditation**

"I Love You, Lord"	Laurie Klein, arr. Mark Hayes	(9:30)
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# **Post Communion Blessing**

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace and peace.

Many: Amen.

# **Prayer after Communion**

One: Let us pray. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Many: Amen.

# Benediction

# Sending Hymn

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives!"	ELW 619 vs. 1-4	(All Services)
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# Dismissal

One: Go in peace, serve the Lord! Many: Thanks be to God!

# Postlude

"The Church's One Foundation"	Steven Scott	(9:30)
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# This Weekend at UNITY!

This is All Saints' weekend where we remember and give thanks for those from the UNITY family who have died this past year as we light a candle for each of them and listen as the bell marks the imprint they have made in this life, as we say of each of them, "Thanks be to God." We also recognize that there are so many more names added to that list from your lives...family members, friends, along with those whose impact remain forever on our hearts. We especially remember those whose funerals we were honored to be a part of:

Darrell Foell (COL Charter member) LaVerne Schaffner Ana Elizabeth Chavez (Rutilio Grande) The Reverend Abelina Centero de Gómez (Salvadoran Lutheran Synod)

We pray for everyone whose heart remains so heavy with the weight of grief. May you feel God holding you close listening to every deep cry and longing of your heart. Hold onto the promises that Christ made possible for us...life eternal, of which we trust it is now so for all the Saints! Thanks be to God!

**Sunday, November 3rd, 10:30 at the CTK Campus:** Join Matt Griepentrog as he leads a 2-week Bible Study looking at stories of Thanksgiving and how biblical characters expressed their gratitude. Grab a cup of coffee, something sweet, and join us in the library!

Holiday Bag Sales Start this weekend, November 2-3 & continued next weekend 9-10 At UNITY we are committed to helping feed hungry people, and one way we do this is by helping the Food Pantry of Waukesha County stock its shelves. Our Holiday Bag Sales will be held between services November 2-3 & 9-10 at both campuses. Bags of groceries will be "sold" for \$10 each during these two weekends. Any questions? Contact our new Food Pantry Servant Advocates Melanie Rooney at melrooney7@gmail.com or Bill Rooney at billrooney017@gmail.com

Sr. High is MOVING to CTK Sunday night from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. - It's back! A new game that was created by last year's Youth Board and quickly became a HIT by the end of the night! NERF GUN Capture the Flag! We have the bullets. *You bring any Nerf Gun or two or three that you have in your collection, especially if you have some you can share!* We'll divide up and each team will be on a quest to find the "Holy Grail" of the other team and safely bring it back to their side without being caught. Anyone hit by a bullet, of course, is also brought to the other team's jail where they will sit until they can be freed by a fellow teammate! It's a ton of fun! Friends are welcome, but just warn them in advance that we'll turn as many lights off as we can this week and we are really a friendly, peaceful bunch, just maybe a little competitive. We'll end the night for a quick devotion focused on Jesus who always brings us together and is our peace!

# New Member Gatherings:

Are you interested in learning more about UNITY and its mission, ministries and who does what and ways you can be a part? If so, then we invite you to join us at the CTK campus on **Sunday**, **November 10th from Noon to 2:00pm.** We'll plan to have subs for lunch and children are welcome to come as there will be games and projects planned for them. If you are able to **RSVP to Anna Jansson (ajansson8@gmail.com)**, that would be most appreciated as we plan for food. Please also let us know if you have any dietary needs.

If this doesn't work out right now, we'll do this again in the Spring too. Let Anna know if you'd like us to reach out to you then and share the day/time that generally works best for you at that time of year! Until then, know that you are always welcome to be apart of anything we offer. Hope you feel welcome here at UNITY!

**Call Team Update.** Thank you for all of your prayers as we started this important work. While it's difficult for us to not share more information with you in order to protect the confidentiality of the candidates, we can tell you that up to this point, we have received 5 names. We have had interviews with each of them and with some we have had a second interview beginning with a dinner. In addition, Pastor Sherrie has had extended conversations with three of them. Currently, we have released the names of four of them from further consideration for UNITY and are continuing conversation with one candidate. In addition to reading through a candidates' written paperwork, the team listens to several of their sermons online, prepares questions to ask based on their paperwork, and then as they move beyond a first interview, we have asked candidates to prepare a Bible study or a sermon to share with team in order to get a sense of their theology and approach. We pray often for God's guidance and for each of the candidates as they discern whether we are a good fit for them. Thank you for your continued prayers for us and that the Spirit would continue to be at work throughout it all!

# 2025 Pledge Drive Begins!

**Celebrate the Past, Commit to the Future with the 2025 Pledge Drive!** It's that time of year again ... a time to both reflect on what we've done and to look ahead to the future. The **Stewardship Pledge Drive will begin the weekend of November 9 & 10, 2024.** This year, we will *Celebrate the Past and Commit to the Future.* 

In the coming weeks, you'll see a video celebrating the strength of UNITY! We want to show off how much UNITY has grown and done in 2024. This past year has seen some big changes, but we are still strong and growing. That calls for a celebration!

We also have a lot of big things in our future that all congregation members can impact to shape how UNITY will look. For that we'll share with you a video with updates on UNITY's financial needs and how you can commit to the future by pledging your financial stewardship for 2025, which is essential to the 2025 budgeting process. There will be plenty of fun to be had still this year, so get ready for another amazing pledge drive!

# ~ UNITY Stewardship Team: Trisha Smith, chair, Kelsey Morrison, Brian Olsson, Steve Taipala and Sherrie Lorbeck.

# New Paper Envelope System in 2025

Envelopes enveloping gifts. Envelopes sitting in a drawer. Envelopes tossed into the recycle bin. I know our personal experience is all of the above. Do you write checks or give cash for your giving to Unity? Do you do it weekly or monthly? Do you miss a month and then send in a larger check in a different envelope? If so, do you find the right date and use that one? Does it matter?

Unity spends quite a bit of money on having custom weekly envelopes made. Then more is spent on mailing them. This is money that can be redirected to other ministries. For those who do not use all their envelopes, then this is waste that does not have to be created.

We hear you! Come next year, we are moving to a new envelope system for members. In January, we will reduce the envelopes down to 12 a year, plus some extra ones to use for special holidays, unless a member requests more.

Look for more information toward the end of the year! But, until then, may you envelope your generosity in your giving in an envelope (or electronically or anyway that inspires you)!

#### Let's Get Cookin'! Mass Meal Prep continues November 6

One Wednesday each month from **4:00-6:30 pm**, 4 adults will work with 4 Confirmation students to whip up a delicious recipe in the COL Kitchen for 25 men at Aspen Center! It's easy: cooking stations are all set up and ready for our Sous Chefs to step in. What if cooking really isn't your thing but you still want to help? No problem! We also need the following support: 1 or 2 shoppers, 2 home bakers, and 1 meal delivery driver. It's a big team effort, so what a blessing you will be! Cooking dates are: **November 6, December 11, January 8, February 12 and May 7**. Sign up online by clicking on the appropriate links: Adult Signup or Confirmation Signup. Questions? Contact Cindy Flynn at 262-391-7870 or cindylouflynn@aol.com.

*Fun Fact:* Over the years our UNITY Confirmation kids and congregation have consistently made meals for the following partners: Springdale House (this goes back many years!) Serenity Inns, Juno House, Siena House, and this year, Aspen Center! UNITY, you continue to be so very amazing. Thank you for sharing your time to fill not only the stomachs of men in recovery, but also their hearts!

#### Parents of our College Students:

We are going to be putting College Care packages NEXT Sunday, November 10th, so PLEASE help us out and MAKE SURE TO fill out the Google Form online, or email Sherrie with your child's name, mailing address, (along with what school they're attending, their email and their cell phone too), so that we can try to keep in touch with them throughout the year! Thank you! (And check out the newest group that Matt Griepentrog is leading for those who are now in the season of being "Empty Nesters", even if you still have one or more at home. It's a whole new phase of life that requires some getting used to and finding your way through, so know that you don't have to do it alone!)

**Calling ALL Thrivent Members!** If you have any life insurance policies or annuities or anything with Thrivent, you may be eligible to direct what's known as "Choice Dollars" to the beneficiary of your choice. These are dollars that aren't used or given to you if you don't do anything **and** you have to log in to your account and choose where to direct them EVERY year.

If your yearly premiums or your total investments are not high enough to qualify for these Choice Dollars, YOU STILL can apply for what's known as Thrivent Action grants, which allows you to receive two \$250 gift cards per year to use for supplies to fund a ministry event related to education, serving or fundraising. Super easy to do and last year, we received an additional \$4,000 in money to support what we do because of members who applied. Contact Pastor Sherrie for more information and the wording for project ideas. Thank you!

# **Christian Education**

Contact Michelle Aprahamian, c: 414-732-8615, email: michelle@unitybrookfield.org

# Mark Your Calendars for Advent Fest on December 6

Ready for some cookies, caroling and Christ-centered fun to get into the spirit of the season? Who isn't? Mark your calendar now for one of our most popular events! Advent Fest will be held on **Friday, December 6, from 5:30-8:00 pm at our COL campus.** Together we'll enjoy dinner, worship, crafting, music, and an evening of fun for the whole family. Watch for more info to come, along with signups for Advent Fest crafts that are for ALL ages and stages. (Children in 3rd grade and younger must be accompanied by an adult.) You really don't want to miss this much-loved annual tradition at UNITY! Advent Fest team is currently planning for this event. Watch for sign up coming soon!

# Nov. 30-Dec. 1 - No Sunday school. Happy Thanksgiving!

**Mark your calendars for December 14-15.** (Note that this is a week EARLIER than usual based on the way the calendar falls this year!) Join us for our Sunday school Christmas program at all worship services. No one tells The Greatest Story Ever Told better than our kids! We have already begun practicing, so parents, every opportunity you are able to get your child(ren) to Sunday School is appreciated! It helps them feel more comfortable and know the songs/actions and the flow of the story, so that it's memorable not only for you, but especially for THEM! If you aren't able to make your usual worship time some weekend, know that the program is the same for every SS hour, so popping into another hour some week is absolutely worth doing if you can! Thank you.

# Confirmation

Contact Nicole Krause, e: nicole@unitybrookfield.org or Sherrie Lorbeck, e: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org

Sunday Fusion Series 2 continues with focus on our partner Hephatha Lutheran Church. This week, class will continue on November 3rd from 9:30-10:30 am in Room 208.

Confirmation Students who are interested in being a part of the "Christmas vignette", please let us know Sherrie ASAP, as we will need to start writing a script and figuring out a practice schedule VERY soon! The plan is to present it just ONCE at Advent Fest on December 6th.

Upcoming Schedule Change - Just a reminder that because we are hosting this year's Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday, November 20th, there will be NO Confirmation class for the Sunday group on Nov. 17th. Instead, we are asking that you try to have your child come on Wednesday, slightly LATER than normal, from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. (or as much of that time frame as possible). It's such a unique opportunity to get to meet and hear a little more from people from other faith traditions. One of Pastor John's last words to me (Sherrie) was "Don't let BEGIN die." It's been a group that we've been a part of each month over the last 18 plus years, but as Covid and leadership transitions have taken place in other communities too, this is the first time we'll be in person since 2019. Parents, you are also invited to attend as well for this special evening of reflection on our values and what we all hold sacred! Be in touch if you have any questions and this will also be a DOUBLE cmail opportunity!

# Servant Ministries

Contact Ellen Vermillion, c: 262-565-8512, e: evermill61@gmail.com or Nicole Krause, e: nicole@unitybrookfield.org

**Volunteer Treasurer Needed for Bread of Healing Clinic, 10 hrs/month.** We give thanks for UNITY member Doreen Brecheisen who has served as the treasurer for our free clinic partner in Milwaukee for the last 4 years, and are looking for the next great person to fill the role. Might this be your next calling? The role involves working with the accountant's financials to produce monthly reports for the board and assist with the budget. A combination of monthly in-person meetings and working from home. About 10 hours/week. Accounting background and knowledge of quickbooks would be big assets. Doreen (norskjohnson@gmail.com) would be happy to talk with anyone interested in the role or you can reach out directly to Barb Horner-Ibler at the clinic: (414) 313-9430. This is an organization you would be proud to support. Thanks for considering and spreading the word.

**Hephatha Accepting Furniture Donations: Our partner, Hephatha Lutheran Church, is assisting Holy Cross Lutheran Church with their "Share Our Best" Furniture Ministry.** This ministry, which was begun a couple years ago to help kids not have to sleep on the floor, relies on donations of furniture that they will pick up. They are looking for furniture that is in reasonably good condition – primarily beds (single, full and queen sizes, with frames and bedding) – as well as dressers, kitchen tables and chairs, and other pieces. If you have furniture to donate, please contact Hephatha Servant Advocate Shirley Denu at srdenu2@gmail.com so the donation can be coordinated. Thank you for helping with this important ministry that directly impacts the quality of life at home for so many in need.

**Attend Hebron's Annual Gala on November 9;** Join us for Hebron Housing Services' 2024 Annual Gala on Saturday, November 9, at the Milwaukee Marriott West. As their largest fundraising event of the year, this elegant evening will feature:

- 5:00 pm: Appetizers, Open Bar, Raffles & Silent Auction
- 6:30 pm: Plated Dinner with Wine, Program & Live Auction
- Following Program: Live Music & Cash Bar

Formal attire is requested, and all proceeds support Hebron's two emergency shelters - Juno House & Siena House - which provide services to individuals and families facing homeless-ness in Waukesha County. To purchase tickets, browse/bid/buy auction items, or to donate, visit hebronhouse.org/events. Questions? Contact Servant Advocate Jane Boorse at janeboorse43@gmail.com.

**Volunteers Needed for Hebron's Annual Gala on November 9:** Are you able to help ensure the success of Hebron Housing Services' largest fundraising event of the year? Their Annual Gala on Saturday, Nov. 9, at the Milwaukee Marriott West, raises funds to support its two emergency shelters – Juno House & Siena House – but they need many hands to make it happen. They are looking to fill several different shifts and roles, which include: setting up, tearing down, greeting guests, checking coats, assisting with the Silent Auction, and more! For more info on each position and to sign up to help, please visit Hebron's SignUpGenius page found on UNITY's Sign Up web page. Questions? Contact Servant Advocate Jane Boorse at janeboorse43@gmail.com.

**Ongoing Service Opportunities:** UNITY has standing volunteer "shifts" at various partners that we commit to covering as a church. Each one is coordinated by a different UNITY member... each has its own sign up page on the church website... and each is an opportunity for you!

- Waukesha Food Pantry Food Distribution: Each month, 4th Saturday, 9am-12pm; 5th Monday 5:30 8 pm.
- Serenity Inns Recovery Program Fellowship Dinners: cook, deliver, or serve a meal for 12 residents. Each month, 1st Sunday & 2nd Friday, 6 7pm. Kids welcome.

# Applications Due for El Salvador Mission of Healing Trip: November 16

Our Mission of Healing Trip to El Salvador will be **February 15-22, 2025. Application and deposit deadline: November 16.** Cost: if you are a UNITY member, church will pay all your incountry expenses. You just pay the plane ticket (approx. \$700).

Similar to previous, pre-Covid years we will travel on Saturday, visit our sister church Cordero on Sunday, help the Salvadoran Lutheran Church with their traveling health fair Monday-Thursday (setting up in a different town each day), play on Friday, and travel home on Saturday. The offerings at the health fair always vary based on what our group can offer, but it's usually a combination of basic wellness checks, health education (on topics like nutrition, reproductive health, mental health, oral health) and activities for kids. The Salvadorans have asked if we can do extra emphasis on mental health this year.

Skills needed: anyone can apply, but listed are skills/backgrounds we could most use:

- Behavioral/mental health training
- Medical providers (advanced practice professionals, PAs, physicians)
- Nurses
- Pharmacy
- Art
- Kids/education
- Yoga/relaxation/expressive arts

We also always need 3-4 "willing to do anything" worker-bee-type people. No Spanish is needed, although it's always a plus. Application is on our Sign Up web page. For more info, contact Nicole Krause at nicole@unitybrookfield.org.

# Save the Date for 2025 El Salvador Summer Trip: August 5-12 Relationship-Building Trip.

# **Property Needs**

Contact Denny Thompson, Director of Buildings and Properties c: 262-844-0556, email: dennyt325@yahoo.com Al Bengston, c: 414-322-6445, email: allanbengst234@gmail.com

Thank you to all who helped with our two indoor and outdoor workdays at CTK and COL campuses! At both campuses dead trees were taken down on the work days, so there is now firewood available for anyone wishing to pick some up. There are piles at both campuses (wood on pallets at CTK is for fire pits so kindly leave that.)

Snow Blowing/Shoveling Sign Up: Let's pray we still have a few weeks before the snow starts to fly, but if you are a person who doesn't mind helping to clear the sidewalks and throw some salt down, check out the Sign up Genius on our website. Thank you!

We will also start to turn our attention to doing what we can do on the inside of our buildings. At COL, there are a number of spaces and hallways that are in desperate need of a fresh coat of paint. If this is something you enjoy doing and can help us with, please reach out to Denny Thompson, Al Bengston, Lynn Key or one of the pastors. Thank you.

**NEW Monday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Eric! - Mondays at 10 AM @ COL, continues Monday October 28th.** Looking for a weekly bible study group? Pastor Eric has just what you're looking for! Start your week with Eric as he leads a study that follows the worship lectionary (the three year cycle of Scripture readings used in worship). You'll take a deep dive into the weekly scripture readings (you won't be left behind if you miss a week or more). Bring a friend, and meet us in Room 202 @ COL.

**Tuesday Men's Breakfast meets this Tuesday, November 5th!** Meet up with UNITY men for breakfast and fellowship. The group meets at 7 AM at the The Crossings Restaurant in Pewaukee (on Watertown Road at Hwy F). New people always welcome!

Sheepshead Small Group - Play Sheepshead with us on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month, 6:30pm at our Christ the King campus. Sheepshead is a 5-player trump-style partner card game, a bit complicated to learn but addictive once you've got it. Beginners or those interested in learning are welcome to join the group, we are happy to teach you. We will meet twice a month September-November and then determine if we need to adjust numbers, frequency, etc. Contact is Mary Huss (mhwis@hotmail.com). Next Game Night: Thursday, November 7th at 6:30 pm CTK

**Lunch Bunch** - Join us the second Wednesday of each month at 11:30 am at Maxim's. (18025 W. Capitol Drive in Brookfield.) The next meeting is **November 13**. Everyone is welcome, no matter your age or stage: younger, older, singles, couples, regular or occasional. Just show up because the nice thing about Maxim's is that seating is endlessly expandable. And, if you have any questions before you come, Esther McKee is your point person: (262) 246-6443.

**Theology on Tap Returns November 13!** - We had such a great time at Vennture, that we're meeting there again - and they gave us special discounted prices for being a church group!) Our next gathering will be Wednesday, November 13th at 7:30 at Vennture Brew Co. in Brookfield (fka Biloba). Enjoy good beer, good conversations, and God. Non-beer drinkers welcome; must be 21 or older. Contact Matt at matt@unitybrookfield.org to tap into more info... or just show up! Vennture Brew is located at 2970 N. Brookfield Road.

Men's Third Saturday Breakfast meets Saturday, November 16, 7:30-9:00 am at COL campus. We get together, survive our own cooking and talk about the readings used in worship that weekend. Never tried it out? Been part of it for years? Either way, how about joining us next time?

# Calling all 20-30 Somethings to join us on Monday, November 25, at 7:30 pm at Camp Bar

**Tosa** (6600 W. North Ave. in Wauwatosa). We'll play trivia and meet up with friends who are in town for Thanksgiving!

# Interested in Our Adult Boundary Waters Trip?

In case you missed our October 27 Forum about the Adult Boundary Waters Trip, plans are in the works to offer this trip to adults of UNITY. Information is still being gathered that will help us plan the best trip possible. All skill levels will be welcome, so there's no need to be intimidated! If you think the trip is something you're interested in, please contact Matt Griepentrog at matt@unitybrookfield.org.

**Calling All Bakers!** We have an idea for a Christmas Cookie baking event where you can come and share recipes, use the kitchens and make all the time breeze by when you get to enjoy mixing and baking with others. In addition, if we could also help support the Cookie buffet at Advent Fest on December 6, that would be awesome! And if we're able to roll out enough, the Sr. High would love your help and experience with a Cookie Walk as a new fundraiser this year to help support next year's Summer Trip! If this sounds like fun, contact Tiffany Reay(sreays@gmail.com), Group Opportunities chair or Pastor Sherrie.

# Do You Have Ideas for Adult Programming? Let Us Know!

Adult Programs is beginning to brainstorm programming ideas for fall and winter planning. If you have any ideas for groups, events, studies, or speakers that you'd like us to know about, please reach out to our new Adult Programs chairperson, Todd Blatnik, at todd.blatnik@wi.rr.com.

# **UNITY Member Care**

# Contact: Jim Ahlquist-Minister of Member Care e: jim@unitybrookfield.org, c: 715-210-2245 or Sherrie Lorbeck or Eric Silberschmidt

# Grief Group will continue meeting on modified Wednesdays through the end of the year. The next meeting is November 6 from 6:30-8:00 pm followed by November 20 with a modified time, 5:30-7:00 pm at COL in room 202 - *When Life Isn't the Same* ....

If you have lost a spouse or a parent or someone else close to you, the grieving doesn't end after the funeral. We invite you to a safe space where you can share more about where you are at in your journey ... learn more about the stages of grief ... and get help finding your way through what you need most for the road ahead.

We invite you to join us for our Grief Group. These gatherings will be led by Pastor Jim Ahlquist and Nicole Krause. If this is the right time for you, or if someone you know could benefit from being a part of this, please join us! A zoom link can be provided if you are not able to meet in person. If you have questions or just want to discuss whether this is the right place for you, contact Pastor Jim at jim@unitybrookfield.org or 715-210-2245.

**UNITY Member Care is always here for you.** You don't have to face life's ups and downs alone. Whether it's an unexpected hospitalization, a recent diagnosis, the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, addiction, anxiety, depression, or virtually anything else, the pastors are only a call, text, or email away. Please **never** hesitate to reach out -- whether we're the only stop you'll make or just the first step in a longer care process.

**Prayer Place cards-** If you have a prayer request that you would like included in the Prayers for Friends and Family section in the bulletin, there are cards available in the narthex near the bulletin board. You can fill out the request and pin it to the bulletin board or place it in the basket and it will be included in the upcoming bulletin. These prayer requests will stay for 4 weeks and then if you need further prayer, repost as often as needed. Any questions, please contact Nancy by phone or email nancy@unitybrookfield.org

# Worship & Music Opportunities

Director of Music, Contact Lynn Key, c: 414-507-5888 e: lynn@unitybrookfield.org Children's Choirs, Contact Janet Day, c: 414-975-0286, e: janetday4@me.com Fellowship Choir, Contact Molly Pufall-Brown, c: 920-265-6881, e: mpufall@gmail.com Handbells & Praise Band, Contact Stacey Nordmeyer, c: 414-617-7673, e: staceynordmeyer72@icloud.com

**UNITY's All-Music Tuesdays:** We rehearse every Tuesday night through mid-May. Come join us even if you can't make it every week. Nursery and child care are available. No auditions are necessary. Talk to any of our music staff if you have questions.

- JOYFUL NOISE MUSIC MAKERS Ages PreK–Grade 1 6:00pm to 6:30pm Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall Directed by Janet Day.
- CELEBRATION MUSIC MAKERS Ages Grade 2–Grade 6 Tuesdays: 6:30pm to 7:15pm Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall Directed by Janet Day.
- HOSANNA BELLS Beginning to Early Intermediate Ringers Tuesdays: 7:15pm to 8:00pm Cross of Life Sanctuary.
- **FELLOWSHIP CHOIR** Ages 7th Grade–Adult Tuesdays: 7:15pm to 8:15pm Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall Directed by Molly Pufall-Brown.
- GLORIA DEI BELLS Late Intermediate to Advanced Ringers Tuesdays: 6:15pm to 7:15pm Cross of Life Sanctuary Directed by Stacey Nordmeyer.

Mark your Calendars! Our BEGIN Group (Brookfield Elm Grove Interfaith Network) is bringing back the Thanksgiving Service in person once again! We have been a part of BEGIN for the past twenty years and this yearly gathering has always attracted people from all of our local faith communities. It's been such an easy way to learn a little more about other faith traditions, see worship spaces that you otherwise may never have a chance or feel comfortable visiting out of the blue and meet people from other faith communities all while enjoying sweet treats at the end of the evening. This year, to help make it happen, we are HOSTING! So, mark your calendar for Wednesday, November 20th at 7:00 p.m. at the COL campus. Watch for more information, but we will need greeters, dessert makers or buyers, dessert set up servers and singers! To learn a song to share, come early at 6:15 p.m. If you are interested, please talk to Lynn Key or Sherrie Lorbeck. We hope you'll be a part of this incredibly special gathering!

Then the following week, join us for UNITY's Thanksgiving Eve worship services: Wednesday, November 27th. We will again offer 2 worship options: Christ the King Campus at 1:00pm or 7:00 pm at the Cross of Life Campus. Mark your calendars to join us for worship and pie socials!

# Sr. High

Contact Nancy Oberhauser, c: 262-527-8869, e: nancy.oberhauser@Aexp.com or Sherrie Lorbeck, c: 414-477-7762 e: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org or Ryan Johnson, c: 262-825-7331, e: rmjohnson1117@gmail.com

Sunday, November 10th - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Serve Night, putting together College Care packages AND Toiletry kits for our partner Hebron House! All hands are needed to help put together all these packages of love to those away at college and those who find themselves without housing and at the door of the Hebron House. Sometimes with nothing, these fabric travel cases are filled with a hand towel, wash cloth, tooth brush, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, razor and anything else we can fit inside! Our college packages are ever changing but we try to include a few snacks, a few study supplies along with a handwritten note of encouragement to get through the last few weeks of the semester!

We are still in need of ADDRESSES though, so if you happen to have a college student in your family, please fill out the Google FORM to make sure we have their info by Nov. 8th (if possible). We typically send out 70 plus packages and we have about 15 addresses so far!

We also could use a little help from parents to make this all happen! Ideally, 4 people the night of and 2 people during the week to help deliver! Your job is to help slow down the assembly process, so that we get the contents correct and especially make sure the address labels are all correct! In addition, this is a huge expense to put these together but yet are so valuable and needed, and also an easy way to allow our high schoolers to serve, give back to those beyond themselves that fits into a Sunday evening. Thankfully, we have been able to utilize Thrivent dollars from a member who applied for an Action Team Grant to help with the cost of purchasing everything.

# Sunday, November 17th - TBD.

Sunday, November 27th - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at the COL Campus. Christmas Tree Set up and Getting Ready for the Season! Be a part of this time honored tradition and this important task of getting all the decorations up from the basement and assembling the trees in the sanctuary so that they are ready to be adorned with ornaments come Advent Fest! Dig out any Christmas sweaters and fun hats or Christmas accessories that you have and we'll put the music on, break out the Christmas cookies and prepare our hearts for the love that first came so many years ago!

Friday, December 6th - ADVENT FEST! 5:30 - 7:30/8:00 p.m. at the COL campus. Not technically a "Sr. High event, but you're never too old for this annual tradition of dinner, a mini worship, craft making, Christmas music, decorating, and last but not least, Christmas cookies and Cocoa to end the evening! Let Michelle Aprahamian know if you'd be available to help in "Adventure Land" (the craft area for the little kids) or watch for list of Craft options that YOU can sign up for in the coming weeks!

And if you'd be up for caroling along with Mr. Marv Wunder on Accordion, talk to Lynn Key. In year's past, we had a whole group of Sr. High that went from room to room singing Christmas carols and inviting kids and parents to join in! And if singing and crafts aren't quite your thing, but making sure the building is ready for Christmas, we also need someone to tackle what Pastor John always did...getting a LIVE tree set up in the Fireplace area! Partner we are praying for this month: Cross Lutheran Church

Thank you to Jane Dowling for arranging the altar flowers this weekend

This weekend's communion breads were baked by Kelsey Morrison

# **Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members**

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

# **Cross of Life Campus**

Luna Loverine, Don Bock, Joan Krause, Steve Schultz, Jill Barney, Julie Schultz, Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Mary Jo Eggert, Joseph Nutt, Linda Langer, Jerry Buenger, Karen Beres, Bob Rusk, Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Ardyce Myhre, Paula Dryer, Marlene Jernberg, John Vaughan, Alyce Vollan, Barb Purnell, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

# Christ the King Campus

Mary Johnsen, Parker Godfrey, Ann Borowski, Dawn Suharski, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Dave Rau

> We pray our prayers of sympathy for family and loved ones as they mourn the death of a loved one:

# **Cross of Life Campus**

Chris & Marv Wunder on the death of Chris' sister, Barbara Koehler Jackie Hauser on the death of her grand nephew, Andrew Dunning (24 years old), cousin of Ty, Jenny, Jack, Austin and Mason Hauser Ardyce Myhre on the death of her sister, Delores Clementson Bryan Mueller on the death of his father, Jerry Mueller

> We give a prayer of thanksgiving for the renewed health of: Fred Petran, and Debbie Horne

# **UNITY Prayer Place**

Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.

# November 2-3

Scott & Mary Pat (hospitalized following major motorcycle accident), dear friends of Dawn Edward's Andrea Knoke (ovarian cancer), friend of Kyle & Anna Jansson Harper Helm (concussion), granddaughter of Karen Beres

# October 26-27

Sara Weix (breast cancer), daughter of Ron & Barb Weix Ruth Ungeran (advanced Parkinson's Disease), sister-in-law of Judie Born, Aunt/ Godmother of Lisa Reid Donna Funk (bladder cancer/liver issues), daughter of Pearl Haack

# October 19-20

Terri Kwiatkowski (stage 4 terminal cancer), friend of Michelle Aprahamian Ron Ripley (cancer treatments), cousin of Dick Dressler

# October 12-13

Ann Beaudoin (health concerns), mother of Dave Beaudoin Candy Small (health concerns), sister of Dave Beaudoin Nora Werra (cardiac procedure), step-mom of Julie Schultz Steve Perry (West Nile virus), friend of Julie & Steve Schultz Karen (breast cancer), great aunt of Sia & Weston Grabowski Polly Galian (cancer), best friend of Pat Petran Tony Susa (spinal cord injury), brother-in-law of Vivian Clark Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, etc.) overseas and our military personnel: Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank

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# COL 5:00 p.m.

# Ministers for Saturday, November 2, 2024

Worship Coordinator:	
Greeters:	Jessica Schrieber, Gail Anklam
Acolyte:	James Lorbeck
Ushers:	Cheryl Caraulia
Worship Assistant:	Greg Buck
Reader:	Caroline Halbach
Communion Assistants:	Nicki & Mark Shady
ABC:	Cheryl Caraulia
Musician:	Praise Band
Sound:	Kevin Nordmeyer
Visual Projection:	George Lorbeck
Song Leader:	
Sunday School Leaders:	Phil Roemaat
Sunday School Support:	
Nursery:	Samantha James

<u>COL 8:30 a.m.</u>	Ministers for Sunday, November 3, 2024
Worship Coordinator:	Kathy Bruhnke
Greeters:	Colleen & Jason King
Acolyte:	Connor Hahn Darcy & Jan Constable
Worship Assistant:	Jalona Ending
worship Assistant. Reader:	Jean Daul
	Sandi John, Debbie Riederer, Denny Thompson
ABC.	Jan Constable
Musician:	Praise Band
Sound:	Kevin Nordmeyer
Livestream:	Clyde Reay
Visual Projection:	Alex Hahn
Song Leader:	
Sunday School Leaders: Sunday School Support:	Colleen King
Nurserv	Chloe O'Connell
Coffee:	Bernd Bruhnke
CTK 9:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, November 3, 2024
Acolyte:	Marge & Jerry Kipp Joshua Graesser, Al Niederhaumer
Ushers.	Joshua Graesser, AJ Niederbaumer Melissa Graesser, David Koenen
Worship Assistant:	Mary Huss
Reader:	Linda Wilson
Communion Assistants:	Diana Koenen, Eric Godfrey
ABC:	Barb Borkenhagen
Visual Projection:	Janet Day
Song Leader:	Corynn Nordstrom
Sunday School Leaders:	Becky Conway
Sunday School Support:	Ingrid Stoffel
Nursery:	Hilary Kloster
Coffee:	Melanie Stuber
COL 10:45 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, November 3, 2024
Worship Coordinator:	
Greeters:	Tara Sanicola
Acolyte:	Sebastian Dandridge, Austin Alft
Ushers: Worship Assistant	Loff Stork
Worship Assistant:	Melanie Varin
Communion Assistants:	
ABC:	
Musician:	Praise Band
	Kevin Nordmeyer
Visual Projection:	
Song Leader:	Praise Band
Sunday School Leaders:	Tara Sanicola
Sunday School Support: Nursery:	Chloe O'Connell
Tursery.	



# Twenty-fifth Weekend after Pentecost

November 9-10, 2024

Saturday, November 9, 2024 5:00 pm COL Sunday, November 10, 2024 8:30 am COL 9:30 am CTK 10:45 am COL

Live Streamed at 8:30 am Sundays and available Online anytime afterwards

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#### WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH! We're glad you're here today! UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** We're glad to have you with us! If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: unitybrookfield.org for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

- Children. Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- **Nursery.** Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- Sunday School. All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)

# • At UNITY, the Communion Table is:

- Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
- Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
- Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
- We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
- Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
- If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.
- **Pastors.** UNITY is currently served by Pastor Sherrie Lorbeck, Pastor Eric Silberschmidt who is our Interim pastor as we search for two additional pastors. along with Pastor Jim Ahlquist, who is our part time pastoral care pastor and occasional preacher. Most Saturdays, the weekend preacher is the pastor at that service. On Sundays, the preacher for the weekend travels to both campuses to share the message. The other pastor is then based at the COL campus. Feel free to reach out if you need anything or would like to talk more.

**GIVING.** If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay and Venmo are also accepted. Thank you!



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# Twenty-fifth Weekend after Pentecost November 9-10, 2024

# Prelude

"When in Our Music God is Glorified"	arr. Lani Smith	(5:00, 8:30, 10:45)
"Reverie"	Debussy	(9:30)

# Words of Welcome

# Invocation

Pastor: We gather in the name of the Holy Trinity, one God, who is our refuge and our strength, who is our beginning and our end.

Many: Amen.

# **Sharing the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Many: And also with you.

# Call to Worship: From Psalm 146

- One: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
- Many: I will praise the Lord as long as I live! I will sing praises to God while I have my being!
- One: Don't put your trust in rulers. They are mortals in whom there is no help.
- Many: When they breathe their last, they perish: Earth to earth. Ashes to ashes. Dust to dust.
- One: Happy are those who have the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.
- Many: For God made the heavens and the earth. God made the seas and all that is in them.
- One: The Lord gives justice to those who are oppressed. The Lord gives food to the hungry.
- Many: The Lord sets the captives free. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down.
- One: The Lord cares for the stranger and the foreigner. The Lord accompanies the orphan and the widow.

Many: God's love is with us on our journey. God is with us in our Baptism. God is with us when we breathe our last.

One: We gather here today to love and serve the Lord!

Many: Lord, help us pray "Your kingdom come. Your will be done." Lord help us offer our gifts and talents with joy and generosity.

# **Opening Hymn**

"Oh, Si	ng to the Lord"	ELW 822 vs. 1-4	(All Services)
Anthem	<i>"J-E-S-U-S And Jesus Is His Name"</i> Joyful Noise Music Makers; Janet Day		(Video 9:30) companist

# **Children's Message**

# Greeting and Prayer of the Day

- Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!
- Many: And also with you.
- One: Let us pray. O God of abundance,
- Many: You give us blessings today and every day. May we also have generous hearts. Help us share your blessings with all those in need. May our offerings be given with joy and generosity and may these offerings impact both the lives of those who receive them and those who share them. Amen.

# The Washing of Holy Baptism Presentation of the Child

This weekend at the 9:30 service, we welcome Oakley Bennett Smith. Oakley Bennett is presented by her parents, Nicholas and Hannah Smith, and her sponsors, Stephanie Rosandich and Jaimie Byrnes.

Pastor: Who presents Oakley Bennett to receive the blessings of Holy Baptism? Parents & Sponsors: We do.

# **Role of the Parents and Sponsors**

One: In Christian love you have presented Oakley Bennett for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully care for her and help her in every way God gives you opportunity, that Oakley Bennett may bear witness to the faith we hold, and that, living in the covenant of her Baptism and in Communion with the people of God, she may lead a life of goodness and service until the day of Jesus Christ. Parents and sponsors, do you promise to fulfill these obligations? If so, please answer, "I do."

# Prayer

Pastor: Holy God, we give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

> By the baptism of his own death and resurrection, your beloved Son, Jesus the Christ, has set us free from the final power of sin and death, and has opened the way to everlasting life. He made water a sign of cleansing and of birth into the family of God. As Jesus' followers, we do as he taught us, making disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

> Pour out your Holy Spirit so that Oakley Bennett may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as your own children, inheritors of your glorious kingdom.

All: Amen.

# \*Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### The Baptism

#### **Baptismal Prayer**

Pastor: Lord God, we give you thanks for freeing your children from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy washing. Pour your Holy Spirit upon Oakley Bennett: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and respect for the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

All: Amen.

# The Mark of Christ

Oakley Bennett, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

# Presentation of the Baptismal Candle

One: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

# Greeting of the Child by the Congregation

- Pastor: Through Baptism, God has made this sister of ours a member of the ministry of reconciliation we all share in Christ Jesus. May we proclaim the greatness and love of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.
- People: Oakley Bennett, we welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly father, and a worker with us in the Kingdom of God. Amen.

Pastor: Peace be with you.

Parents & Sponsors: Peace be with you.

Anthem	<i>"Somebody's Knockin'"</i> ~ Joseph Martin Fellowship Choir; Molly Pufall-Brown, Director	(5:00, 8:30, 10:45)

Gospel Acclamation "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" WOV 612 (All Services)

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

In a time of stress and conflict with the Church leaders in Jerusalem, Jesus contrasts the obnoxious and proud choices of the Scribes with the sacrificial and generous choices of the widow.

One: The Gospel according to Mark, the twelfth chapter

# Many: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>38</sup> As [Jesus] taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, <sup>39</sup> and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! <sup>40</sup> They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

<sup>41</sup> He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup> A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. <sup>43</sup> Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. <sup>44</sup> For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

One:	The Gospel of the Lord!
Many:	Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon "Blessed to be a blessing" Eric Silberschmidt

# Hymn of the Day/Baptismal Hymn

"Take My Life, That I May Be"	ELW 583 vs. 1-4	(5:00, 8:30, 10:45)
"In Christ Called to Baptize"	ELW 575 vs. 1-4	(9:30)

# The Prayers of the People

One:	Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people
	according to their needs.
	(Congregation response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer.")
Pastor:	Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Many:	Amen.

# **Announcements and Offering**

<b>Offertory Response</b> (as gifts are brought forward)		(All Services)
"We Are an Offering"	ELW 692	

# **Prayer of Thanks**

One: Let us pray. Gracious God,

Many: in the abundance of your steadfast love, you call us from death to life, from silence to speech, from idleness to action. With these gifts we offer ourselves to you, and with the Church through all the ages we give thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### Words of Institution

#### The Lord's Prayer (traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### **Communion Meditation**

"O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!"	Tisserand/Neale	(5:00, 8:30, 10:45)
"Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)"	Matt Crocker	(9:30)

# **Post Communion Blessing**

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace and peace.

Many: Amen.

# **Prayer after Communion**

One: Let us pray. Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Many: Amen.

#### Benediction

Sending Hymn "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"	ELW 886 vs. 1, 3, 4, 6	(All Services)
DismissalOne:Go in peace, serve the Lord!Many:Thanks be to God!		
<b>Postlude</b> "O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" "He"	Wesley/Glaser Jack Richards	(5:00, 8:30, 10:45) (9:30)

# This Weekend at UNITY!

Sunday, November 10th, 10:30 at the CTK Campus: Join Matt Griepentrog as he leads the second of a 2-week Bible Study looking at stories of Thanksgiving and how biblical characters expressed their gratitude. Grab a cup of coffee, something sweet, and join us in the library!

#### Holiday Bag Sales end this weekend, November 9-10

At UNITY we are committed to helping feed hungry people, and one way we do this is by helping the Food Pantry of Waukesha County stock its shelves. **Our Holiday Bag Sales will be held after all services November 9-10 at both campuses. Bags of groceries will be "sold" for \$10 each this weekend.** Any questions? Contact our new Food Pantry Servant Advocates Melanie Rooney at melrooney7@gmail.com or Bill Rooney at billrooney017@gmail.com

#### New Member Gathering:

Are you interested in learning more about UNITY and its mission, ministries and who does what and ways you can be a part? If so, then we invite you to join us at the CTK campus **this Sunday**, **November 10th from Noon to 2:00pm.** We'll plan to have subs for lunch and children are welcome to come as there will be games and projects planned for them. If you are able to **RSVP to Anna Jansson (ajansson8@gmail.com)**, that would be most appreciated as we plan for food. Please also let us know if you have any dietary needs.

If this doesn't work out right now, we'll do this again in the Spring too. Let Anna know if you'd like us to reach out to you then and share the day/time that generally works best for you at that time of year! Until then, know that you are always welcome to be a part of anything we offer. Hope you feel welcome here at UNITY!

Sr. High Moved to CTK: Sunday, November 10th - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at <u>CTK Campus</u> - Serve Night, putting together College Care packages AND Toiletry kits for our partner Hebron House! All hands are needed to help put together all these packages of love to those away at college and those who find themselves without housing and at the door of the Hebron House. Sometimes with nothing, these fabric travel cases are filled with a hand towel, wash cloth, tooth brush, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, razor and anything else we can fit inside! Our college packages are ever changing but we try to include a few snacks, a few study supplies along with a handwritten note of encouragement to get through the last few weeks of the semester!

We also could use a little help from parents to make this all happen! Ideally, 4 people the night of and 2 people during the week to help deliver! Your job is to help slow down the assembly process, so that we get the contents correct and especially make sure the address labels are all correct! In addition, this is a huge expense to put these together but yet are so valuable and needed, and also an easy way to allow our high schoolers to serve, give back to those beyond themselves that fits into a Sunday evening. Thankfully, we have been able to utilize Thrivent dollars from a member who applied for an Action Team Grant to help with the cost of purchasing everything.

Parents of our College Students: We are going to be putting College Care packages THIS Sunday, November 10th, so PLEASE help us out and MAKE SURE TO fill out the Google Form online, or email Sherrie with your child's name, mailing address, (along with what school they're attending, their email and their cell phone too), so that we can try to keep in touch with them throughout the year! Thank you! (And check out the newest group that Matt Griepentrog is leading for those who are now in the season of being "Empty Nesters", even if you still have one or more at home. It's a whole new phase of life that requires some getting used to and finding your way through, so know that you don't have to do it alone!)

# **UNITY Highlights**

**Call Team Update.** Thank you for all of your prayers as we started this important work. While it's difficult for us to not share more information with you in order to protect the confidentiality of the candidates, we can tell you that up to this point, we have received 5 names. We have had interviews with each of them and with some we have had a second interview beginning with a dinner. In addition, Pastor Sherrie has had extended conversations with three of them. Currently, we have released the names of four of them from further consideration for UNITY and are continuing conversation with one candidate. In addition to reading through a candidates' written paperwork, the team listens to several of their sermons online, prepares questions to ask based on their paperwork, and then as they move beyond a first interview, we have asked candidates to prepare a Bible study or a sermon to share with team in order to get a sense of their theology and approach. We pray often for God's guidance and for each of the candidates as they discern whether we are a good fit for them. Thank you for your continued prayers for us and that the Spirit would continue to be at work throughout it all!

# 2025 Pledge Drive Begins this weekend!

**Celebrate the Past, Commit to the Future with the 2025 Pledge Drive!** It's that time of year again ... a time to both reflect on what we've done and to look ahead to the future. **The Stewardship Pledge Drive begins this weekend, November 9 & 10, 2024.** This year we will *Celebrate the Past and Commit to the Future.* 

The Stewardship Team will be sharing a video celebrating the strength of UNITY! We want to show off how much UNITY has grown and done in 2024. This past year has seen some big changes, but we are still strong and growing. That calls for a celebration!

We also have a lot of big things in our future that all congregation members can impact to shape how UNITY will look. For that we'll share with you a video with updates on UNITY's financial needs and how you can commit to the future by pledging your financial stewardship for 2025, which is essential to the 2025 budgeting process. There will be plenty of fun to be had still this year, so get ready for another amazing pledge drive!

# ~ UNITY Stewardship Team: Trisha Smith, chair, Kelsey Morrison, Brian Olson, Steve Taipala and Sherrie Lorbeck.

Help us 'prepare the way' for Advent and Christmas at the CTK campus! On Wednesday, December 4 from 9:00 am until 12 noon, join in to decorate the building for the coming of our Lord! If you have questions, contact Diana (262-853-7081) or David Koenen (414-559-6974).

# New Paper Envelope System in 2025

Envelopes enveloping gifts. Envelopes sitting in a drawer. Envelopes tossed into the recycle bin. I know our personal experience is all of the above. Do you write checks or give cash for your giving to UNITY? Do you do it weekly or monthly? Do you miss a month and then send in a larger check in a different envelope? If so, do you find the right date and use that one? Does it matter?

UNITY spends quite a bit of money on having custom weekly envelopes made. Then more is spent on mailing them. This is money that can be redirected to other ministries. For those who do not use all their envelopes, then this is waste that does not have to be created.

We hear you! Come next year, we are moving to a new envelope system for members. In January, we will reduce the envelopes down to 12 a year, plus some extra ones to use for special holidays, unless a member requests more.

Look for more information toward the end of the year! But, until then, may you envelope your generosity in your giving in an envelope (or electronically or anyway that inspires you)!

**Calling ALL Thrivent Members!** If you have any life insurance policies or annuities or anything with Thrivent, you may be eligible to direct what's known as "Choice Dollars" to the beneficiary of your choice. These are dollars that aren't used or given to you if you don't do anything AND you have to log in to your account and choose where to direct them EVERY year.

If your yearly premiums or your total investments are not high enough to qualify for these Choice Dollars, YOU STILL can apply for what's known as a Thrivent Action grant, which allows you to receive two \$250 gift cards per year to use for supplies to fund a ministry event related to education, serving or fundraising. Super easy to do and last year, we received an additional \$4,000 in money to support what we do because of members who applied.

Contact Pastor Sherrie for more information and the wording for project ideas. Thank you!

# **Christian Education**

Contact Michelle Aprahamian, c: 414-732-8615, email: michelle@unitybrookfield.org

# Mark Your Calendars for Advent Fest on December 6

Ready for some cookies, caroling and Christ-centered fun to get into the spirit of the season? *Who isn't*? Mark your calendar *now* for one of our most popular events! Advent Fest will be held on **Friday, December 6, from 5:30-8:00 pm at our COL campus**. Together we'll enjoy dinner, worship, crafting, music, and an evening of fun for the whole family. Watch for more info to come, along with signups for Advent Fest crafts that are for ALL ages and stages. *(Children in 3rd grade and younger must be accompanied by an adult.)* You really don't want to miss this much-loved annual tradition at UNITY!Advent Fest team is currently putting the finishing touches together for this event. Watch for sign up coming very soon!

Nov. 30-Dec. 1 - No Sunday school. Happy Thanksgiving!

Mark your calendars for December 14-15! (Note that this is a week EARLIER than usual based on the way the calendar falls this year!) Join us for our Sunday school Christmas program at all worship services. No one tells The Greatest Story Ever Told better than our kids! We have already begun practicing, so parents, every opportunity you are able to get your child(ren) to Sunday School is appreciated! It helps them feel more comfortable and know the songs/actions and the flow of the story, so that it's memorable not only for you, but especially for THEM! If you aren't able to make your usual worship time some weekend, know that the program is the same for every SS hour, so popping into another hour some week is absolutely worth doing if you can! Thank you.

# Confirmation

Contact Nicole Krause, e: nicole@unitybrookfield.org or Sherrie Lorbeck, e: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org

Sunday Fusion Series 3 starts this week! Our focus will be on Catholicism. This week, class will continue on November 10th from 9:30-10:30 am in Room 208. We will travel to St. John Vianney on Sunday, November 17th (dress nicely!) and end the series at COL on Sunday, November 24th. Sign up to attend or be an adult leader on the confirmation page of the website!

Confirmation Students who are interested in being a part of the "Christmas vignette", please let Sherrie know ASAP, as we will need to start writing a script and figuring out a practice schedule VERY soon! The plan is to present it just ONCE at Advent Fest on December 6th. **THIS WEEK Confirmation Classes have a dinner beforehand!** Sunday, November 10th at 5:30 pm and Wednesday, November 13th at 5:45 pm. **Adult shoppers, preppers and dessert providers are needed!** See the confirmation page of the website to sign up.

**NEW Service Project Opportunities** have been added to the Sign Up Genius page! Go to the confirmation page of the website to sign up.

Upcoming Schedule Change - Just a reminder that because we are hosting this year's Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday, November 20th, there will be NO Confirmation class for the Sunday group on Nov. 17th. Instead, we are asking that you try to have your child come on Wednesday, slightly LATER than normal, from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. (or as much of that time frame as possible). It's such a unique opportunity to get to meet and hear a little more from people from other faith traditions. One of Pastor John's last words to me (Sherrie) was "Don't let BEGIN die." It's been a group that we've been a part of each month over the last 18 plus years, but as Covid and leadership transitions have taken place in other communities too, this is the first time we'll be in person since 2019. Parents, you are also invited to attend as well for this special evening of reflection on our values and what we all hold sacred! Be in touch if you have any questions and this will also be a DOUBLE C-Mail opportunity!

# **Servant Ministries**

Contact Ellen Vermillion, c: 262-565-8512, e: evermill61@gmail.com or Nicole Krause, e: nicole@unitybrookfield.org

**Sign Up to Donate at our next Blood Drive, Saturday, December 7, 7am-11am COL campus.** Sign up is live on the church website. Please contact Marilyn Ranney, Unity Blood Drive Advocate with any questions or if you need assistance in getting signed up. Contact her at 414-975-5606 or email her at ranneymarilyn@gmail.com. Our heartfelt gratitude to all blood donors and our prayers for healing for all who receive blood products!

#### Let's Get Cookin'! Mass Meal Prep continues December 11

One Wednesday each month from **4:00-6:30 pm**, 4 adults will work with 4 Confirmation students to whip up a delicious recipe in the COL Kitchen for 25 men at Aspen Center! It's easy: cooking stations are all set up and ready for our Sous Chefs to step in. What if cooking really isn't your thing but you still want to help? No problem! We also need the following support: 1 or 2 shoppers, 2 home bakers, and 1 meal delivery driver. It's a big team effort, so what a blessing you will be! **Cooking dates are: December 11, January 8, February 12 and May 7**. Sign up online by clicking on the appropriate links: Adult Signup or Confirmation Signup. Questions? Contact Cindy Flynn at 262-391-7870 or cindylouflynn@aol.com.

Help make Thanksgiving Dinner for the residents of Aspen Center! Shoppers, cooks, and deliverers needed. Holidays are really tough for people new to recovery, and all of the residents are away from their homes for the program (along with those dedicated staff people). Let's encourage them with a home-cooked Thanksgiving meal! We need shoppers, delivery people, and lots of cooks on **Wednesday, November 27**. Kids welcome to help! If you can help, please see the SignUpGenius page to let us know where you would like to serve. Please contact Cindy Boyd at dcboyd1985@sbcglobal.net or 262-424-3610 with any questions.

**Volunteer Treasurer Needed for Bread of Healing Clinic, 10 hrs/month**. We give thanks for Unity member Doreen Brecheisen who has served as the treasurer for our free clinic partner in Milwaukee for the last 4 years, and are looking for the next great person to fill the role. Might this

be your next calling? The role involves working with the accountant's financials to produce monthly reports for the board and assist with the budget. A combination of monthly in-person meetings and working from home. About 10 hours/month. Accounting background and knowledge of quickbooks would be big assets. Doreen would be happy to talk with anyone interested in the role (norskjohnson@gmail.com) or you can reach out directly to Barb Horner-Ibler at the clinic: (414) 313-9430. This is an organization you would be proud to support. Thanks for considering and spreading the word.

# Hephatha Accepting Furniture Donations

**Our partner, Hephatha Lutheran Church, is assisting Holy Cross Lutheran Church with their** "Share Our Best" Furniture Ministry. This ministry, which was begun a couple years ago to help kids not have to sleep on the floor, relies on donations of furniture that they will pick up. They are looking for furniture that is in reasonably good condition – primarily beds (single, full and queen sizes, with frames and bedding) – as well as dressers, kitchen tables and chairs, and other pieces. If you have furniture to donate, please contact Hephatha Servant Advocate Shirley Denu at srdenu2@gmail.com so the donation can be coordinated. Thank you for helping with this important ministry that directly impacts the quality of life at home for so many in need.

**Ongoing Service Opportunities:** UNITY has standing volunteer "shifts" at various partners that we commit to covering as a church. Each one is coordinated by a different Unity member... each one has its own sign up page on the church website... and each one is an opportunity for you!

**Waukesha Food Pantry Food Distribution**: Each month, 4th Saturday, 9am-12pm; 5th Monday 5:45 - 8 pm.

**Serenity Inns Recovery Program Fellowship Dinners:** cook, deliver, or serve a meal for 12 residents. Each month,1st Sunday and 2nd Friday, 6 - 7pm. Kids welcome.

# Applications Due for El Salvador Trip: November 16

Our Mission of Healing Trip to El Salvador will be **February 15-22, 2025**. Application and deposit deadline: **November 16.** Cost: if you are a UNITY member, church will pay all your in-country expenses. You just pay the plane ticket (approx. \$700).

Similar to previous, pre-Covid years we will travel on Saturday, visit our sister church Cordero on Sunday, help the Salvadoran Lutheran Church with their traveling health fair Monday-Thursday (setting up in a different town each day), play on Friday, and travel home on Saturday. The offerings at the health fair always vary based on what our group can offer, but it's usually a combination of basic wellness checks, health education (on topics like nutrition, reproductive health, mental health, oral health) and activities for kids. The Salvadorans have asked if we can do extra emphasis on mental health this year.

Skills needed: anyone can apply, but these are the skills/backgrounds we could most use this year:

- Behavioral/mental health training
- Medical providers (advanced practice professionals, PAs, physicians)
- Nurses
- Pharmacy
- Art
- Kids/education
- Yoga/relaxation/expressive arts

We also always need 3-4 "willing to do anything" worker-bee-type people. No Spanish is needed, although it's always a plus. Application is on our Sign Up web page. For more info, contact Nicole Krause at nicole@unitybrookfield.org.

# Save the Date for 2025 El Salvador Summer Relationship-Building Trip: August 5-12

#### Property Needs Contact Denny Thompson, Director of Buildings and Properties c: 262-844-0556, email: dennyt325@yahoo.com Al Bengston, c: 414-322-6445, email: allanbengst234@gmail.com

**Looking for firewood?** At both campuses dead trees were taken down on the October work days, so there is now firewood available for anyone wishing to pick some up. There are piles at both campuses (wood on pallets at CTK is for fire pits so kindly leave that.)

**Snow Blowing/Shoveling Sign Up:** Let's pray we still have a few weeks before the snow starts to fly, but if you are a person who doesn't mind helping to clear the sidewalks and throw some salt down, check out the details in the SignUpGenius on our website. You sign up for just 1 campus, and we ask for a 1 week commitment starting on Wednesdays and running through the following Tuesday. When you sign up, helpful details will be emailed to you, and a reminder is emailed 3 days prior to your start date. Thank you for helping!

We will also start to turn our attention to doing what we can do on the inside of our buildings. At COL, there are a number of spaces and hallways that are in desperate need of a fresh coat of paint. If this is something you enjoy doing and can help us with, please reach out to Denny Thompson, Al Bengston, Lynn Key or one of the pastors. Thank you.

# **Adult Programs**

Contact: Todd Blatnik, email: todd.blatnik@wi.rr.com or Matt Griepentrog, c: 262-787-8820, e: matt@unitybrookfield.org

**NEW Monday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Eric! - Mondays at 10 AM @ COL, continues Monday November 11th.** Looking for a weekly Bible study group? Pastor Eric has just what you're looking for! Start your week with Eric as he leads a study that follows the worship lectionary (the three year cycle of Scripture readings used in worship). You'll take a deep dive into the weekly scripture readings (you won't be left behind if you miss a week or more). Bring a friend, and meet us in Room 202 @ COL.

**Sheepshead Small Group** - Play Sheepshead with us on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month, 6:30pm at our Christ the King campus. Sheepshead is a 5-player trump-style partner card game, a bit complicated to learn but addictive once you've got it. Beginners or those interested in learning are welcome to join the group, we are happy to teach you. We will meet twice a month for September-November and then determine if we need to adjust numbers, frequency, etc. Contact is Mary Huss (mhwis@hotmail.com). Next Game Night: Thursday, Nov. 21st at 6:30 pm at CTK.

**Lunch Bunch** - Join us the second Wednesday of each month at 11:30 am at Maxim's. (18025 W. Capitol Drive in Brookfield.) The next meeting is **November 13**. Everyone is welcome, no matter your age or stage: younger, older, singles, couples, regular or occasional. Just show up because the nice thing about Maxim's is that seating is endlessly expandable. And, if you have any questions before you come, Esther McKee is your point person: (262) 246-6443.

**Theology on Tap Returns November 13! -** We had such a great time at Vennture, that we're meeting there again - and they gave us special discounted prices for being a church group!) Our next gathering will be **Wednesday, November 13th at 7:30 at Vennture Brew Co. in Brookfield (fka Biloba)**. Enjoy good beer, good conversations, and God. Non-beer drinkers welcome; must be 21 or older. Contact Matt at matt@unitybrookfield.org to tap into more info... or just show up! Vennture Brew is located at 2970 N. Brookfield Road.

Men's Third Saturday Breakfast meets Saturday, November 16, 7:30-9:00 am at COL campus. We get together, survive our own cooking and talk about the readings used in worship that weekend. Never tried it out? Been part of it for years? Either way, how about joining us next time?

**Calling all 20-30 Somethings to join us on Monday, November 25, at 7:30 pm at Camp Bar Tosa** (6600 W. North Ave. in Wauwatosa). We'll play trivia and meet up with friends who are in town for Thanksgiving!

Interested in Our Adult Boundary Waters Trip? In case you missed our October 27 Forum about the Adult Boundary Waters Trip, plans are in the works to offer this trip to adults of UNITY. Information is still being gathered that will help us plan the best trip possible. All skill levels will be welcome, so there's no need to be intimidated! If you think the trip is something you're interested in, please contact Matt Griepentrog at matt@unitybrookfield.org.

**Calling All Bakers!** We have an idea for a Christmas Cookie baking event where you can come and share recipes, use the kitchens and make all the time breeze by when you get to enjoy mixing and baking with others. In addition, if we could also help support the Cookie buffet at Advent Fest on December 6, that would be awesome! And if we're able to roll out enough, the Sr. High would love your help and experience with a Cookie Walk as a new fundraiser this year to help support next year's Summer Trip! If this sounds like fun, contact Tiffany Reay, Group Opportunities chair or Pastor Sherrie.

#### Do You Have Ideas for Adult Programming? Let Us Know!

Adult Programs is always looking for new ideas as we continue to plan new forums and events. If you have any ideas for groups, events, studies, or speakers that you'd like us to know about, please reach out to our new Adult Programs chairperson, Todd Blatnik, at todd.blatnik@wi.rr.com.

#### **UNITY Member Care**

Contact: Jim Ahlquist-Minister of Member Care e: jim@unitybrookfield.org, c: 715-210-2245 or Sherrie Lorbeck or Eric Silberschmidt

# Grief Group will continue meeting on modified Wednesdays through the end of the year. The next meeting is November 20 with a modified time, 5:30-7:00 pm at COL in room 202 - *When Life Isn't the Same* ...

If you have lost a spouse or a parent or someone else close to you, the grieving doesn't end after the funeral. We invite you to a safe space where you can share more about where you are at in your journey ... learn more about the stages of grief ... and get help finding your way through what you need most for the road ahead.

We invite you to join us for our Grief Group. These gatherings will be led by Pastor Jim Ahlquist and Nicole Krause. If this is the right time for you, or if someone you know could benefit from being a part of this, please join us! A zoom link can be provided if you are not able to meet in person. If you have questions or just want to discuss whether this is the right place for you, contact Pastor Jim at jim@unitybrookfield.org or 715-210-2245.

**UNITY Member Care is always here for you.** You don't have to face life's ups and downs alone. Whether it's an unexpected hospitalization, a recent diagnosis, the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, addiction, anxiety, depression, or virtually anything else, the pastors are only a call, text, or email away. Please never hesitate to reach out -- whether we're the only stop you'll make or just the first step in a longer care process.

**Prayer Place cards-** If you have a prayer request that you would like included in the Prayers for Friends and Family section in the bulletin, there are cards available in the narthex near the bulletin board. You can fill out the request and pin it to the bulletin board there. You can fill out a card and place it in the basket and it will be included in the upcoming bulletin. These prayer requests will stay for 4 weeks and then if you need further prayer, repost as often as needed. Any questions, please contact Nancy by phone or email nancy@unitybrookfield.org

# **Worship & Music Opportunities**

Director of Music, Contact Lynn Key, c: 414-507-5888 e: lynn@unitybrookfield.org Children's Choirs, Contact Janet Day, c: 414-975-0286, e: janetday4@me.com Fellowship Choir, Contact Molly Pufall-Brown, c: 920-265-6881, e: mpufall@gmail.com Handbells & Praise Band, Contact Stacey Nordmeyer, c: 414-617-7673, e: staceynordmeyer72@icloud.com

**LOOKING FOR CHRISTMAS EVE MUSICIANS!** These holiday services are such a wonderful time to share your musical gifts in an easy group setting with fellow music lovers. And there is such wonderful music to share! You can still join your family to enjoy the rest of the worship service. Please contact Lynn Key if you are willing to share.

**UNITY's All-Music Tuesdays:** We rehearse every Tuesday night through mid-May at the Cross of Life campus. Come join us even if you can't make it every week. Nursery and child care are available. No auditions are necessary. Talk to any of our music staff if you have questions.

- JOYFUL NOISE MUSIC MAKERS-Prek-Grade 1, 6pm to 6:30pm Directed by Janet Day.
- CELEBRATION MUSIC MAKERS-Grades 2–6, 6:30pm to 7:15pm Directed by Janet Day.
- HOSANNA BELLS-Beginning to Early Intermediate Ringers, 7:15pm to 8pm Sanctuary.
- FELLOWSHIP CHOIR-7th Gr–Adult, 7:15pm to 8:15pm Directed by Molly Pufall-Brown.
- GLORIA DEI BELLS-Late Intermediate to Advanced Ringers, 6:15pm to 7:15pm Sanctuary Directed by Stacey Nordmeyer.

Mark your Calendars! Our BEGIN Group (Brookfield Elm Grove Interfaith Network) is bringing back the Thanksgiving Service in person once again! We have been a part of BEGIN for the past twenty years and this yearly gathering has always attracted people from all of our local faith communities. It's been such an easy way to learn a little more about other faith traditions, see worship spaces that you otherwise may never have a chance or feel comfortable visiting out of the blue and meet people from other faith communities all while enjoying sweet treats at the end of the evening. This year, to help make it happen, we are HOSTING! So, mark your calendar for Wednesday, November 20th at 7:00 p.m. at the COL campus. Watch for more information, but we will need greeters, dessert makers or buyers, dessert set up servers and singers! To learn a song to share, come early at 6:15 p.m. If you are interested, please talk to Lynn Key or Sherrie Lorbeck. We hope you'll be a part of this incredibly special gathering!

# Then the following week, join us for UNITY's Thanksgiving Eve worship services:

**Wednesday, November 27th.** We will again offer 2 worship options: Christ the King Campus at 1:00pm or 7:00 pm at the Cross of Life Campus. Mark your calendars to join us for worship and pie socials! If you're able to bring a pie to share, please do so and we'll have all the whipped topping, decaf coffee, cocoa and milk to go with that sweet foretaste of any Thanksgiving feasts planned for the following day!

#### Sr. High

Contact Nancy Oberhauser, c: 262-527-8869, e: nancy.oberhauser@Aexp.com or Sherrie Lorbeck, c: 414-477-7762 e: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org or Ryan Johnson, c: 262-825-7331, e: rmjohnson1117@gmail.com

Sr. High Moved to CTK: Sunday, November 10th - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at <u>CTK Campus</u> - Serve Night, putting together College Care packages AND Toiletry kits for our partner Hebron House! All hands are needed to help put together all these packages of love to those away at college and those who find themselves without housing and at the door of the Hebron House. Sometimes with nothing, these fabric travel cases are filled with a hand towel, wash cloth, tooth brush, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, razor and anything else we can fit inside! Our college packages are ever changing but we try to include a few snacks, a few study supplies along with a handwritten note of encouragement to get through the last few weeks of the semester!

We also could use a little help from parents to make this all happen! Ideally, 4 people the night of and 2 people during the week to help deliver! Your job is to help slow down the assembly process, so that we get the contents correct and especially make sure the address labels are all correct! In addition, this is a huge expense to put these together but yet are so valuable and needed, and also an easy way to allow our high schoolers to serve, give back to those beyond themselves that fits into a Sunday evening. Thankfully, we have been able to utilize Thrivent dollars from a member who applied for an Action Team Grant to help with the cost of purchasing everything.

Parents of our College Students: We are going to be putting College Care packages THIS Sunday, November 10th, so PLEASE help us out and MAKE SURE TO fill out the Google Form online, or email Sherrie with your child's name, mailing address, (along with what school they're attending, their email and their cell phone too), so that we can try to keep in touch with them throughout the year! Thank you! (And check out the newest group that Matt Griepentrog is leading for those who are now in the season of being "Empty Nesters", even if you still have one or more at home. It's a whole new phase of life that requires some getting used to and finding your way through, so know that you don't have to do it alone!)

#### Sunday, November 17th - TBD.

Sunday, November 24th - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at the COL Campus. Christmas Tree Set up and Getting Ready for the Season! Be a part of this time honored tradition and this important task of getting all the decorations up from the basement and assembling the trees in the sanctuary so that they are ready to be adorned with ornaments come Advent Fest! Dig out any Christmas sweaters and fun hats or Christmas accessories that you have and we'll put the music on, break out the Christmas cookies and prepare our hearts for the love that first came so many years ago!

Friday, December 6th - ADVENT FEST! 5:30 - 7:30/8:00 p.m. at the COL campus. Not technically a "Sr. High event", but you're never too old for this annual tradition of dinner, a mini worship, craft making, Christmas music, decorating, and last but not least, Christmas cookies and Cocoa to end the evening! Let Michelle Aprahamian know if you'd be available to help in "Adventure Land" (the craft area for the little kids) or watch for list of Craft options that YOU can sign up for in the coming weeks!

And if you'd be up for caroling along with Mr. Marv Wunder on Accordion, talk to Lynn Key. In year's past, we had a whole group of Sr. High that went from room to room singing Christmas carols and inviting kids and parents to join in! And if singing and crafts aren't quite your thing, but making sure the building is ready for Christmas, we also need someone to tackle what Pastor John always did...getting a LIVE tree set up in the Fireplace area! Partner we are praying for this month: Cross Lutheran Church

The altar flowers at COL are given by Deborah Nustad in remembrance of the passing of JoAnn Tomm 4 years ago. Loved and missed every day.

The altar flowers at CTK are given by Mary Huss in memory of Geri Schmeling

Thank you to Barb Hemmingsen for arranging the altar flowers this weekend

This weekend's communion breads were baked by Barb Borkenhagen

# Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

#### **Cross of Life Campus**

Luna Loverine, Don Bock, Joan Krause, Steve Schultz, Jill Barney, Julie Schultz, Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Mary Jo Eggert, Joseph Nutt, Linda Langer, Jerry Buenger, Karen Beres, Bob Rusk, Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Ardyce Myhre, Paula Dryer, Marlene Jernberg, John Vaughan, Alyce Vollan, Barb Purnell, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

#### Christ the King Campus

Mary Johnsen, Parker Godfrey, Ann Borowski, Dawn Suharski, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Dave Rau

> We give a prayer of thanksgiving for the baptism of: Oakley Bennett Smith

# **UNITY Prayer Place**

Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.

#### November 9-10

Chase Radigan (traumatic brain injury), nephew of Debbie Riederer's sister-in-law Steve Perry (West Nile virus), friend of Julie & Steve Schultz Karen (breast cancer), great aunt of Sia & Weston Grabowski Polly Galian (cancer), best friend of Pat Petran Tony Susa (spinal cord injury), brother-in-law of Vivian Clark Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

#### November 2-3

Scott & Mary Pat (hospitalized following major motorcycle accident), dear friends of Dawn Edward's

Andrea Knoke (ovarian cancer), friend of Kyle & Anna Jansson Harper Helm (concussion), granddaughter of Karen Beres

#### October 26-27

Sara Weix (breast cancer), daughter of Ron & Barb Weix Ruth Ungeran (advanced Parkinson's Disease), sister-in-law of Judie Born, Aunt/ Godmother of Lisa Reid Donna Funk (bladder cancer/liver issues), daughter of Pearl Haack

#### October 19-20

Terri Kwiatkowski (stage 4 terminal cancer), friend of Michelle Aprahamian Ron Ripley (cancer treatments), cousin of Dick Dressler

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, etc.) overseas and our military personnel: Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank

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COL 5:00 p.m.	Ministers for Saturday, November 9, 2024
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Jeff Key
Karen Beres
Emma Jolliff, Maxwell Roemaat
Judie McGhee, Jim Eggert
Kim Klug
Phil Roemaat
Dawn Conlin, Sue Fisher
Kay Koepsel-Benning
Lynn Key
Matt Jolliff
Kevin Grabowski
Molly Pufall-Brown
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Maddy Paradis

<u>COL 8:30 a.m.</u>	Ministers for Sunday, November 10, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Livestream: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders: Sunday School Support: Nursery: Coffee:	Jo & Ralph Gould Brooke Conway, Blake Duerr, Charlie Rentmeester Collette Tatera David Kapitan Becky Conway Sally Thomas, Barb Consigny, Michelle Duerr, Erica Pergande Natalie & Matt Kamenick Lynn Key Mike Aprahamian Claire Dominski Denny Thompson Molly Pufall-Brown Katie McInnis, Joanne Rentmeester, Jordan Lunak Ellie Miesfeld Chloe O'Connell Eric Thomas
<u>CTK 9:30 a.m.</u>	Ministers for Sunday, November 10, 2024
Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders: Sunday School Support:	Annalise Nordstrom, Davy Allar Melanie Stuber, Hayden Stuber Steve Johnson Linda Johnson Jane Boorse, Leslie O'Connell Diana VanSlyke
COL 10:45 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, November 10, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders: Sunday School Support:	Autumn Krier, JJ Steichen Steve Brewer Carole Syse Carole Syse, Jackie Herington Lynn Key Clyde Reay Kaleigh Jolliff Molly Pufall-Brown
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Twenty-sixth Weekend after Pentecost

November 16-17, 2024

Saturday, November 16, 2024 5:00 pm COL Sunday, November 17, 2024 8:30 am COL 9:30 am CTK 10:45 am COL

Live Streamed at 8:30 am Sundays and available Online anytime afterwards

unitybrookfield.org

Cross of Life Campus 20700 W. North Avenue Brookfield, WI 53045 Christ the King Campus 4600 Pilgrim Road Brookfield, WI 53005

#### WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH! We're glad you're here today! UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** We're glad to have you with us! If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: unitybrookfield.org for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

- Children. Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- **Nursery.** Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- Sunday School. All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)

## • At UNITY, the Communion Table is:

- Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
- Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
- Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
- We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
- Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
- If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.
- **Pastors.** UNITY is currently served by Pastor Sherrie Lorbeck, Pastor Eric Silberschmidt who is our Interim pastor as we search for two additional pastors. along with Pastor Jim Ahlquist, who is our part time pastoral care pastor and occasional preacher. Most Saturdays, the weekend preacher is the pastor at that service. On Sundays, the preacher for the weekend travels to both campuses to share the message. The other pastor is then based at the COL campus. Feel free to reach out if you need anything or would like to talk more.

**GIVING.** If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay and Venmo are also accepted. Thank you!



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### Twenty-sixth Weekend after Pentecost November 16-17, 2024

#### Prelude

"Fairest Lord Jesus"	arr. Carter	(5:00, 8:30, 10:45)
"10,000 Reasons"	Praise Band	(9:30)

#### Words of Welcome

#### Invocation

- Pastor: We gather in the name of the Holy Trinity, one God, who is our refuge and our strength, who is our beginning and our end.
- Many: Amen.

#### **Sharing the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Many: And also with you.

#### Call to Worship: From Psalm 146 and Mark 13

- One: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
- Many: I will praise the Lord as long as I live! I will sing praises to God while I have my being!
- One: Teacher, behold the Church fine buildings with beautiful stained glass.
- Many: Put your trust in the Lord. Everything that can be built up can be torn down.
- One: Happy are those who have the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.
- Many: For God made the heavens and the earth. God made the seas and all that is in them.
- One: The Lord gives justice to those who are oppressed. The Lord gives food to the hungry.
- Many: The Lord sets the captives free. The Lord cares for the stranger and the foreigner.
- One: We gather here today because the Church is not a building!

Many: We are the Church and we gather here today to do God's work with our hands.

#### **Opening Hymn**

"We Praise You, O God"	ELW 870 vs. 1-3	(5:00, 8:30, 10:45)
"God of Wonders"	Praise Band	(9:30)

Anthem"Look Who God Made"Ovokaitys/Martin(10:45)Joyful Noise Music Makers; Janet Day, Director; Lynn Key, Accompanist

#### **Children's Message**

#### **Greeting and Prayer of the Day**

- Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!
- Many: And also with you.
- One: Let us pray. Almighty God,

Many: The earth trembles and shakes and we are afraid. We are tempted to look for signs and to wonder what it all means. Teach us to trust in you. Give us peace and courage to share your love. The Church is not a building. We are called to be the Church today. Amen.

Anthem"O Worship the King"<br/>Gloria Dei Bell Choir; Stacey Nordmeyer, Director; Lynn Key, Organist(9:30)

Gospel Acclamation "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" WOV 612 (All Services)

#### Gospel: Mark 13:1-8

In the last week of his life, Jesus warns the Disciples about the challenges and trials that were to come. Jesus encourages us to be at work in ministry instead of being alarmed by the events happening around us.

One: The Gospel according to Mark, the thirteenth chapter

#### Many: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" <sup>2</sup> Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

<sup>3</sup>When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup>"Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" <sup>5</sup>Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup>Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup>When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. <sup>8</sup>For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs."

One:	The Gospel of the Lord!
Many:	Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon "What Time Is It?"	Eric Silberschmidt
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#### Hymn of the Day

"Christ Be Our Light"	ELW 715 vs. 1, 2, 5	(5:00, 8:30, 10:45)
"Shine, Jesus, Shine"	Praise Band	(9:30)

#### The Prayers of the People

One: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

(Congregation response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer.")

- Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- Many: Amen.

#### **Announcements and Offering**

#### **Prayer for New Members**

One: This is our church...

- Many: We make it what it is. It will be friendly, if we are friendly. It will do great work, if we work. It will be generous, if we are generous. It will be a church where people grow in faith and serve God, if we are open to such growth and service.
- One: This is our church, but it is even more so the church of Jesus Christ.
- Many: O God, may we do all these things with the lightness that comes from knowing your grace and the joy that comes from being in your presence. As we welcome these new members into our midst, may they be blessed even as they bless us, and may we work together to make your ways real on earth as they are in heaven. Amen.

Offertory Response (as gifts are brought forward)	
"We Are an Offering"	ELW 692

(All Services)

#### **Prayer of Thanks**

- One: Let us pray. God, our Creator,
- Many: you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

#### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

- Pastor: The Lord be with you.
- Many: And also with you.
- Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
- Many: We lift them to the Lord.
- Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### Words of Institution

#### The Lord's Prayer (traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### **Communion Meditation**

"Shall We Gather at the River"	arr. Carter	(5:00, 8:30, 10:45)
"Here I Am to Worship"	Praise Band	(9:30)

#### **Post Communion Blessing**

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace and peace.

Many: Amen.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

One: Let us pray. Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

Many: Amen.

#### Benediction

Sending Hymn		
"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"	ELW 632 vs. 1-3, 5	(5:00, 8:30, 10:45)
"For All That You Have Done"	Praise Band	(9:30)
DismissalOne:Go in peace, serve the Lord!Many:Thanks be to God!		
<b>Postlude</b> "Praise to the Lord the Almighty" "For All That You Have Done" reprise	arr. Carter Praise Band	(5:00, 8:30, 10:45) (9:30)

# Welcome Fall 2024 New Members!

#### **MOURS, Bryan and Sue**

We met after being widowed and will celebrate our tenth anniversary later this month. We have four children along with spouses and 7 grandchildren. Bryan is semi-retired from the landscape software industry. Sue is a retired nurse practitioner. We live in Sussex and have a lake home in Keshena, WI we enjoy outdoor activities especially time with family and we love to travel. Happy to join UNITY after attending for several years.

# This Weekend at UNITY!

**Sr. High:** Sunday, November 17th - 6:00 - 7:30 at COL. Join us at COL for a celebration night you won't want to miss. Plus we'll finish our college care packages, Hebron House care kits and play a few games!

# **UNITY Highlights**

Join us THIS WEDNESDAY evening at 7:00 at our COL Campus when our BEGIN Group (Brookfield Elm Grove Interfaith Network) brings back the Thanksgiving Service in person once again! You can also bring a <u>non-perishable food item(s)</u>, OR make a cash or check donation to the Waukesha Food Pantry.

We have been a part of BEGIN for the past twenty years and this yearly gathering has always attracted people from all of our local faith communities. It's been such an easy way to learn a little more about other faith traditions, see worship spaces that you otherwise may never have a chance or feel comfortable visiting out of the blue and meet people from other faith communities all while enjoying sweet treats at the end of the evening. **This year, to help make it happen, we are hosting! So, mark your calendar for Wednesday, November 20th at 7:00 p.m. at the COL campus.** To learn a song to share in the community choir, come at 6:15 p.m. If you have questions, please talk to Lynn Key or Sherrie Lorbeck. We hope you'll be a part of this incredibly special gathering!

Grief Group meets at an earlier time this Wed., November 20, from 5:30-7:00 pm at COL in room 202 - *When Life Isn't the Same...* See UNITY Member Care section for additional info.

*Ring in the Christmas Season with MHE Saturday November 23rd at 6:30-CTK Campus* The *Milwaukee Handbell Ensemble* will be ringing in the Christmas season with a free concert at **UNITY's Christ the King campus on Saturday, November 23 at 6:30 PM**. CTK is the home of the group, which includes UNITY's own Gloria Dei and Hosanna Handbells director, Stacey Nordmeyer, and Director of Music Ministry, Lynn Key. The program is open to everyone, so bring your family and friends along! If you can't join them this next Saturday, you can catch them Sunday 11/24 at United Methodist Church of Whitefish Bay, 819 E. Silver Spring Drive at 3:30 PM. MHE is thrilled to once again be playing with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra for their Hometown Holiday Pops series. Performances run from Saturday, December 14th thru Sunday December 22nd. Check out **mso.org** for the full lineup of performance times, or see posters in various locations around each campus.

**Call Team Update.** Thank you for all of your prayers as we started this important work. While it's difficult for us to not share more information with you in order to protect the confidentiality of the candidates, we can tell you that up to this point, we have received 5 names. We have had interviews with each of them and with some we have had a second interview beginning with a dinner. In addition, Pastor Sherrie has had extended conversations with three of them. Currently, we have released the names of four of them from further consideration for UNITY and are continuing conversation with one candidate. In addition to reading through a candidates' written paperwork, the team listens to several of their sermons online, prepares questions to ask based on their paperwork, and then as they move beyond a first interview, we have asked candidates to prepare a Bible study or a sermon to share with team in order to get a sense of their theology and approach. We pray often for God's guidance and for each of the candidates as they discern whether we are a good fit for them. Thank you for your continued prayers for us and that the Spirit would continue to be at work throughout it all!

# Celebrate the Past, Commit to the Future with the 2025 Pledge Drive!

We invite you to reflect on the abundance in your own life and consider how you can contribute financially and with your time and talents to our church.

#### **Memories and Hopes Portion**

We are gathering meaningful memories from 2024 and hopes for 2025. Everyone can participate (kids and adults). Find a blue or purple half-sheet in the narthex or download the form from UNITY's *"Pledge for 2025"* webpage. Once completed, hang the sheet up in the narthex.

Be sure to check out the photo boards and posted memory/hope sheets in the narthex. Perhaps enjoy some coffee and fellowship as you view the displays.

#### **Financial Portion**

As we look to the future, we see a lot of big things. We see a fuller UNITY staff to achieve our goals and adapt to changing congregational needs. We see our amazing staff earning market-based pay. We see UNITY completing deferred property items at both campuses to ensure the security, protection and beauty of our spaces. We see continued growth and support for internal ministries and our servanthood partners.

We set the goal of 300 pledges by December 8th because pledges are essential to our ability to budget and plan. Please consider committing to a 6% increase in your giving for 2025 to help UNITY accomplish our goals. If you feel especially able, consider a 10% increase. If you want to do more but not that much, a 3% increase gets us half-way!

Scan this QR code to complete your pledge online or find paper sheets in the narthex.

#### Holiday Bag Sales - Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who generously supported the food pantry bag sale the past few weeks. Our congregation raised \$2911 that has already been passed along to the Waukesha Food Pantry to support their purchase of holiday meal items.

If you are interested in continuing to help the food pantry, UNITY has regular volunteer shifts on the 4th Saturdays and 5th Mondays of each month. The volunteer dates for 2025 are now posted on Signup Genius. Please reach out to either Melanie Rooney melrooney7@gmail.com or Bill Rooney billrooney017@gmail.com if you have any questions about this servanthood opportunity.

Advent Fest will Feature a Cookie Walk! Can You Help? We are holding a Cookie Walk at Advent Fest! In addition to enjoying cookies there, we will be offering take-home boxes! Cookies will be sold by the pound and used as a fundraiser for the Sr. High's summer trip to the Boundary Waters. Please sign up through SignUpGenius on our Sign Up web page and indicate which type of cookie you plan to bring. Drop off cookies at our COL campus the afternoon of Friday, December 6. Questions? Contact Tiffany Reay at sreays@gmail.com.

Help us 'prepare the way' for Advent and Christmas at the CTK campus! On Wed., December 4 from 9:00 am until noon, join in at the Christ the King campus to decorate the building for the coming of our Lord! If you have questions, contact Diana Koenen, (DLStobbs@sbcglobal.net or 262-853-7081), David Koenen (davidkoenen@wi.rr.com or 414-559-6974), or you can contact Nancy Kostanski in the UNITY office.

#### Christmas Gift Bags for Homebound: December 10 at CTK

Reaching out to members who are homebound is an important part of our ministry. Every year we assemble and deliver gift bags to let them know we're thinking of them, especially during the holidays. We will gather on **Tuesday, December 10, at 1:00 pm at our Christ the King campus** to



assemble and deliver gift bags to homebound members. If you can be a part, please contact Jane Boorse at janeboorse43@gmail.com or 262-781-1373.

#### Christmas Basket Helpers Needed: December 21 at COL

Each year we deliver simple gift bags around Christmas to member households (approx. 30-60) we are aware of having experienced grief, loss or unique hardship during the past year. The more deliverers we have, the better. If you've ever been on the receiving end of these gifts, you know how meaningful it is. This ministry involves assembling gift bags and delivering them on **Saturday**, **December 21, beginning at 9:30 am at our Cross of Life campus**. If you're interested, please contact Michelle Wilkins at mlwilkins012@gmail.com by Saturday, December 14.

#### Mitten Tree at CTK, Mitten Bin at COL Warm Hearts

In UNITY tradition, the Mitten Tree will come alive in CTK's narthex and the Mitten Bin will arrive at COL in time for Advent Fest on **Friday, December 6**. Our two campuses offer the same great way to help the kids at our partner church Hephatha and their neighborhood kids stay warm this winter! CTK's tree will be in the narthex and COL's bin will be near the doors at the west (fireplace) entrance. Please note: Items will be picked and sent out several times during the season. These are much-needed replacements for items that fall by the wayside. Questions? Contact Jane Boorse at janeboorse43@gmail.com or 262-781-1373. Thanks for warming kids' hands, heads and hearts this holiday ... and all winter long!

#### Angel Trees: Gifts for Our Partners Due December 18

**Beginning December 6,** "Angel Trees" at each campus are an easy way to give this Christmas. Each tree is adorned with tags for small thank you gifts for: staff at our partner ministries; presents for kids at our partner churches; gifts for Bread of Healing Clinic and Hebron Housing Services; and residents at Aspen Center and Serenity Inns. Here's how it works:

1) Pick a tag off the Angel Trees and follow the gift suggestions.

2) Return gift to the campus where you picked it by Wed., December 18. Gifts should be delivered *wrapped and labelled with gifted name only.* 

# 3) Volunteers will deliver them in time for Christmas! *Can you help deliver gifts on Thursday, December 19, or Friday, December 20*?

Contact Jackie Herington at 262-399-5689 or jackieswan10@hotmail.com.

#### New Paper Envelope System in 2025

Envelopes enveloping gifts. Envelopes sitting in a drawer. Envelopes tossed into the recycle bin. I know our personal experience is all of the above. Do you write checks or give cash for your giving to UNITY? Do you do it weekly or monthly? Do you miss a month and then send in a larger check in a different envelope? If so, do you find the right date and use that one? Does it matter?

UNITY spends quite a bit of money on having custom weekly envelopes made. Then more is spent on mailing them. This is money that can be redirected to other ministries. For those who do not use all their envelopes, then this is waste that does not have to be created.

We hear you! Come next year, we are moving to a new envelope system for members. In January, we will reduce the envelopes down to 12 a year, plus some extra ones to use for special holidays, unless a member requests more.

Look for more information toward the end of the year! But, until then, may you envelope your generosity in your giving in an envelope (or electronically or anyway that inspires you)!

**Calling ALL Thrivent Members!** If you have any life insurance policies or annuities or anything with Thrivent, you may be eligible to direct what's known as "Choice Dollars" to the beneficiary of

your choice. These are dollars that aren't used or given to you if you don't do anything AND you have to log in to your account and choose where to direct them EVERY year.

If your yearly premiums or your total investments are not high enough to qualify for these Choice Dollars, YOU STILL can apply for what's known as a Thrivent Action grant, which allows you to receive two \$250 gift cards per year to use for supplies to fund a ministry event related to education, serving or fundraising. Super easy to do and last year, we received an additional \$4,000 in money to support what we do because of members who applied.

Contact Pastor Sherrie for more information and the wording for project ideas. Thank you!

**Christmas Poinsettias.** In keeping with UNITY tradition at both campuses, Christmas poinsettias you purchase will be placed around our altars and sanctuaries to decorate for Christmas services. They may be taken home following any Christmas Eve Service. Order forms and checks are due **Sunday, December 10**. Thank you for helping us beautify our spaces for the holidays and for supporting a great cause! Proceeds benefit our Sr. High Youth Group. Sponsors will be listed in Christmas Eve bulletins. Order Forms are available in the narthex at both campuses, or you can order online at the UNITY website. Contact is Matt Griepentrog matt@unitybrookfield.org with any questions.

If you are going to be home for the holidays, consider volunteering for upcoming services and events as we will be in need of help.

#### **Christmas Worship Times**

December 24 - Christmas Eve 2:00pm COL 2:00pm CTK with communion 4:00pm COL with communion 4:00pm CTK with communion 7:30pm COL with communion 10:30pm COL with communion **December 25 - Christmas Day** 

No in-person worship services Online Christmas Message available

#### **Christian Education**

Contact Michelle Aprahamian, c: 414-732-8615, email: michelle@unitybrookfield.org

#### Mark Your Calendars for Advent Fest on December 6

Ready for some cookies, caroling and Christ-centered fun to get into the spirit of the season? *Who isn't*? Mark your calendar *now* for one of our most popular events! Advent Fest will be held on **Friday, December 6, from 5:30-8:00 pm at our COL campus**. Together we'll enjoy dinner, worship, crafting, music, and an evening of fun for the whole family. Watch for more info to come, along with signups for Advent Fest crafts that are for ALL ages and stages. *(Children in 3rd grade and younger must be accompanied by an adult.)* You really don't want to miss this much-loved annual tradition at UNITY! See **Advent Fest tile on UNITY's webpage for all things Advent Fest**!

Nov. 30-Dec. 1 - No Sunday school. Happy Thanksgiving!

Mark your calendars for December 14-15! (Note that this is a week EARLIER than usual based on the way the calendar falls this year!) Join us for our Sunday school Christmas

**program at all worship services. No one tells The Greatest Story Ever Told better than our kids!** We have already begun practicing, so parents, every opportunity you are able to get your child(ren) to Sunday School is appreciated! It helps them feel more comfortable and know the songs/actions and the flow of the story, so that it's memorable not only for you, but especially for THEM! If you aren't able to make your usual worship time some weekend, know that the program is the same for every SS hour, so popping into another hour some week is absolutely worth doing if you can! Thank you.

December 21-22 and 28-29 - No Sunday school. Merry Christmas!

January 4-5, 2025 - Sunday School resumes

Confirmation Contact Nicole Krause, e: nicole@unitybrookfield.org or Sherrie Lorbeck, e: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org

Sunday Fusion Series 3 continues this week as we travel to St. John Vianney on Sunday, November 17th (dress nicely!). Meet at the fireplace at COL ready to leave at 8:45 am for Mass at 9:00 am. *Thank you parent volunteers and drivers!* 

Confirmation Students who are interested in being a part of the "Christmas vignette", please let Sherrie know ASAP, as we will need to start writing a script and figuring out a practice schedule VERY soon! The plan is to present it just ONCE at Advent Fest on December 6th.

**NEW Service Project Opportunities** have been added to the Sign Up Genius page! Go to the confirmation page of the website to sign up.

Upcoming Schedule Change - Just a reminder that because we are hosting this year's Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday, November 20th, there will be NO Confirmation class for the Sunday group on Nov. 17th. Instead, we are asking that you try to have your child come on Wednesday, slightly LATER than normal, from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. (or as much of that time frame as possible). It's such a unique opportunity to get to meet and hear a little more from people from other faith traditions. One of Pastor John's last words to me (Sherrie) was "Don't let BEGIN die." It's been a group that we've been a part of each month over the last 18 plus years, but as Covid and leadership transitions have taken place in other communities too, this is the first time we'll be in person since 2019. Parents, you are also invited to attend as well for this special evening of reflection on our values and what we all hold sacred! Be in touch if you have any questions and this will also be a DOUBLE C-Mail opportunity!

**Friday Night FUSION will be Friday, November 22nd at CTK from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.** NERF GUN Capture the Flag! We have the bullets. *You bring any Nerf Gun or two or three that you have in your collection, especially if you have some you can share!* We'll divide up and each team will be on a quest to find the "Holy Grail" of the other team and safely bring it back to their side without being caught. Anyone hit by a bullet, of course, is also brought to the other team's jail where they will sit until they can be freed by a fellow teammate! It's a ton of fun! We'll end the night with a quick devotion focused on Jesus who always brings us together and is our peace!

#### **Other Important Upcoming Dates:**

- No Class Sunday, Nov 24th or Wednesday, Nov. 27th (Thanksgiving Break)
- Trimester 2 Begins on Sunday, December 1st or Wednesday, December 4th

#### Servant Ministries Contact Ellen Vermillion, c: 262-565-8512, e: evermill61@gmail.com or Nicole Krause, e: nicole@unitybrookfield.org

# **Sign Up to Donate at our next Blood Drive, Saturday, December 7, 7am-11am COL campus.** Sign up is live on the church website. Please contact Marilyn Ranney, Unity Blood Drive Advocate with any questions or if you need assistance in getting signed up. Contact her at 414-975-5606 or email her at ranneymarilyn@gmail.com. Our heartfelt gratitude to all blood donors and our prayers for healing for all who receive blood products!

Help make Thanksgiving Dinner for the residents of Aspen Center! Shoppers, cooks, and deliverers needed. Holidays are really tough for people new to recovery, and all of the residents are away from their homes for the program (along with those dedicated staff people). Let's encourage them with a home-cooked Thanksgiving meal! We need shoppers, delivery people, and lots of cooks on **Wednesday, November 27**. Kids welcome to help! If you can help, please see the SignUpGenius page to let us know where you would like to serve. Please contact Cindy Boyd at dcboyd1985@sbcglobal.net or 262-424-3610 with any questions.

#### Let's Get Cookin'! Mass Meal Prep continues December 11

One Wednesday each month from **4:00-6:30 pm**, 4 adults will work with 4 Confirmation students to whip up a delicious recipe in the COL Kitchen for 25 men at Aspen Center! It's easy: cooking stations are all set up and ready for our Sous Chefs to step in. What if cooking really isn't your thing but you still want to help? No problem! We also need the following support: 1 or 2 shoppers, 2 home bakers, and 1 meal delivery driver. It's a big team effort, so what a blessing you will be! **Cooking dates are: December 11, January 8, February 12 and May 7**. Sign up online by clicking on the appropriate links: Adult Signup or Confirmation Signup. Questions? Contact Cindy Flynn at 262-391-7870 or cindylouflynn@aol.com.

*Fun Fact:* Over the years our UNITY Confirmation kids and congregation have consistently made meals for the following partners: Springdale House (this goes back many years!) Serenity Inns, Juno House, Siena House, and this year, Aspen Center! UNITY, you continue to be so very amazing. Thank you for sharing your time to fill not only the stomachs of men in recovery, but also their hearts!

#### Cookie Decorating & Cider at Aspen on December 14

Enjoy pre-holiday fun with Aspen friends! Join us on **Saturday, December 14, from 1:00-2:00 pm at Aspen Center** for Cookie Decorating & Cider. No need to RSVP; just show up! Cookies will stay there for the men to enjoy. Aspen Center is at 2000 W. Bluemound Rd. Contact is Cindy Boyd at dcboyd1985@sbcglobal.net or 262-424-3610.

**Volunteer Treasurer Needed for Bread of Healing Clinic, 10 hrs/month**. We give thanks for Unity member Doreen Brecheisen who has served as the treasurer for our free clinic partner in Milwaukee for the last 4 years, and are looking for the next great person to fill the role. Might this be your next calling? The role involves working with the accountant's financials to produce monthly reports for the board and assist with the budget. A combination of monthly in-person meetings and working from home. About 10 hours/month. Accounting background and knowledge of quickbooks would be big assets. Doreen would be happy to talk with anyone interested in the role (norskjohnson@gmail.com) or you can reach out directly to Barb Horner-Ibler at the clinic: (414) 313-9430. This is an organization you would be proud to support. Thanks for considering and spreading the word.

#### Hephatha Accepting Furniture Donations

**Our partner, Hephatha Lutheran Church, is assisting Holy Cross Lutheran Church with their** "Share Our Best" Furniture Ministry. This ministry, which was begun a couple years ago to help kids not have to sleep on the floor, relies on donations of furniture that they will pick up. They are looking for furniture that is in reasonably good condition – primarily beds (single, full and queen sizes, with frames and bedding) – as well as dressers, kitchen tables and chairs, and other pieces. If you have furniture to donate, please contact Hephatha Servant Advocate Shirley Denu at srdenu2@gmail.com so the donation can be coordinated. Thank you for helping with this important ministry that directly impacts the quality of life at home for so many in need.

**Ongoing Service Opportunities:** UNITY has standing volunteer "shifts" at various partners that we commit to covering as a church. Each one is coordinated by a different Unity member... each one has its own sign up page on the church website... and each one is an opportunity for you!

**Waukesha Food Pantry Food Distribution**: Each month, 4th Saturday, 9am-12pm; 5th Monday 5:45 - 8 pm.

**Serenity Inns Recovery Program Fellowship Dinners:** cook, deliver, or serve a meal for 12 residents. Each month,1st Sunday and 2nd Friday, 6 - 7pm. Kids welcome.

#### **Applications Due for El Salvador Trip: November 16**

Our Mission of Healing Trip to El Salvador will be **February 15-22**, **2025**. Application and deposit deadline: **November 16.** Cost: if you are a UNITY member, church will pay all your in-country expenses. You just pay the plane ticket (approx. \$700).

Similar to previous, pre-Covid years we will travel on Saturday, visit our sister church Cordero on Sunday, help the Salvadoran Lutheran Church with their traveling health fair Monday-Thursday (setting up in a different town each day), play on Friday, and travel home on Saturday. The offerings at the health fair always vary based on what our group can offer, but it's usually a combination of basic wellness checks, health education (on topics like nutrition, reproductive health, mental health, oral health) and activities for kids. The Salvadorans have asked if we can do extra emphasis on mental health this year.

Skills needed: anyone can apply, but these are the skills/backgrounds we could most use this year:

- Behavioral/mental health training
- Medical providers (advanced practice professionals, PAs, physicians)
- Nurses
- Pharmacy
- Art
- Kids/education
- Yoga/relaxation/expressive arts

We also always need 3-4 "willing to do anything" worker-bee-type people. No Spanish is needed, although it's always a plus. Application is on our Sign Up web page. For more info, contact Nicole Krause at nicole@unitybrookfield.org.

Save the Date for 2025 El Salvador Summer Trip: August 5-12 Relationship-Building Summer Trip.

**Looking for firewood?** At both campuses dead trees were taken down on the October work days, so there is now firewood available for anyone wishing to pick some up. There are piles at both campuses (wood on pallets at CTK is for fire pits so kindly leave that.)

**Snow Blowing/Shoveling Sign Up:** Let's pray we still have a few weeks before the snow starts to fly, but if you are a person who doesn't mind helping to clear the sidewalks and throw some salt down, check out the details in the SignUpGenius on our website. You sign up for just 1 campus, and we ask for a 1 week commitment starting on Wednesdays and running through the following Tuesday. When you sign up, helpful details will be emailed to you, and a reminder is emailed 3 days prior to your start date. Thank you for helping!

We will also start to turn our attention to doing what we can do on the inside of our buildings. At COL, there are a number of spaces and hallways that are in desperate need of a fresh coat of paint. If this is something you enjoy doing and can help us with, please reach out to Denny Thompson, Al Bengston, Lynn Key or one of the pastors. Thank you.

> Adult Programs Contact: Todd Blatnik, email: todd.blatnik@wi.rr.com or Matt Griepentrog, c: 262-787-8820, e: matt@unitybrookfield.org

Monday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Eric! - Mondays at 10 AM @ COL, continues Monday November 18th. Looking for a weekly Bible study group? Pastor Eric has just what you're looking for! Start your week with Eric as he leads a study that follows the worship lectionary (the three year cycle of Scripture readings used in worship). You'll take a deep dive into the weekly scripture readings (you won't be left behind if you miss a week or more). Bring a friend, and meet us in Room 202 @ COL.

**Sheepshead Small Group** - Play Sheepshead with us on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month thru November, 6:30pm at our Christ the King campus. Sheepshead is a 5-player trump-style partner card game, a bit complicated to learn but addictive once you've got it. Beginners or those interested in learning are welcome to join the group, we are happy to teach you. Contact is Mary Huss (mhwis@hotmail.com). Next Game Night is: Thursday, November 21st at 6:30 pm at CTK. We will take a break for the month of December. Watch for future game dates!

**Calling all 20-30 Somethings to join us on Monday, November 25, at 7:30 pm at Camp Bar Tosa** (6600 W. North Ave. in Wauwatosa). We'll play trivia and meet up with friends who are in town for Thanksgiving!

#### **Interested in Our Adult Boundary Waters Trip?**

In case you missed our October 27 Forum about the Adult Boundary Waters Trip, plans are in the works to offer this trip to adults of UNITY. Information is still being gathered that will help us plan the best trip possible. All skill levels will be welcome, so there's no need to be intimidated! If you think the trip is something you're interested in, please contact Matt Griepentrog at matt@unitybrookfield.org.

#### Do You Have Ideas for Adult Programming? Let Us Know!

Adult Programs is always looking for new ideas as we continue to plan new forums and events. If you have any ideas for groups, events, studies, or speakers that you'd like us to know about, please reach out to our new Adult Programs chairperson, Todd Blatnik, at todd.blatnik@wi.rr.com.

#### **UNITY Member Care**

Contact: Jim Ahlquist-Minister of Member Care e: jim@unitybrookfield.org, c: 715-210-2245 or Sherrie Lorbeck or Eric Silberschmidt

# Grief Group will continue meeting on modified Wednesdays through the end of the year. The next meeting is November 20 with a modified time, 5:30-7:00 pm at COL in room 202 - *When Life Isn't the Same* ...

If you have lost a spouse or a parent or someone else close to you, the grieving doesn't end after the funeral. We invite you to a safe space where you can share more about where you are at in your journey ... learn more about the stages of grief ... and get help finding your way through what you need most for the road ahead.

We invite you to join us for our Grief Group. These gatherings will be led by Pastor Jim Ahlquist and Nicole Krause. If this is the right time for you, or if someone you know could benefit from being a part of this, please join us! A zoom link can be provided if you are not able to meet in person. If you have questions or just want to discuss whether this is the right place for you, contact Pastor Jim at jim@unitybrookfield.org or 715-210-2245.

**UNITY Member Care is always here for you.** You don't have to face life's ups and downs alone. Whether it's an unexpected hospitalization, a recent diagnosis, the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, addiction, anxiety, depression, or virtually anything else, the pastors are only a call, text, or email away. Please never hesitate to reach out -- whether we're the only stop you'll make or just the first step in a longer care process.

**Prayer Place cards-** If you have a prayer request that you would like included in the Prayers for Friends and Family section in the bulletin, there are cards available in the narthex near the bulletin board. You can fill out the request and pin it to the bulletin board there. You can fill out a card and place it in the basket and it will be included in the upcoming bulletin. These prayer requests will stay for 4 weeks and then if you need further prayer, repost as often as needed. Any questions, please contact Nancy by phone or email nancy@unitybrookfield.org

#### Worship & Music Opportunities

Director of Music, Contact Lynn Key, c: 414-507-5888 e: lynn@unitybrookfield.org Children's Choirs, Contact Janet Day, c: 414-975-0286, e: janetday4@me.com Fellowship Choir, Contact Molly Pufall-Brown, c: 920-265-6881, e: mpufall@gmail.com Handbells & Praise Band, Contact Stacey Nordmeyer, c: 414-617-7673, e: staceynordmeyer72@icloud.com

**LOOKING FOR CHRISTMAS EVE MUSICIANS!** These holiday services are such a wonderful time to share your musical gifts in an easy group setting with fellow music lovers. And there is such wonderful music to share! You can still join your family to enjoy the rest of the worship service. Please contact Lynn Key if you are willing to share.

*Are you going to be home the weekend after Christmas?* Calling all musicians who would like to share a Christmas selection at any of our services that weekend. It could be a solo, a piece with a family member or friend, or you could also play along on your instrument with the piano or organ while everyone sings Christmas Carols. Just contact Lynn Key and let's put something together!

**UNITY's All-Music Tuesdays:** We rehearse every Tuesday night through mid-May. Come join us even if you can't make it every week. Nursery and child care are available. No auditions are necessary. Talk to any of our music staff if you have questions.

• JOYFUL NOISE MUSIC MAKERS - Ages PreK–Grade 1 • 6:00pm to 6:30pm • Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall • Directed by Janet Day.

• **CELEBRATION MUSIC MAKERS** - Ages Grade 2–Grade 6 • Tuesdays: 6:30pm to 7:15pm • Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall • Directed by Janet Day.

• HOSANNA BELLS - Beginning to Early Intermediate Ringers • Tuesdays: 7:15pm to 8:00pm • Cross of Life Sanctuary.

• **FELLOWSHIP CHOIR** - Ages 7th Grade–Adult • Tuesdays: 7:15pm to 8:15pm • Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall • Directed by Molly Pufall-Brown.

• GLORIA DEI BELLS - Late Intermediate to Advanced Ringers • Tuesdays: 6:15pm to 7:15pm • Cross of Life Sanctuary • Directed by Stacey Nordmeyer.

Join us for UNITY's Thanksgiving Eve worship services: Wednesday, November 27th. We will again offer 2 worship options: Christ the King Campus at 1:00pm or 7:00 pm at the Cross of Life Campus. Mark your calendars to join us for worship and pie socials! If you're able to bring a pie to share, please do so and we'll have all the whipped topping, decaf coffee, cocoa and milk to go with that sweet foretaste of any Thanksgiving feasts planned for the following day!

#### Sr. High

Contact Nancy Oberhauser, c: 262-527-8869, e: nancy.oberhauser@Aexp.com or Sherrie Lorbeck, c: 414-477-7762 e: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org or Ryan Johnson, c: 262-825-7331, e: rmjohnson1117@gmail.com

Sunday, November 24th - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at the COL Campus. Christmas Tree Set up and Getting Ready for the Season! Be a part of this time honored tradition and this important task of getting all the decorations up from the basement and assembling the trees in the sanctuary so that they are ready to be adorned with ornaments come Advent Fest! Dig out any Christmas sweaters and fun hats or Christmas accessories that you have and we'll put the music on, break out the Christmas cookies and prepare our hearts for the love that first came so many years ago!

Friday, December 6th - ADVENT FEST! 5:30 - 7:30/8:00 p.m. at the COL campus. Not technically a "Sr. High event", but you're never too old for this annual tradition of dinner, a mini worship, craft making, Christmas music, decorating, and last but not least, Christmas cookies and Cocoa to end the evening! Let Michelle Aprahamian know if you'd be available to help in "Adventure Land" (the craft area for the little kids) or watch for list of Craft options that YOU can sign up for in the coming weeks!

And if you'd be up for caroling along with Mr. Marv Wunder on Accordion, talk to Lynn Key. In year's past, we had a whole group of Sr. High that went from room to room singing Christmas carols and inviting kids and parents to join in! And if singing and crafts aren't quite your thing, but making sure the building is ready for Christmas, we also need someone to tackle what Pastor John always did...getting a LIVE tree set up in the Fireplace area! Partner we are praying for this month: Cross Lutheran Church

The altar flowers at COL are given by Paul and Tracy Karrels In celebration of their 26th wedding anniversary.

Thank you to Leslie O'Connell for arranging the altar flowers this weekend

This weekend's communion breads were baked by Denny Thompson

### **Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members**

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

#### **Cross of Life Campus**

Luna Loverine, Joan Krause, Steve Schultz, Jill Barney, Julie Schultz, Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Joseph Nutt, Linda Langer, Jerry Buenger, Bob Rusk, Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Paula Dryer, Marlene Jernberg, John Vaughan, Alyce Vollan, Barb Purnell, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

#### Christ the King Campus

Mary Johnsen, Parker Godfrey, Ann Borowski, Dawn Suharski, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Dave Rau

We give a prayer of thanksgiving for the renewed health of:

Mary Jo Eggert, Karen Beres & Don Bock

We pray our prayers of sympathy for family and loved ones as they mourn the death of a loved one:

## **Cross of Life Campus**

Eric Thomas and family on the death of his uncle, Richard Mercer

# **UNITY Prayer Place**

Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.

#### November 16-17

Ken Kamenick (health concerns), father of Matt Kamenick Gary Kamenick (brain tumor), uncle of Matt Kamenick Terri Kwiatkowski (stage 4 terminal cancer), friend of Michelle Aprahamian Ron Ripley (cancer treatments), cousin of Dick Dressler

#### November 9-10

Chase Radigan (traumatic brain injury), nephew of Debbie Riederer's sister-in-law Steve Perry (West Nile virus), friend of Julie & Steve Schultz Karen (breast cancer), great aunt of Sia & Weston Grabowski Polly Galian (cancer), best friend of Pat Petran Tony Susa (spinal cord injury), brother-in-law of Vivian Clark Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

#### November 2-3

Scott & Mary Pat (hospitalized following major motorcycle accident), dear friends of Dawn Edward's

Andrea Knoke (ovarian cancer), friend of Kyle & Anna Jansson Harper Helm (concussion), granddaughter of Karen Beres

#### October 26-27

Sara Weix (breast cancer), daughter of Ron & Barb Weix Ruth Ungeran (advanced Parkinson's Disease), sister-in-law of Judie Born, Aunt/ Godmother of Lisa Reid Donna Funk (bladder cancer/liver issues), daughter of Pearl Haack

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, etc.) overseas and our military personnel: Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank

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COL 5:00 p.m.	Ministers for Saturday, November 16, 2024

Acolyte:	Jeff Key Matthew Nustad, Tim Nustad Emma Jolliff, Maxwell Roemaat Nicki & Mark Shady
Worship Assistant:	
Reader:	Phil Roemaat
Communion Assistants:	Deborah & Tim Nustad
ABC:	
Musician:	Janet Day
Sound:	Matt Jolliff
Visual Projection:	
	Nicole Krause
Sunday School Leaders: Sunday School Support:	Beth Ann Wuerl
Nursery:	Samantha James

<u>COL 8:30 a.m.</u>	Ministers for Sunday, November 17, 2024
Worship Coordinator:	Kathy Bruhnke
Greeters:	Deanna Brownell, Tiffany Reay
Acolvte:	Addison Kahle, Sophia Mrachek, Charlotte Ouinnell
Ushers:	Jeanne & Greg Bonk
Worship Assistant:	Jeanne & Greg Bonk Paul Langer Melissa Bemus
Reader:	Melissa Bemus
Communion Assistants:	Jann & Dave Meissner, Darcy & Jan Constable
	Jeanne & Greg Bonk
Musician:	Janet Day
Sound:	Kim Keup
Livestream:	Josef Keup
Visual Projection:	Josef Keup Mike Aprahamian Trisha Smith
Song Leader.	Trisna Smith Lizz Kahla, Magan Van Haam, Jandan Lynaly
Sunday School Leaders:	Lisa Kahle, Megan Van Hoorn, Jordan Lunak
Sunday School Support:	Maddy Paradis
Coffee:	Jeanne & Greg Bonk
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CTK 9:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, November 17, 2024
Greeters:	Dawn Suharski, Julie Smith
Acolyte:	Evelyn Burmeister, Robby Burmeister
Ushers:	Rob Burmeister, Neal Borkenhagen
Worship Assistant:	Aaron Prohuska
Reader:	Jim Johnsen
Communion Assistants:	Diana VanSlyke, Sandi John
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	Praise Band
Visual Projection:	Mary Huss Droige Dand
Song Leader:	Jessica Loomis, Emily McFadden
Sunday School Leaders: Sunday School Support:	Jessica Loomis, Emily Micraduen
Nursery:	Bree Godfrey
	Barb Borkenhagen
<u>COL 10:45 a.m.</u>	Ministers for Sunday, November 17, 2024
Worship Coordinator:	Greg Hoesly
	Brad Wilkins, Dustin Vrab
Acolyte:	Josephine Toussaint, Austin Alft
	Patricia & Jeff Pelzel
Worship Assistant:	Vaira Vroonfl
Reader: Communion Assistants:	Keira Kroepfl Michelle & Brad Wilkins
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Musician:	Janet Day
Sound:	Junci Day
Visual Projection:	Steve Brewer
Song Leader:	
Sunday School Leaders:	Jennifer Loverine, Kelly Shoff
Sunday School Support:	Donna LeClaire
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# Christ the King Weekend

November 23-24, 2024

Saturday, November 23, 2024 5:00 pm COL Sunday, November 24, 2024 8:30 am COL 9:30 am CTK 10:45 am COL

Live Streamed at 8:30 am Sundays and available Online anytime afterwards

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Cross of Life Campus 20700 W. North Avenue Brookfield, WI 53045 Christ the King Campus 4600 Pilgrim Road Brookfield, WI 53005

#### WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH! We're glad you're here today! UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** We're glad to have you with us! If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: unitybrookfield.org for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

- Children. Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- **Nursery.** Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- Sunday School. All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)

## • At UNITY, the Communion Table is:

- Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
- Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
- Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
- We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
- Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
- If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.
- **Pastors.** UNITY is currently served by Pastor Sherrie Lorbeck, Pastor Eric Silberschmidt who is our Interim pastor as we search for two additional pastors. along with Pastor Jim Ahlquist, who is our part time pastoral care pastor and occasional preacher. Most Saturdays, the weekend preacher is the pastor at that service. On Sundays, the preacher for the weekend travels to both campuses to share the message. The other pastor is then based at the COL campus. Feel free to reach out if you need anything or would like to talk more.

**GIVING.** If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay and Venmo are also accepted. Thank you!



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# Christ the King Weekend November 23-24, 2024

#### Prelude

"A German Music Box"	arr. Bisbee	(5:00)
Milwaukee Handbell Ensemble, Jana I		
"Lord, I Need You"	Jesse Reeves	(8:30, 10:45)
"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"	Gerhard Krapf	(9:30)

#### Words of Welcome

#### **Sharing the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Many: And also with you.

Call to Worship: (Responsive, based on today's gospel lesson)

- One: Long ago, two men were alone in a room.
- Many: Theirs were names we all know. Jesus of Nazareth and Pontius Pilate.
- One: One possessed a great, enduring power, rooted in humility and grace.
- Many: One possessed a tenuous, temporary power, rooted in intimidation and control.
- One: Jesus recognized Pilate for who he was and perhaps for a moment, Pilate, too, recognized the One who stood before him.

Many: But Pilate blinked and the moment was gone. Hands washed, he preserved his power but missed out on the Truth.

- One: Jesus walked on to his cross, redeeming a world loved by God, but unfamiliar with the essence of love.
- Many: Redeem us all, O Savior. Open us to share the love we so often feel is scarce in our lives.
- One: For only when love is shared, does it multiply.

Many: And in sharing, we live the only Truth which endures, and to which all are invited...

#### **Opening Hymn**

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" ELW 855 vs. 1, 3, 4, 5 (5:00, 8:30, 9;30, 10:45)

#### **Children's Message**

#### **Greeting and Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

Many: And also with you.

One: Let us pray. God, you who are Ever-Present and Ever-Good,

Many: give us a rich measure of your Spirit this week. Whatever our circumstance, may we be deeply thankful. Whenever we feel scattered, focus us. However we dream, ground us in your ways. Whichever day it is, remind us you are its beginning and end. These things we humbly pray for ourselves and each other, Amen.

#### Lesson: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Chronologically, Daniel is the last Old Testament book to be written. It was produced around 165 BC during the Jewish revolt against Greek occupation that serves as the origin for the modern Hanukkah celebration. One of the earliest "apocalyptic" writings, Daniel imagines a coming king, "one like a human being," a phrase the gospels usually translate as "Son of Man."

9 As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. 10 A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. 13 As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. 14 To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed. The Word of the Lord! One<sup>.</sup>

- Many: Thanks be to God.
- Anthem *"A Christmas Carillon"* arr. Tucker Milwaukee Handbell Ensemble, Jana Larson-Director

(5:00)

#### **Gospel: John 18:33-37**

In the last week of his life, Jesus warns the Disciples about the challenges and trials that were to come. Jesus encourages us to be at work in ministry instead of being alarmed by the events happening around us.

The Gospel according to John, the eighteenth chapter One<sup>.</sup>

#### Glory to you, O Lord. Many:

<sup>33</sup> Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" <sup>35</sup> Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" <sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." <sup>37</sup> Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

The Gospel of the Lord! One<sup>.</sup> Praise to you, O Christ. Many:

"What's the Tru?" Caryn & Jim Ahlquist Sermon

#### Hymn of the Day

"*All Hail the Power of Jesus 'Name*" ELW 634 vs. 1-3 (5:00, 8:30, 9:30, 10:45)

#### The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people One: according to their needs. (Congregation response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer.") Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your Pastor: mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Many: Amen.

#### **Announcements and Offering**

Offertory Response (as gifts are brought forward)		(All Services)
"We Are an Offering"	ELW 692	

#### **Prayer of Thanks**

- Let us pray. Merciful Father, One:
- We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us... Many: ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.. Amen

#### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### Words of Institution

#### The Lord's Prayer (traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### **Communion Meditation**

"Come Thou Fount"	Philip Wesley	(5:00, 8:30,	10:45)
"Give Thanks"	Henry Smith, arr. Fred B	ock	(9:30)

#### **Post Communion Blessing**

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace and peace.

Many: Amen.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

One: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Many: Amen.

#### Benediction

<b>Sending Hymn</b> <i>"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"</i>	ELW 858	(5:00, 8:30, 9:30, 10:45)
DismissalOne:Go in peace, serve the Lord!Many:Thanks be to God!		
<b>Postlude</b> "Give Thanks" "Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven"	Henry Smith Lani Smith	(5:00, 8:30, 10:45) (9:30)

# Welcome Fall 2024 New Members!

**BUTH, Deanna (Dee):** I moved to the area after my husband passed away to be closer to my daughter. I have been retired for 10 years & am enjoying every minute of it. I love to travel, swim, & take long walks.

LLANAS Family: Dean, Beth, Katie (7) and Lauren (4). We reside in Brookfield but we are certainly not homebodies! We are active with mountain biking, camping, swimming and things travel! When we are at home you'll find us hanging out by the fire pit. We cherish friends and family and are delighted to be a part of UNITY.

**MACKENZIE, Joanne:** My husband Alan and I and my 3 children, Brian, Jessica and John, were longtime members of Cross of Life church a few decades ago (!) when we resided in Brookfield. Alan passed away February 2024. We held his celebration of life service at UNITY Cross of Life campus. Presently all of my children reside out of state - Boston, Minneapolis and Chicago. I have 5 grandchildren. I volunteer at the Wildlife in Need Center in Oconomowoc and at the Waukesha Food Pantry. I am happy to reactivate my membership with UNITY!

**MANGANARO, Lucas, Crystal, Megan (19), Rachel (18) and Nico (15).** Lucas works in supply chain/procurement consulting and Crystal is a a stay-at-home mom. Megan is in her second year at University of Minnesota on a Physical Therapy track, Rachel is in her senior year at the High School of Health Sciences and plans to study engineering. Nico is in his sophomore year at Brookfield Central and enjoys sports and computers. We also have two doggos- Sammy and Scout- and a bunny named Blue.

#### MOURS, Bryan and Sue

We met after being widowed and will celebrate our tenth anniversary later this month. We have four children along with spouses and 7 grandchildren. Bryan is semi-retired from the landscape software industry. Sue is a retired nurse practitioner. We live in Sussex and have a lake home in Keshena, WI we enjoy outdoor activities especially time with family and we love to travel. Happy to join UNITY after attending for several years.

# This Weekend at UNITY!

Sr. High: Sunday, November 24th - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at the COL Campus. Christmas Tree Set up and Getting Ready for the Season! Be a part of this time honored tradition and this important task of getting all the decorations up from the basement and assembling the trees in the sanctuary so that they are ready to be adorned with ornaments come Advent Fest! Dig out any Christmas sweaters and fun hats or Christmas accessories that you have and we'll put the music on, break out the Christmas cookies and prepare our hearts for the love that first came so many years ago!

# **UNITY Highlights**

Join us THIS WEDNESDAY evening at 7:00 at our COL Campus when our BEGIN Group (Brookfield Elm Grove Interfaith Network) brings back the Thanksgiving Service in person once again! You can also bring a <u>non-perishable food item(s)</u>, OR make a cash or check donation to the Waukesha Food Pantry.

We have been a part of BEGIN for the past twenty years and this yearly gathering has always attracted people from all of our local faith communities. It's been such an easy way to learn a little more about other faith traditions, see worship spaces that you otherwise may never have a chance or feel comfortable visiting out of the blue and meet people from other faith communities all while enjoying sweet treats at the end of the evening. **This year, to help make it happen, we are hosting! So, mark your calendar for Wednesday, November 20th at 7:00 p.m. at the COL campus.** To learn a song to share in the community choir, come at 6:15 p.m. If you have questions, please talk to Lynn Key or Sherrie Lorbeck. We hope you'll be a part of this incredibly special gathering!

Grief Group meets at an earlier time this Wed., November 20, from 5:30-7:00 pm at COL in room 202 - *When Life Isn't the Same...* See UNITY Member Care section for additional info.

**Ring in the Christmas Season with MHE Saturday November 23rd at 6:30-CTK Campus** The **Milwaukee Handbell Ensemble** will be ringing in the Christmas season with a free concert **at UNITY's Christ the King campus on Saturday, November 23 at 6:30 PM**. CTK is the home of the group, which includes UNITY's own Gloria Dei and Hosanna Handbells director, Stacey Nordmeyer, and Director of Music Ministry, Lynn Key. The program is open to everyone, so bring your family and friends along! If you can't join them this next Saturday, you can catch them Sunday 11/24 at United Methodist Church of Whitefish Bay, 819 E. Silver Spring Drive at 3:30 PM. MHE is thrilled to once again be playing with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra for their Hometown Holiday Pops series. Performances run from Saturday, December 14th thru Sunday December 22nd. Check out **mso.org** for the full lineup of performance times, or see posters in various locations around each campus.

**Call Team Update.** Thank you for all of your prayers as we started this important work. While it's difficult for us to not share more information with you in order to protect the confidentiality of the candidates, we can tell you that up to this point, we have received 5 names. We have had interviews with each of them and with some we have had a second interview beginning with a dinner. In addition, Pastor Sherrie has had extended conversations with three of them. Currently, we have released the names of four of them from further consideration for UNITY and are continuing

conversation with one candidate. In addition to reading through a candidates' written paperwork, the team listens to several of their sermons online, prepares questions to ask based on their paperwork, and then as they move beyond a first interview, we have asked candidates to prepare a Bible study or a sermon to share with team in order to get a sense of their theology and approach. We pray often for God's guidance and for each of the candidates as they discern whether we are a good fit for them. Thank you for your continued prayers for us and that the Spirit would continue to be at work throughout it all!

# Celebrate the Past, Commit to the Future with the 2025 Pledge Drive!

We invite you to reflect on the abundance in your own life and consider how you can contribute financially and with your time and talents to our church.

#### **Memories and Hopes Portion**

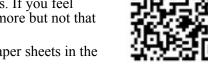
We are gathering meaningful memories from 2024 and hopes for 2025. Everyone can participate (kids and adults). Find a blue or purple half-sheet in the narthex or download the form from UNITY's *"Pledge for 2025"* webpage. Once completed, hang the sheet up in the narthex.

Be sure to check out the photo boards and posted memory/hope sheets in the narthex. Perhaps enjoy some coffee and fellowship as you view the displays.

#### **Financial Portion**

As we look to the future, we see a lot of big things. We see a fuller UNITY staff to achieve our goals and adapt to changing congregational needs. We see our amazing staff earning market-based pay. We see UNITY completing deferred property items at both campuses to ensure the security, protection and beauty of our spaces. We see continued growth and support for internal ministries and our servanthood partners.

We set the goal of 300 pledges by December 8th because pledges are essential to our ability to budget and plan. Please consider committing to a 6% increase in your giving for 2025 to help UNITY accomplish our goals. If you feel especially able, consider a 10% increase. If you want to do more but not that much, a 3% increase gets us half-way!



Scan this QR code to complete your pledge online or find paper sheets in the narthex.

#### Holiday Bag Sales - Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who generously supported the food pantry bag sale the past few weeks. Our congregation raised \$2911 that has already been passed along to the Waukesha Food Pantry to support their purchase of holiday meal items.

If you are interested in continuing to help the food pantry, UNITY has regular volunteer shifts on the 4th Saturdays and 5th Mondays of each month. The volunteer dates for 2025 are now posted on Signup Genius. Please reach out to either Melanie Rooney melrooney7@gmail.com or Bill Rooney billrooney017@gmail.com if you have any questions about this servanthood opportunity.

Advent Fest will Feature a Cookie Walk! Can You Help? We are holding a Cookie Walk at Advent Fest! In addition to enjoying cookies there, we will be offering take-home boxes! Cookies will be sold by the pound and used as a fundraiser for the Sr. High's summer trip to the Boundary Waters. Please sign up through SignUpGenius on our Sign Up web page and indicate which type of cookie you plan to bring. Drop off cookies at our COL campus the afternoon of Friday, December 6. Questions? Contact Tiffany Reay at sreays@gmail.com.

Help us 'prepare the way' for Advent and Christmas at the CTK campus! On Wed., December 4 from 9:00 am until noon, join in at the Christ the King campus to decorate the building for the coming of our Lord! If you have questions, contact Diana Koenen, (DLStobbs@sbcglobal.net or

262-853-7081), David Koenen (davidkoenen@wi.rr.com or 414-559-6974), or you can contact Nancy Kostanski in the UNITY office.

#### Christmas Gift Bags for Homebound: December 10 at CTK

Reaching out to members who are homebound is an important part of our ministry. Every year we assemble and deliver gift bags to let them know we're thinking of them, especially during the holidays. We will gather on **Tuesday, December 10, at 1:00 pm at our Christ the King campus** to assemble and deliver gift bags to homebound members. If you can be a part, please contact Jane Boorse at janeboorse43@gmail.com or 262-781-1373.

#### Christmas Basket Helpers Needed: December 21 at COL

Each year we deliver simple gift bags around Christmas to member households (approx. 30-60) we are aware of having experienced grief, loss or unique hardship during the past year. The more deliverers we have, the better. If you've ever been on the receiving end of these gifts, you know how meaningful it is. This ministry involves assembling gift bags and delivering them on **Saturday**, **December 21, beginning at 9:30 am at our Cross of Life campus**. If you're interested, please contact Michelle Wilkins at mlwilkins012@gmail.com by Saturday, December 14.

#### Mitten Tree at CTK, Mitten Bin at COL Warm Hearts

In UNITY tradition, the Mitten Tree will come alive in CTK's narthex and the Mitten Bin will arrive at COL in time for Advent Fest on **Friday, December 6**. Our two campuses offer the same great way to help the kids at our partner church Hephatha and their neighborhood kids stay warm this winter! CTK's tree will be in the narthex and COL's bin will be near the doors at the west (fireplace) entrance. Please note: Items will be picked and sent out several times during the season. These are much-needed replacements for items that fall by the wayside. Questions? Contact Jane Boorse at janeboorse43@gmail.com or 262-781-1373. Thanks for warming kids' hands, heads and hearts this holiday ... and all winter long!

#### Angel Trees: Gifts for Our Partners Due December 18

**Beginning December 6,** "Angel Trees" at each campus are an easy way to give this Christmas. Each tree is adorned with tags for small thank you gifts for: staff at our partner ministries; presents for kids at our partner churches; gifts for Bread of Healing Clinic and Hebron Housing Services; and residents at Aspen Center and Serenity Inns. Here's how it works:

1) Pick a tag off the Angel Trees and follow the gift suggestions.

2) Return gift to the campus where you picked it by Wed., December 18. Gifts should be delivered *wrapped and labelled with gifted name only.* 

# 3) Volunteers will deliver them in time for Christmas! *Can you help deliver gifts on Thursday, December 19, or Friday, December 20*?

Contact Jackie Herington at 262-399-5689 or jackieswan10@hotmail.com.

#### New Paper Envelope System in 2025

Envelopes enveloping gifts. Envelopes sitting in a drawer. Envelopes tossed into the recycle bin. I know our personal experience is all of the above. Do you write checks or give cash for your giving to UNITY? Do you do it weekly or monthly? Do you miss a month and then send in a larger check in a different envelope? If so, do you find the right date and use that one? Does it matter?

UNITY spends quite a bit of money on having custom weekly envelopes made. Then more is spent on mailing them. This is money that can be redirected to other ministries. For those who do not use all their envelopes, then this is waste that does not have to be created. We hear you! Come next year, we are moving to a new envelope system for members. In January, we will reduce the envelopes down to 12 a year, plus some extra ones to use for special holidays, unless a member requests more.

Look for more information toward the end of the year! But, until then, may you envelope your generosity in your giving in an envelope (or electronically or anyway that inspires you)!

**Calling ALL Thrivent Members!** If you have any life insurance policies or annuities or anything with Thrivent, you may be eligible to direct what's known as "Choice Dollars" to the beneficiary of your choice. These are dollars that aren't used or given to you if you don't do anything AND you have to log in to your account and choose where to direct them EVERY year.

If your yearly premiums or your total investments are not high enough to qualify for these Choice Dollars, YOU STILL can apply for what's known as a Thrivent Action grant, which allows you to receive two \$250 gift cards per year to use for supplies to fund a ministry event related to education, serving or fundraising. Super easy to do and last year, we received an additional \$4,000 in money to support what we do because of members who applied.

Contact Pastor Sherrie for more information and the wording for project ideas. Thank you!

**Christmas Poinsettias.** In keeping with UNITY tradition at both campuses, Christmas poinsettias you purchase will be placed around our altars and sanctuaries to decorate for Christmas services. They may be taken home following any Christmas Eve Service. Order forms and checks are due **Sunday, December 10**. Thank you for helping us beautify our spaces for the holidays and for supporting a great cause! Proceeds benefit our Sr. High Youth Group. Sponsors will be listed in Christmas Eve bulletins. Order Forms are available in the narthex at both campuses, or you can order online at the UNITY website. Contact is Matt Griepentrog matt@unitybrookfield.org with any questions.

If you are going to be home for the holidays, consider volunteering for upcoming services and events as we will be in need of help.

#### **Christmas Worship Times**

December 24 - Christmas Eve 2:00pm COL 2:00pm CTK with communion 4:00pm COL with communion 4:00pm CTK with communion 7:30pm COL with communion 10:30pm COL with communion

# December 25 - Christmas Day

No in-person worship services Online Christmas Message available

#### **Christian Education**

Contact Michelle Aprahamian, c: 414-732-8615, email: michelle@unitybrookfield.org

#### Mark Your Calendars for Advent Fest on December 6

Ready for some cookies, caroling and Christ-centered fun to get into the spirit of the season? *Who isn't*? Mark your calendar *now* for one of our most popular events! Advent Fest will be held on **Friday, December 6, from 5:30-8:00 pm at our COL campus**. Together we'll enjoy dinner, worship, crafting, music, and an evening of fun for the whole family. Watch for more info to come, along with signups for Advent Fest crafts that are for

# ALL ages and stages. (Children in 3rd grade and younger must be accompanied by an *adult.*) You really don't want to miss this much-loved annual tradition at UNITY! See Advent Fest tile on UNITY's webpage for all things Advent Fest!

Nov. 30-Dec. 1 - No Sunday school. Happy Thanksgiving!

Mark your calendars for December 14-15! (Note that this is a week EARLIER than usual based on the way the calendar falls this year!) Join us for our Sunday school Christmas program at all worship services. No one tells The Greatest Story Ever Told better than our kids! We have already begun practicing, so parents, every opportunity you are able to get your child(ren) to Sunday School is appreciated! It helps them feel more comfortable and know the songs/actions and the flow of the story, so that it's memorable not only for you, but especially for THEM! If you aren't able to make your usual worship time some weekend, know that the program is the same for every SS hour, so popping into another hour some week is absolutely worth doing if you can! Thank you.

December 21-22 and 28-29 - No Sunday school. Merry Christmas!

January 4-5, 2025 - Sunday School resumes

#### Confirmation

Contact Nicole Krause, e: nicole@unitybrookfield.org or Sherrie Lorbeck, e: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org

Sunday Fusion Series 3 continues this week as we travel to St. John Vianney on Sunday, November 17th (dress nicely!). Meet at the fireplace at COL ready to leave at 8:45 am for Mass at 9:00 am. *Thank you parent volunteers and drivers!* 

Confirmation Students who are interested in being a part of the "Christmas vignette", please let Sherrie know ASAP, as we will need to start writing a script and figuring out a practice schedule VERY soon! The plan is to present it just ONCE at Advent Fest on December 6th.

**NEW Service Project Opportunities** have been added to the Sign Up Genius page! Go to the confirmation page of the website to sign up.

Upcoming Schedule Change - Just a reminder that because we are hosting this year's Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday, November 20th, there will be NO Confirmation class for the Sunday group on Nov. 17th. Instead, we are asking that you try to have your child come on Wednesday, slightly LATER than normal, from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. (or as much of that time frame as possible). It's such a unique opportunity to get to meet and hear a little more from people from other faith traditions. One of Pastor John's last words to me (Sherrie) was "Don't let BEGIN die." It's been a group that we've been a part of each month over the last 18 plus years, but as Covid and leadership transitions have taken place in other communities too, this is the first time we'll be in person since 2019. Parents, you are also invited to attend as well for this special evening of reflection on our values and what we all hold sacred! Be in touch if you have any questions and this will also be a DOUBLE C-Mail opportunity!

**Friday Night FUSION will be Friday, November 22nd at CTK from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.** NERF GUN Capture the Flag! We have the bullets. *You bring any Nerf Gun or two or three that you have* 

*in your collection, especially if you have some you can share!* We'll divide up and each team will be on a quest to find the "Holy Grail" of the other team and safely bring it back to their side without being caught. Anyone hit by a bullet, of course, is also brought to the other team's jail where they will sit until they can be freed by a fellow teammate! It's a ton of fun! We'll end the night with a quick devotion focused on Jesus who always brings us together and is our peace!

#### **Other Important Upcoming Dates:**

- No Class Sunday, Nov 24th or Wednesday, Nov. 27th (Thanksgiving Break)
- Trimester 2 Begins on Sunday, December 1st or Wednesday, December 4th

**Servant Ministries** 

Contact Ellen Vermillion, c: 262-565-8512, e: evermill61@gmail.com or Nicole Krause, e: nicole@unitybrookfield.org

**Sign Up to Donate at our next Blood Drive, Saturday, December 7, 7am-11am COL campus.** Sign up is live on the church website. Please contact Marilyn Ranney, Unity Blood Drive Advocate with any questions or if you need assistance in getting signed up. Contact her at 414-975-5606 or email her at ranneymarilyn@gmail.com. Our heartfelt gratitude to all blood donors and our prayers for healing for all who receive blood products!

Help make Thanksgiving Dinner for the residents of Aspen Center! Shoppers, cooks, and deliverers needed. Holidays are really tough for people new to recovery, and all of the residents are away from their homes for the program (along with those dedicated staff people). Let's encourage them with a home-cooked Thanksgiving meal! We need shoppers, delivery people, and lots of cooks on **Wednesday, November 27**. Kids welcome to help! If you can help, please see the SignUpGenius page to let us know where you would like to serve. Please contact Cindy Boyd at dcboyd1985@sbcglobal.net or 262-424-3610 with any questions.

#### Let's Get Cookin'! Mass Meal Prep continues December 11

One Wednesday each month from **4:00-6:30 pm**, 4 adults will work with 4 Confirmation students to whip up a delicious recipe in the COL Kitchen for 25 men at Aspen Center! It's easy: cooking stations are all set up and ready for our Sous Chefs to step in. What if cooking really isn't your thing but you still want to help? No problem! We also need the following support: 1 or 2 shoppers, 2 home bakers, and 1 meal delivery driver. It's a big team effort, so what a blessing you will be! **Cooking dates are: December 11, January 8, February 12 and May 7**. Sign up online by clicking on the appropriate links: Adult Signup or Confirmation Signup. Questions? Contact Cindy Flynn at 262-391-7870 or cindylouflynn@aol.com.

*Fun Fact:* Over the years our UNITY Confirmation kids and congregation have consistently made meals for the following partners: Springdale House (this goes back many years!) Serenity Inns, Juno House, Siena House, and this year, Aspen Center! UNITY, you continue to be so very amazing. Thank you for sharing your time to fill not only the stomachs of men in recovery, but also their hearts!

#### Cookie Decorating & Cider at Aspen on December 14

Enjoy pre-holiday fun with Aspen friends! Join us on **Saturday, December 14, from 1:00-2:00 pm at Aspen Center** for Cookie Decorating & Cider. No need to RSVP; just show up! Cookies will stay there for the men to enjoy. Aspen Center is at 2000 W. Bluemound Rd. Contact is Cindy Boyd at dcboyd1985@sbcglobal.net or 262-424-3610.

**Volunteer Treasurer Needed for Bread of Healing Clinic, 10 hrs/month**. We give thanks for Unity member Doreen Brecheisen who has served as the treasurer for our free clinic partner in Milwaukee for the last 4 years, and are looking for the next great person to fill the role. Might this be your next calling? The role involves working with the accountant's financials to produce monthly reports for the board and assist with the budget. A combination of monthly in-person meetings and working from home. About 10 hours/month. Accounting background and knowledge of quickbooks would be big assets. Doreen would be happy to talk with anyone interested in the role (norskjohnson@gmail.com) or you can reach out directly to Barb Horner-Ibler at the clinic: (414) 313-9430. This is an organization you would be proud to support. Thanks for considering and spreading the word.

#### Hephatha Accepting Furniture Donations

**Our partner, Hephatha Lutheran Church, is assisting Holy Cross Lutheran Church with their "Share Our Best" Furniture Ministry.** This ministry, which was begun a couple years ago to help kids not have to sleep on the floor, relies on donations of furniture that they will pick up. They are looking for furniture that is in reasonably good condition – primarily beds (single, full and queen sizes, with frames and bedding) – as well as dressers, kitchen tables and chairs, and other pieces. If you have furniture to donate, please contact Hephatha Servant Advocate Shirley Denu at srdenu2@gmail.com so the donation can be coordinated. Thank you for helping with this important ministry that directly impacts the quality of life at home for so many in need.

**Ongoing Service Opportunities:** UNITY has standing volunteer "shifts" at various partners that we commit to covering as a church. Each one is coordinated by a different Unity member... each one has its own sign up page on the church website... and each one is an opportunity for you!

**Waukesha Food Pantry Food Distribution**: Each month, 4th Saturday, 9am-12pm; 5th Monday 5:45 - 8 pm.

**Serenity Inns Recovery Program Fellowship Dinners:** cook, deliver, or serve a meal for 12 residents. Each month, 1st Sunday and 2nd Friday, 6 - 7pm. Kids welcome.

#### **Applications Due for El Salvador Trip: November 16**

Our Mission of Healing Trip to El Salvador will be **February 15-22, 2025**. Application and deposit deadline: **November 16.** Cost: if you are a UNITY member, church will pay all your in-country expenses. You just pay the plane ticket (approx. \$700).

Similar to previous, pre-Covid years we will travel on Saturday, visit our sister church Cordero on Sunday, help the Salvadoran Lutheran Church with their traveling health fair Monday-Thursday (setting up in a different town each day), play on Friday, and travel home on Saturday. The offerings at the health fair always vary based on what our group can offer, but it's usually a combination of basic wellness checks, health education (on topics like nutrition, reproductive health, mental health, oral health) and activities for kids. The Salvadorans have asked if we can do extra emphasis on mental health this year.

Skills needed: anyone can apply, but these are the skills/backgrounds we could most use this year:

- · Behavioral/mental health training
- Medical providers (advanced practice professionals, PAs, physicians)
- Nurses
- Pharmacy
- Art
- Kids/education
- Yoga/relaxation/expressive arts

We also always need 3-4 "willing to do anything" worker-bee-type people. No Spanish is needed, although it's always a plus. Application is on our Sign Up web page. For more info, contact Nicole Krause at nicole@unitybrookfield.org.

Save the Date for 2025 El Salvador Summer Trip: August 5-12 Relationship-Building Summer Trip.

Property Needs Contact Denny Thompson, Director of Buildings and Properties c: 262-844-0556, email: dennyt325@yahoo.com Al Bengston, c: 414-322-6445, email: allanbengst234@gmail.com

**Looking for firewood?** At both campuses dead trees were taken down on the October work days, so there is now firewood available for anyone wishing to pick some up. There are piles at both campuses (wood on pallets at CTK is for fire pits so kindly leave that.)

**Snow Blowing/Shoveling Sign Up:** Let's pray we still have a few weeks before the snow starts to fly, but if you are a person who doesn't mind helping to clear the sidewalks and throw some salt down, check out the details in the SignUpGenius on our website. You sign up for just 1 campus, and we ask for a 1 week commitment starting on Wednesdays and running through the following Tuesday. When you sign up, helpful details will be emailed to you, and a reminder is emailed 3 days prior to your start date. Thank you for helping!

We will also start to turn our attention to doing what we can do on the inside of our buildings. At COL, there are a number of spaces and hallways that are in desperate need of a fresh coat of paint. If this is something you enjoy doing and can help us with, please reach out to Denny Thompson, Al Bengston, Lynn Key or one of the pastors. Thank you.

> Adult Programs Contact: Todd Blatnik, email: todd.blatnik@wi.rr.com or Matt Griepentrog, c: 262-787-8820, e: matt@unitybrookfield.org

Monday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Eric! - Mondays at 10 AM @ COL, continues Monday November 18th. Looking for a weekly Bible study group? Pastor Eric has just what you're looking for! Start your week with Eric as he leads a study that follows the worship lectionary (the three year cycle of Scripture readings used in worship). You'll take a deep dive into the weekly scripture readings (you won't be left behind if you miss a week or more). Bring a friend, and meet us in Room 202 @ COL.

**Sheepshead Small Group** - Play Sheepshead with us on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month thru November, 6:30pm at our Christ the King campus. Sheepshead is a 5-player trump-style partner card game, a bit complicated to learn but addictive once you've got it. Beginners or those interested in learning are welcome to join the group, we are happy to teach you. Contact is Mary Huss (mhwis@hotmail.com). Next Game Night is: Thursday, November 21st at 6:30 pm at CTK. We will take a break for the month of December. Watch for future game dates!

**Calling all 20-30 Somethings to join us on Monday, November 25, at 7:30 pm at Camp Bar Tosa** (6600 W. North Ave. in Wauwatosa). We'll play trivia and meet up with friends who are in town for Thanksgiving!

#### Interested in Our Adult Boundary Waters Trip?

In case you missed our October 27 Forum about the Adult Boundary Waters Trip, plans are in the works to offer this trip to adults of UNITY. Information is still being gathered that will help us plan the best trip possible. All skill levels will be welcome, so there's no need to be intimidated! If you think the trip is something you're interested in, please contact Matt Griepentrog at matt@unitybrookfield.org.

#### Do You Have Ideas for Adult Programming? Let Us Know!

Adult Programs is always looking for new ideas as we continue to plan new forums and events. If you have any ideas for groups, events, studies, or speakers that you'd like us to know about, please reach out to our new Adult Programs chairperson, Todd Blatnik, at todd.blatnik@wi.rr.com.

#### **UNITY Member Care**

Contact: Jim Ahlquist-Minister of Member Care e: jim@unitybrookfield.org, c: 715-210-2245 or Sherrie Lorbeck or Eric Silberschmidt

# Grief Group will continue meeting on modified Wednesdays through the end of the year. The next meeting is November 20 with a modified time, 5:30-7:00 pm at COL in room 202 - *When Life Isn't the Same* ...

If you have lost a spouse or a parent or someone else close to you, the grieving doesn't end after the funeral. We invite you to a safe space where you can share more about where you are at in your journey ... learn more about the stages of grief ... and get help finding your way through what you need most for the road ahead.

We invite you to join us for our Grief Group. These gatherings will be led by Pastor Jim Ahlquist and Nicole Krause. If this is the right time for you, or if someone you know could benefit from being a part of this, please join us! A zoom link can be provided if you are not able to meet in person. If you have questions or just want to discuss whether this is the right place for you, contact Pastor Jim at jim@unitybrookfield.org or 715-210-2245.

**UNITY Member Care is always here for you.** You don't have to face life's ups and downs alone. Whether it's an unexpected hospitalization, a recent diagnosis, the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, addiction, anxiety, depression, or virtually anything else, the pastors are only a call, text, or email away. Please never hesitate to reach out -- whether we're the only stop you'll make or just the first step in a longer care process.

**Prayer Place cards-** If you have a prayer request that you would like included in the Prayers for Friends and Family section in the bulletin, there are cards available in the narthex near the bulletin board. You can fill out the request and pin it to the bulletin board there. You can fill out a card and place it in the basket and it will be included in the upcoming bulletin. These prayer requests will stay for 4 weeks and then if you need further prayer, repost as often as needed. Any questions, please contact Nancy by phone or email nancy@unitybrookfield.org

#### Worship & Music Opportunities

Director of Music, Contact Lynn Key, c: 414-507-5888 e: lynn@unitybrookfield.org Children's Choirs, Contact Janet Day, c: 414-975-0286, e: janetday4@me.com Fellowship Choir, Contact Molly Pufall-Brown, c: 920-265-6881, e: mpufall@gmail.com **LOOKING FOR CHRISTMAS EVE MUSICIANS!** These holiday services are such a wonderful time to share your musical gifts in an easy group setting with fellow music lovers. And there is such wonderful music to share! You can still join your family to enjoy the rest of the worship service. Please contact Lynn Key if you are willing to share.

*Are you going to be home the weekend after Christmas?* Calling all musicians who would like to share a Christmas selection at any of our services that weekend. It could be a solo, a piece with a family member or friend, or you could also play along on your instrument with the piano or organ while everyone sings Christmas Carols. Just contact Lynn Key and let's put something together!

**UNITY's All-Music Tuesdays:** We rehearse every Tuesday night through mid-May. Come join us even if you can't make it every week. Nursery and child care are available. No auditions are necessary. Talk to any of our music staff if you have questions.

• JOYFUL NOISE MUSIC MAKERS - Ages PreK–Grade 1 • 6:00pm to 6:30pm • Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall • Directed by Janet Day.

• **CELEBRATION MUSIC MAKERS** - Ages Grade 2–Grade 6 • Tuesdays: 6:30pm to 7:15pm • Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall • Directed by Janet Day.

• HOSANNA BELLS - Beginning to Early Intermediate Ringers • Tuesdays: 7:15pm to 8:00pm • Cross of Life Sanctuary.

• **FELLOWSHIP CHOIR** - Ages 7th Grade–Adult • Tuesdays: 7:15pm to 8:15pm • Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall • Directed by Molly Pufall-Brown.

• **GLORIA DEI BELLS** - Late Intermediate to Advanced Ringers • Tuesdays: 6:15pm to 7:15pm • Cross of Life Sanctuary • Directed by Stacey Nordmeyer.

Join us for UNITY's Thanksgiving Eve worship services: Wednesday, November 27th. We will again offer 2 worship options: Christ the King Campus at 1:00pm or 7:00 pm at the Cross of Life Campus. Mark your calendars to join us for worship and pie socials! If you're able to bring a pie to share, please do so and we'll have all the whipped topping, decaf coffee, cocoa and milk to go with that sweet foretaste of any Thanksgiving feasts planned for the following day!

#### Sr. High

Contact Nancy Oberhauser, c: 262-527-8869, e: nancy.oberhauser@Aexp.com or Sherrie Lorbeck, c: 414-477-7762 e: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org or Ryan Johnson, c: 262-825-7331, e: rmjohnson1117@gmail.com

Sunday, November 24th - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at the COL Campus. Christmas Tree Set up and Getting Ready for the Season! Be a part of this time honored tradition and this important task of getting all the decorations up from the basement and assembling the trees in the sanctuary so that they are ready to be adorned with ornaments come Advent Fest! Dig out any Christmas sweaters and fun hats or Christmas accessories that you have and we'll put the music on, break out the Christmas cookies and prepare our hearts for the love that first came so many years ago!

**Friday, December 6th - ADVENT FEST! 5:30 - 7:30/8:00 p.m. at the COL campus.** Not technically a "Sr. High event", but you're never too old for this annual tradition of dinner, a mini worship, craft making, Christmas music, decorating, and last but not least, Christmas cookies and Cocoa to end the evening! Let Michelle Aprahamian know if you'd be available to help in

"Adventure Land" (the craft area for the little kids) or watch for list of Craft options that YOU can sign up for in the coming weeks!

And if you'd be up for caroling along with Mr. Marv Wunder on Accordion, talk to Lynn Key. In year's past, we had a whole group of Sr. High that went from room to room singing Christmas carols and inviting kids and parents to join in! And if singing and crafts aren't quite your thing, but making sure the building is ready for Christmas, we also need someone to tackle what Pastor John always did...getting a LIVE tree set up in the Fireplace area! Partner we are praying for this month: Cross Lutheran Church

The altar flowers at COL are given by Bonnie Malcore In honor of Bonnie and Jerry's 50th wedding anniversary.

Thank you to Melissa Grabowski for arranging the altar flowers this weekend

This weekend's communion breads were baked by Diane Kotula

#### **Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members**

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

#### **Cross of Life Campus**

Luna Loverine, Joan Krause, Steve Schultz, Jill Barney, Julie Schultz, Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Joseph Nutt, Linda Langer, Jerry Buenger, Bob Rusk, Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Paula Dryer, Marlene Jernberg, John Vaughan, Alyce Vollan, Barb Purnell, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

#### Christ the King Campus

Mary Johnsen, Parker Godfrey, Ann Borowski, Dawn Suharski, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Dave Rau

We celebrate the marriage of: Nicole Johnson and Peyton Lassiter on October 26th in Gallatin, Tennessee

#### **UNITY Prayer Place**

Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.

#### November 23-24

The Schneck Family (sudden death of Dan), neighbor of Cheryl Caraulia Sara Weix (breast cancer), daughter of Ron & Barb Weix Donna Funk (bladder cancer/liver issues), daughter of Pearl Haack

#### November 16-17

Ken Kamenick (health concerns), father of Matt Kamenick Gary Kamenick (brain tumor), uncle of Matt Kamenick Terri Kwiatkowski (stage 4 terminal cancer), friend of Michelle Aprahamian Ron Ripley (cancer treatments), cousin of Dick Dressler

#### November 9-10

Chase Radigan (traumatic brain injury), nephew of Debbie Riederer's sister-in-law Steve Perry (West Nile virus), friend of Julie & Steve Schultz Karen (breast cancer), great aunt of Sia & Weston Grabowski Polly Galian (cancer), best friend of Pat Petran Tony Susa (spinal cord injury), brother-in-law of Vivian Clark Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

#### November 2-3

Scott & Mary Pat (hospitalized following major motorcycle accident), dear friends of Dawn Edward's

Andrea Knoke (ovarian cancer), friend of Kyle & Anna Jansson Harper Helm (concussion), granddaughter of Karen Beres

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, etc.) overseas and our military personnel: Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank

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### **COL 5:00 p.m.**

## Ministers for Saturday, November 23, 2024

Worship Coordinator:	
Greeters:	Adam Fogltanz, Kim Urchell
Acolyte:	Maxwell Fogltanz, William Register
Ushers:	Jill Barney, Jack Guenther
Worship Assistant:	Kim Klug
Reader:	Natalie Schneider
Communion Assistants:	Missy Fogltanz, Kim Urchell
	Kim Klug
Musician:	Greg O'Čonnell
Sound:	Connor Lalor
Visual Projection:	Rudy Schneider
Song Leader:	Marv Wunder
Sunday School Leaders:	Adrienne Krueger
Sunday School Support:	
Nursery:	Nora Schneider and Frances Paradis

COL 8:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, November 24, 2024
Worship Coordinator: Greeters: Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Livestream: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders: Sunday School Support: Nursery: Coffee:	Tami Miller Becky Conway, Cullen Murphy Addison Kahle, Mackenzie Kiefer, Johnny Steigerwald Steve Taipala, Emmett Hoffe Mark Miller Kim Keup Lisa & Kevin Nass, Charlie Nass, Inara Hamilton Denny Thompson Greg O'Connell Eric Gravenkamp Clyde Reay Josef Keup Becki Culhane Julie Miesfeld, Lisa Kahle, Becky Conway
<u>CTK 9:30 a.m.</u>	Ministers for Sunday, November 24, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders: Sunday School Support: Nursery:	Steve Johnson Barb Patterson, Emily McFadden Patty Zais Janet Day Aaron Prohuska Korrin Gumieny, Tyler Nordstrom
COL 10:45 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, November 24, 2024
Worship Coordinator: Greeters: Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders: Sunday School Support: Nursery:	Joseph Toussaint Joy Czarnik Melanie Varin Carole Syse Sue Hastings, Jeff Stark Greg O'Connell Steve Brewer Joe Herington Nicole Krause Tara Sanicola, Kelly Shoff Davida Kroepfl

# give thanks

## UNTO THE LORD; FOR HE IS GOOD.

PSALM 136:1

#### WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH! We're glad you're here today! UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** We're glad to have you with us! If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: unitybrookfield.org for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

- Children. Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- **Nursery.** Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- Sunday School. All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)

#### • At UNITY, the Communion Table is:

- Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
- Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
- Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
- We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
- Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
- If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.
- **Pastors.** UNITY is currently served by Pastor Sherrie Lorbeck, Pastor Eric Silberschmidt who is our Interim pastor as we search for two additional pastors. along with Pastor Jim Ahlquist, who is our part time pastoral care pastor and occasional preacher. Most Saturdays, the weekend preacher is the pastor at that service. On Sundays, the preacher for the weekend travels to both campuses to share the message. The other pastor is then based at the COL campus. Feel free to reach out if you need anything or would like to talk more.

**GIVING.** If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay and Venmo are also accepted. Thank you!



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#### *Thanksgiving Eve* November 27, 2024

#### Prelude

*"We Gather Together"* arr. Lorie Line

(All Services)

#### Words of Welcome and Sharing the Peace

- Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- Many: And also with you.

#### Call to Worship: (Responsive)

- One: There's no better time than the present..
- Many: to give thanks!
- One: There's no better time to reflect on the smallest and largest blessings of life...
- Many: with a gratitude that re-connects us to each other.
- One: There's no better time than now..
- Many: to let go of the things we grab for in life, and instead, in gratitude, receive what God alone can share.
- One: There's no better time than when we're together,
- Many: to acknowledge how often we curse the darkness and everything else when we fail to see the Light.
- One: There's no better time than when we're reminded of Christ's presence always with us, wherever we are,

Many: in order that we may more fully see the blessings that surround us, uphold us and guide our days.

- One: There's no other time, period. Since we live only in the now, may that now always be about...
- Many: Thanksgiving!

#### **Opening Hymn**

"Come,	Ye Thankful People,	Come" E	LW 693 vs. 1 - 4 (	All Services)

#### Children's Message

#### **Greeting and Prayer of the Day**

- Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!
- Many: And also with you.
- One: Let us pray. Generous God,
- Many: ...your essence is love and love bears fruit in some difficult soil. Center the part of us that came here from a million directions. Forgive the part of us that came here too full to acknowledge our emptiness. Open the part of us that clamps shut when generosity could flow forth...

...we are but from the dirt of the earth, and yet you till and water us... and from us, bring forth a harvest of goodness. May the harvest begin in the thankfulness of our souls...deeply rooted and forever growing... always recognize the abundance of blessings that you shower upon us. May we never cease to give you thanks and ask for your help in every need, no matter how significant or small. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

#### First Lesson: 2 Corinthians 9:6-9, 15

Paul is encouraging the people in Corinth, located in Greece, to do something unprecedented in that time....send financial aid to famine victims in Jerusalem. Paul envisioned a worldwide faith family where blessings were not limited by geography or ethnicity...but could flow back and forth as needed.

<sup>6</sup>The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup>Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup>And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. <sup>9</sup>As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." <sup>15</sup>Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

#### Anthem

"How Great Thou Art"	arr. John T. Benson, Jr.	(1:00)
Jeff Stark, Soloist; Lynn Key, Accom	npanist	. ,
"Call of Ages"	Jason W. Krug	(7:00)
Hosanna Handbells; Stacey Nordme	yer, Director; Lynn Key, Accompanist	

Gospel Acclamation "Thy Word" Amy Grant & Michael W. Smith (All Services)

#### Gospel: Matthew 6:25-34

One: The Gospel according to Matthew, the sixth chapter

#### Many: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>25</sup> 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup>And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>28</sup>And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup>yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" <sup>32</sup>For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup>But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. <sup>34</sup> So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

One: The Gospel of the Lord! Many: Praise to you, O Christ.

#### Message

"Giving Voice to the Blessings instead of Just the Curses"

Sherrie Lorbeck

#### Hymn

*"Praise and Thanksgiving"* ELW 689 vs. 1-4

(All Services)

#### **Monetary Offerings Received**

This year's Thanksgiving offering will go to the ELCA's Lutheran Disaster Response and will be directed to domestic hurricane response. Our Sunday School children made cards of hope and encouragement that we sent down and are being passed around by those who have been affected including some who have lost everything. *Thank you* for everything you are able to share as they seek to rebuild and try to recover after these devastating storms!

**Offertory Response** (as gifts are brought forward) (All Services) "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" ~ ELW 885

#### **Prayer of Thanks**

One: Let us pray. God, our Creator,

Many: you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Sharing the Eucharist

Today we call our communion meal by one of its Greek names, the "Eucharist," which means "thanksgiving." Everyone is invited to receive this meal in a continuous fashion. You will first receive the bread, then the cup. The dark liquid is wine, the light is grape juice. Please place your empty cup in the acolyte's tray and return to your seat. Non-communing children are invited to come forward for a blessing. Though this is "continuous" communion, do not feel rushed. Receive the elements at a prayerful pace! If you wish to receive communion and are unable to come forward, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated. Gluten free wafers are available at all stations. May it be a time of joyous community for each of us!

- Pastor: The Lord be with you.
- Many: And also with you.
- Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
- Many: We lift them to the Lord.
- Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### **Words of Institution**

The Lord's Prayer (Sung Call and Respons Our Father, Which art in heaven, hallowed be thy (unison) name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, On earth As in heav'n. Please give to us All that we need	Se) And lead us not Away from you. For thine is the kingd And the power And the glory Forever. Amen, And it shall be so, Hallowed be thy (unison) name.	om,
Sharing the Meal		
<b>Communion Meditation</b> <i>"We Gather Together"</i>	Franklin Ritter	(All Services)

**Prayer After the Meal** 

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that you have refreshed us through One<sup>.</sup> the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that you would strengthen us through this gift in faith and gratitude toward you and in acts of kindness and love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Many: Amen.

#### **Benediction**

#### **Sending Hymn**

'For the Fruit of All Creation"	ELW 679 vs 1-3	(All Services)
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#### Dismissal

With minds and hearts full of gratitude, may our lips loudly proclaim, today One<sup>.</sup> and every day,

Thanks be to God! Many:

#### Postlude

'Now Thank We All Our God"	Bach/Lani Smith	(All Services)
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## Happy Thanksgiving from your UNITY staff!

Today's communion breads were baked by Nancy Kostanski

Cross of Life Altar decoration created by Carole Bock and donated, in her memory, by her family

After worship today, please join us for warm beverages and a cornucopia of pies. May tomorrow be a safe, refreshing, and thank-full day for each of you!

This weekend:

- At Cross of Life and Christ the King campuses, there will be no Sunday School.
- Weekend worship will be our usual times: At Cross of Life Campus, Saturday at 5:00 pm, and Sunday at 8:30 and 10:45 am. At Christ the King Campus, Sunday at 9:30 am.
- No adult bible study or forums.
- Senior High: Sunday, December 1, 6:00 7:30pm at COL ~ Get in the Christmas spirit as we put up our Christmas trees and begin decorating. Dig out any Christmas sweaters and fun hats or Christmas accessories that you have. We'll have music, cookies and lots of festive cheer!

#### ADVENT FEST: Everyone come! A WEEK FROM THIS FRIDAY, December 6th

Each year UNITY begins the season of waiting for Jesus with big event called Advent Fest. It is a night of eating, crafting, singing and decorating for everyone of every age! It is for EVERYONE at EVERY AGE. Together we'll enjoy dinner, worship, crafting, music, and an evening of fun for the whole family. See Advent Fest tile on UNITY's webpage to sign up for crafts that are for ALL ages and stages, and for all things Advent Fest! Check out the craft samples in the Narthex at both campuses. *(Children in 3rd grade and younger must be accompanied by an adult.)* You really don't want to miss this annual tradition at UNITY!

- There is a POTLUCK DINNER at 5:30 pm.
- A SHORT WORSHIP TIME at 6:15 pm.
- Then the night continues with CRAFTING AND DECORATING.
- Be a part of decking the halls and the sanctuary trees OR create a Christmas Craft.
- The evening wraps up with COOKIES AND CIDER by the fire.

#### **Christmas Worship Times**

December 24 - Christmas Eve	December 25 - Christmas Day
2:00pm COL - Children's Choir	No in-person worship services
*2:00pm CTK - Bell Choir	Online Christmas Message
*4:00pm COL - Brass Choir	ç
*4:00pm CTK - Praise Band	All Services include Candlelight
*7:30pm COL - Fellowship Choir	6
*10:30pm COL - String Ensemble	*Services offering communion

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СТК 1:00 р.т.	Ministers for Wednesday, November 27, 2024
Greeters:	Barb Patterson
Ushers:	David Koenen, Ken Kostanski
Worship Assistant:	
	Jane Boorse
	Jane Boorse, Barb Borkenhagen, Linda Johnson, Mary Huss
	Diana VanSlyke
	Lynn Key
Visual Projection:	
Song Leader:	Nicole Krause
COL 7:00 p.m.	Ministers for Wednesday, November 27, 2024
Worship Coordinator:	Jeff Key
Greeters:	Melanie Varin
Acolyte:	Keira Kroepfl, Emma Jolliff
Ushers:	
Worship Assistant:	
	Jeff Stark
	Kristin Jolliff, Jeff Stark
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Song Leader:	Nicole Krause
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## **First Weekend of Advent**

November 30-December 1, 2024

Saturday, November 30, 2024 5:00 pm COL Sunday, December 1, 2024 8:30 am COL 9:30 am CTK 10:45 am COL

Live Streamed at 8:30 am Sundays and available Online anytime afterwards

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#### WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH! We're glad you're here today! UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** We're glad to have you with us! If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: unitybrookfield.org for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

- Children. Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- **Nursery.** Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- Sunday School. All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)

#### • At UNITY, the Communion Table is:

- Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
- Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
- Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
- We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
- Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
- If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.
- **Pastors.** UNITY is currently served by Pastor Sherrie Lorbeck, Pastor Eric Silberschmidt who is our Interim pastor as we search for two additional pastors. along with Pastor Jim Ahlquist, who is our part time pastoral care pastor and occasional preacher. Most Saturdays, the weekend preacher is the pastor at that service. On Sundays, the preacher for the weekend travels to both campuses to share the message. The other pastor is then based at the COL campus. Feel free to reach out if you need anything or would like to talk more.

**GIVING.** If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay and Venmo are also accepted. Thank you!



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#### First Weekend of Advent November 30 - December 1, 2024

#### Prelude

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"	arr. Lorie Line	(5:00, 8:30, 10:45)
"Sing of the Lord's Goodness"	Praise Band	(9:30)

#### Words of Welcome

#### **Sharing the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Many: And also with you.

#### Lighting the First Advent Wreath Candle

"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" ELW 240 vs. 1

(All Services)

#### Call to Worship: (Responsive)

- One: It's the first weekend after a change on the church calendar.
- Many: Happy new year!
- One: The color of the season, blue, symbolizes it's primary emotion.
- Many: Hope for the birth of a child. Hope for all the good he embodies.
- One: The candles we light on the wreath....
- Many: bring light to the darkness, warmth to the cold, possibility to the path.
- One: The word itself, reminds us of an impending glory....
- Many: ...to us a child is soon to be born. Angel choirs are poised to sing.
- One: The word is.....Advent....an arrival....an event unlike any other.
- Many: Advent...get ready for the best news ever!
- One: Oh God of Good News...teach us to listen carefully for your gifts to us...

Many: ....make us ready for the Advent of our Lord, Jesus the Christ! Alleluia! Amen.

#### **Opening Hymn**

"The King of Glory"	Renewing Worship 105	(5:00, 8:30, 10:45)
"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"	Praise Band	(9:30)

#### **Children's Message**

#### Greeting and Prayer of the Day

- Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!
- Many: And also with you.

- One: Let us pray. God of surprises....
- Many: some of life's surprises shock and dismay us. We pray for anyone here or anywhere absorbing a blow today. *(silence)*
- One: God of surprises.....
- Many: some of life's surprises amaze and delight us. We give thanks for anyone here or anywhere who celebrates in joy. *(silence)*
- One: God of surprises....
- Many: the best of life's surprises come from your Spirit. They renew our souls. They renew the world. This Advent allow us to listen in on and be Good News for the part of life over which we have some control. And for all the parts we don't control... *surprise* us we pray! Amen.

#### First Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14-16

After warning of the impending fall of Jerusalem, Jeremiah uses the actual fall not to say, "I told you so," but to assure the people that God would send a future deliverer

<sup>14</sup> The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.

#### Second Lesson: Psalm 25:4-10

The writer has an awareness of his own mistakes and those of the human family. God does not turn away from us in our errors, choosing instead to use our mistakes as a chance to teach us a better way.

- <sup>4</sup> Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.
- <sup>5</sup> Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.
- <sup>6</sup> Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.
- <sup>7</sup> Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord!
- <sup>8</sup> Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
- <sup>9</sup> He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.
- <sup>10</sup> All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

#### Announcing of the Good News ~ Gospel Acclamation

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#### **Gospel:** Luke 21:25-36

#### One<sup>.</sup> The Gospel according to Luke, the twenty-first chapter Glory to you, O Lord. Many:

<sup>25</sup>There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves.<sup>26</sup>People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

<sup>29</sup>Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup>as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup>Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly. <sup>35</sup>like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Sherrie Lorbeck "Get Ready" Sermon

#### Hymn of the Day

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" ELW 257 vs. 1-4

(5:00, 8:30, 9:30, 10:45)

#### The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people One: according to their needs. (Congregation response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer.") Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Many: Amen.

#### **Announcements and Offering**

<b>Offertory Response</b> (as gifts are brought forward)		(All Services)
"Hark, the Glad Sound!"	ELW 239 vs. 1	

#### **Prayer of Thanks**

Let us pray. Blessed are you, One:

Many: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### **Words of Institution**

#### The Lord's Prayer (Ecumenical)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

#### **Communion Meditation**

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"	arr. Jay Rouse	(5:00, 8:30, 10:45)
"Offering"	Praise Band	(9:30)

#### **Post Communion Blessing**

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace and peace.

Many: Amen.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

One: Let us pray. O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Many: Amen.

#### Benediction

#### **Sending Hymn**

"People, Look East"	ELW 248 vs. 1-4	(5:00, 8:30, 10:45)
"Hymn of Joy"	Praise Band	(9:30)

#### Dismissal

One: Go in peace, serve the Lord! Many: Thanks be to God!

#### Postlude

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"Joy to the World"	arr. Lorie Line	(5:00, 8:30, 10:45)
"Hymn of Joy" reprisal	Praise Band	(9:30)

#### This Weekend at UNITY!

Nov. 30-Dec. 1 - No Sunday school this weekend. Happy Thanksgiving!

**Confirmation Sunday Fusion Series 4:** We start a new fusion series this week on the Blood Meet us on **Sunday, December 1st in room 208 from 9:30-10:30 am at COL.** Then students will help volunteer on **Saturday, December 7th** for the blood drive at COL. Details will be discussed at Fusion.

Sr. High: Sunday, December 1st - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at the COL Campus. Christmas Tree Set up and Getting Ready for the Season! Be a part of this time honored tradition and this important task of getting all the decorations up from the basement and assembling the trees in the sanctuary so that they are ready to be adorned with ornaments come Advent Fest! Dig out any Christmas sweaters and fun hats or Christmas accessories that you have and we'll put the music on, break out the Christmas cookies and prepare our hearts for the love that first came so many years ago!

#### **UNITY Highlights**

This year's Thanksgiving offerings will go to the ELCA's Lutheran Disaster Response and will be directed to domestic hurricane response. If you are unable to be with this at Worship on Thanksgiving Eve but would like to give, you can do so using one of the following methods:

- Use one of the ELCA Disaster envelopes in the narthex and put in basket or offering plate
- Use a special Thanksgiving envelope and put in offering plate
- Use a pew envelope and indicate Special Benevolence, Thanksgiving Disaster Relief and put in offering plate
- Use one of the credit card readers in the narthex, and then complete a pew envelope indicating given by credit card and put in basket or offering plate, or
- Make a donation online at www.unitybrookfield.org under Other Giving and specify Thanksgiving Disaster Relief

Thank you for all you give helping those in need after the devastating 2024 hurricane season!

#### **Important Pastoral Call Committee News**

The UNITY Council is pleased to affirm and present for congregational vote the unanimous recommendation of the UNITY Call Team and Pastor Sherrie to extend a call to Pastor Justin Kierzek to join the pastor team at UNITY Lutheran Church.

We are grateful to Pastor Sherrie and the Call Team who started their work last January and have spent countless hours in meetings, in prayer and reflection, in interviews and discussions. They listened to all of you about the needs of UNITY in working to find a pastor who will be a good fit for UNITY – who we are and who we are becoming.

We invite you to get acquainted with Pastor Justin at "Meet & Greets" on Sat., Dec. 7 and Sun., Dec. 8 after all services at both CTK and COL. Please mark your calendar for the very important Special Voting Meeting of the Congregation on Sun., Dec. 22 at 9:30 a.m. We need a quorum (~200-some) of members to be present, and a two-thirds majority vote in favor of the call is required. All members (including confirmed young people) are encouraged to attend in a way that is most convenient – in person at either campus (CTK or COL) or virtually (via Zoom).

When we developed our congregation profile, we described UNITY as grace-based, continuing to learn from Christ through the Bible, welcoming, servant-oriented, and playful – seeking a pastor who matches us well. We are excited for you to meet Pastor Justin. As we've become acquainted with him, we find him to be engaging, faithful, motivated, creative, hard-working, able to laugh, a deep thinker, and a boat-builder (yes, really!). Pastor Justin is married to Christine, and they have three children: Alice (9), and twins Jon and Lily (6). He loves to hike and kayak. Oh, and he's a fan of the Brewers, Bucks and Packers!

Please see the UNITY December newsletter to read more about Pastor Justin. Look for a special handout, as well. And, of course, talk with members of our Call Team, Council, and Pr. Sherrie to learn more.

As a reminder, the Call Team will continue its work in 2025 for our third pastor role. We are grateful that Pr. Eric Silberschmidt will continue his interim pastor role with us during this time of transition.

#### Celebrate the Past, Commit to the Future with the 2025 Pledge Drive!

We invite you to reflect on the abundance in your own life and consider how you can contribute financially and with your time and talents to our church.

#### **Memories and Hopes Portion**

We are gathering meaningful memories from 2024 and hopes for 2025. Everyone can participate (kids and adults). Find a blue or purple half-sheet in the narthex or download the form from UNITY's *"Pledge for 2025"* webpage. Once completed, hang the sheet up in the narthex.

Be sure to check out the photo boards and posted memory/hope sheets in the narthex. Perhaps enjoy some coffee and fellowship as you view the displays.

#### **Financial Portion**

As we look to the future, we see a lot of big things. We see a fuller UNITY staff to achieve our goals and adapt to changing congregational needs. We see our amazing staff earning market-based pay. We see UNITY completing deferred property items at both campuses to ensure the security, protection and beauty of our spaces. We see continued growth and support for internal ministries and our servanthood partners.

We set the goal of **300 pledges by December 8th** because pledges are essential to our ability to budget and plan. Please consider committing to a 6% increase in your giving for 2025 to help UNITY accomplish our goals. If you feel especially able, consider a 10% increase. If you want to do more but not that much, a 3% increase gets us half-way!



Scan this QR code to complete your pledge online or find paper sheets in the narthex.

Advent Fest will Feature a Cookie Walk! Can You Help? We are holding a Cookie Walk at Advent Fest! In addition to enjoying cookies there, we will be offering take-home boxes! Cookies will be sold by the pound and used as a fundraiser for the Sr. High's summer trip to the Boundary Waters. Please sign up through SignUpGenius on our Sign Up web page and indicate which type of cookie you plan to bring. Drop off cookies at our COL campus the afternoon of Friday, December 6. Questions? Contact Tiffany Reay at sreays@gmail.com.

Help us 'prepare the way' for Advent and Christmas at the CTK campus! On Wednesday, December 4 from 9:00 am until 12 noon, join in at the Christ the King campus to decorate the building for the coming of our Lord! If you have questions, contact Diana Koenen, (262-853-7081 or DLStobbs@sbcglobal.net), David Koenen (davidkoenen@wi.rr.com or 414-559-6974).

#### Christmas Gift Bags for Homebound: December 10 at CTK

Reaching out to members who are homebound is an important part of our ministry. Every year we assemble and deliver gift bags to let them know we're thinking of them, especially during the holidays. We will gather on **Tuesday, December 10, at 1:00 pm at our Christ the King campus** to assemble and deliver gift bags to homebound members. If you can be a part, please contact Jane Boorse at janeboorse43@gmail.com or 262-781-1373.

**Christmas Poinsettias.** In keeping with UNITY tradition at both campuses, Christmas poinsettias you purchase will be placed around our altars and sanctuaries to decorate for Christmas services. They may be taken home following any Christmas Eve Service. Order forms and checks are due **Sunday, December 10**. Thank you for helping us beautify our spaces for the holidays and for supporting a great cause! Proceeds benefit our Sr. High Youth Group. Sponsors will be listed in Christmas Eve bulletins. Order Forms are available in the narthex at both campuses, or you can order online at the UNITY website. Contact is Matt Griepentrog matt@unitybrookfield.org with any questions.

#### Christmas Basket Helpers Needed: December 21 at COL

Each year we deliver simple gift bags around Christmas to member households (approx. 30-60) we are aware of having experienced grief, loss or unique hardship during the past year. The more deliverers we have, the better. If you've ever been on the receiving end of these gifts, you know how meaningful it is. This ministry involves assembling gift bags and delivering them on **Saturday**, **December 21**, **beginning at 9:30 am at our Cross of Life campus**. If you're interested, please contact Michelle Wilkins at mlwilkins012@gmail.com by **Saturday**, **December 14**.

#### Angel Trees: Gifts for Our Partners Due December 18

**Beginning December 6,** "Angel Trees" at each campus are an easy way to give this Christmas. Each tree is adorned with tags for small thank you gifts for: staff at our partner ministries; presents for kids at our partner churches; gifts for Bread of Healing Clinic and Hebron Housing Services; and residents at Aspen Center and Serenity Inns. Here's how it works:

1) Pick a tag off the Angel Trees and follow the gift suggestions.

2) Return gift to the campus where you picked it by Wed., December 18. Gifts should be delivered *wrapped and labelled with gifted name only.* 

3) Volunteers will deliver them in time for Christmas! *Can you help deliver gifts on Thursday, December 19, or Friday, December 20*?

Contact Jackie Herington at 262-399-5689 or jackieswan10@hotmail.com.

#### Mitten Tree at CTK, Mitten Bin at COL Warm Hearts

In UNITY tradition, the Mitten Tree will come alive in CTK's narthex and the Mitten Bin will arrive at COL in time for Advent Fest on **Friday, December 6**. Our two campuses offer the same great way to help the kids at our partner church Hephatha and their neighborhood kids stay warm this winter! CTK's tree will be in the narthex and COL's bin will be near the doors at the west (fireplace) entrance. Please note: Items will be picked and sent out several times during the season. These are much-needed replacements for items that fall by the wayside. Questions? Contact Jane Boorse at janeboorse43@gmail.com or 262-781-1373. Thanks for warming kids' hands, heads and hearts this holiday ... and all winter long!

#### Unaccompanied Minors Concert - December 19 at CTK Campus - 6:00 PM

Unaccompanied Minors, a premiere a cappella group from Brookfield East High School, including UNITY's own Kyra Jester, will be presenting a free Winter Concert at the CTK Campus on Thursday, December 19th at 6PM. Come enjoy the sounds of the season!

**Calling ALL Thrivent Members!** If you have any life insurance policies or annuities or anything with Thrivent, you may be eligible to direct what's known as "Choice Dollars" to the beneficiary of your choice. These are dollars that aren't used or given to you if you don't do anything AND you have to log in to your account and choose where to direct them EVERY year.

If your yearly premiums or your total investments are not high enough to qualify for these Choice Dollars, YOU STILL can apply for what's known as a Thrivent Action grant, which allows you to receive two \$250 gift cards per year to use for supplies to fund a ministry event related to education, serving or fundraising. Super easy to do and last year, we received an additional \$4,000 in money to support what we do because of members who applied.

Contact Pastor Sherrie for more information and the wording for project ideas. Thank you!

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If you are going to be home for the holidays, consider volunteering for upcoming services and events as we will be in need of help.

**November 29-December 29** come see UNITY's own **Robin Nordstrom** performing as Birdfish/ Snoken 4 in the Silver Cast of *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer* <sup>TM</sup> *The Musical* at First Stage! Use discount code 82445 to get 15% off your tickets! Go to **firststage.org** 

**Jigsaw Puzzle Library available at the COL campus!** Check out the vestibule upstairs by the fireplace for our Puzzle Library. Full instructions on how to use it are posted. It's a great family activity to share over the holidays, or anytime!

#### **Christian Education**

Contact Michelle Aprahamian, c: 414-732-8615, email: michelle@unitybrookfield.org

Nov. 30-Dec. 1 - No Sunday school this weekend. Happy Thanksgiving!

#### Mark Your Calendars for Advent Fest on December 6

Ready for some cookies, caroling and Christ-centered fun to get into the spirit of the season? *Who isn't*? Mark your calendar *now* for one of our most popular events! Advent Fest will be held on **Friday, December 6, from 5:30-8:00 pm at our COL campus**. Together we'll enjoy dinner, worship, crafting, music, and an evening of fun for the whole family. Watch for more info to come, along with signups for Advent Fest crafts that are for ALL ages and stages. *(Children in 3rd grade and younger must be accompanied by an adult.)* You really don't want to miss this much-loved annual tradition at UNITY! See Advent Fest on UNITY's webpage for all things Advent Fest!

Mark your calendars for December 14-15! (Note that this is a week EARLIER than usual based on the way the calendar falls this year!) Join us for our Sunday school Christmas program at all worship services. No one tells The Greatest Story Ever Told better than our kids! We have already begun practicing, so parents, every opportunity you are able to get your child(ren) to Sunday School is appreciated! It helps them feel more comfortable and know the songs/actions and the flow of the story, so that it's memorable not only for you, but especially for THEM! If you aren't able to make your usual worship time some weekend, know that the program is the same for every SS hour, so popping into another hour some week is absolutely worth doing if you can! Thank you.

December 21-22 and 28-29 - No Sunday school. Merry Christmas!

January 4-5, 2025 - Sunday School resumes

#### Confirmation

Contact Nicole Krause, e: nicole@unitybrookfield.org or Sherrie Lorbeck, e: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org

Sunday Fusion Series 4: We start a new fusion series this week on the Blood Meet us on Sunday, December 1st in room 208 from 9:30-10:30 am at COL. Then students will help volunteer on Saturday, December 7th for the blood drive at COL. Details will be discussed at Fusion.

#### **Important Upcoming Dates:**

• Trimester 2 Begins on Sunday, December 1st or Wednesday, December 4th - let us know if you would like to switch nights for the trimester. We want to try and keep them as even as possible!

#### Servant Ministries

Contact Ellen Vermillion, c: 262-565-8512, e: evermill61@gmail.com or Nicole Krause, e: nicole@unitybrookfield.org

**Sign Up to Donate at our next Blood Drive, Saturday, December 7, 7am-11am COL campus.** Sign up is live on the church website. Please contact Marilyn Ranney, Unity Blood Drive Advocate with any questions or if you need assistance in getting signed up. Contact her at 414-975-5606 or email her at ranneymarilyn@gmail.com. Our heartfelt gratitude to all blood donors and our prayers for healing for all who receive blood products!

This year's Thanksgiving offering will go to the ELCA's Lutheran Disaster Response and will be directed to domestic hurricane response. If you are unable to be with this at Worship on Thanksgiving Eve but would like to give, you can do so using one of the following methods:

- Use one of the ELCA Disaster envelopes in the narthex and put in basket or offering plate
- Use a special Thanksgiving envelope and put in offering plate
- Use a pew envelope and indicate Special Benevolence, Thanksgiving Disaster Relief and put in offering plate
- Use one of the credit card readers in the narthex, and then complete a pew envelope indicating given by credit card and put in basket or offering plate, or
- Make a donation online at www.unitybrookfield.org under Other Giving and specify Thanksgiving Disaster Relief

Thank you for all you give to help those in need after the devastating 2024 hurricane season!

**Drive for Books to be Distributed at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin.** Literacy meant so much to Ned Consigny (and still does to Barb Consigny!). In memory of Ned, we're collecting new books and/or money to buy books which will be distributed at Children's. Each year at Christmas they get lots and lots of toys, but books are always a need. You can make a donation to

UNITY marked "*Ned Consigny Book Drive*," or you may drop off new (and only new) children's books. All donations need to be in by **December 22.** Questions? Please talk/text Mary Chetney at 262-227-9634 or (chetmeym@gmail.com).

#### Let's Get Cookin'! Mass Meal Prep continues December 11

One Wednesday each month from **4:00-6:30 pm**, 4 adults will work with 4 Confirmation students to whip up a delicious recipe in the COL Kitchen for 25 men at Aspen Center! It's easy: cooking stations are all set up and ready for our Sous Chefs to step in. What if cooking really isn't your thing but you still want to help? No problem! We also need the following support: 1 or 2 shoppers, 2 home bakers, and 1 meal delivery driver. It's a big team effort, so what a blessing you will be! **Cooking dates are: December 11, January 8, February 12 and May 7**. Sign up online by clicking on the appropriate links: Adult Signup or Confirmation Signup. Questions? Contact Cindy Flynn at 262-391-7870 or cindylouflynn@aol.com.

#### Cookie Decorating & Cider at Aspen on December 14

Enjoy pre-holiday fun with Aspen friends! Join us on **Saturday, December 14, from 1:00-2:00 pm at Aspen Center** for Cookie Decorating & Cider. No need to RSVP; just show up! Cookies will stay there for the men to enjoy. Aspen Center is at 2000 W. Bluemound Rd. Contact is Cindy Boyd at dcboyd1985@sbcglobal.net or 262-424-3610.

Be a part of the team that makes Christmas Dinner for the residents of Hebron Housing

Services! Hebron continues to house an increasing number of people and depends on community support to keep their programs going. They are looking for a Christmas Dinner Coordinator to direct a UNITY crew to shop and cook for the families there over the holidays. Cooking will occur on December 21, 22 or 23. Contact Jane Boorse at 262-227-9645 or janeboorse43@gmail.com

**Volunteer Treasurer Needed for Bread of Healing Clinic, 10 hrs/month**. We give thanks for Unity member Doreen Brecheisen who has served as the treasurer for our free clinic partner in Milwaukee for the last 4 years, and are looking for the next great person to fill the role. Might this be your next calling? The role involves working with the accountant's financials to produce monthly reports for the board and assist with the budget. A combination of monthly in-person meetings and working from home. About 10 hours/month. Accounting background and knowledge of quickbooks would be big assets. Doreen would be happy to talk with anyone interested in the role (norskjohnson @gmail.com) or you can reach out directly to Barb Horner-Ibler at the clinic: (414) 313-9430. This is an organization you would be proud to support. Thanks for considering and spreading the word.

#### Hephatha Accepting Furniture Donations

**Our partner, Hephatha Lutheran Church, is assisting Holy Cross Lutheran Church with their "Share Our Best" Furniture Ministry.** This ministry, which was begun a couple years ago to help kids not have to sleep on the floor, relies on donations of furniture that they will pick up. They are looking for furniture that is in reasonably good condition – primarily beds (single, full and queen sizes, with frames and bedding) – as well as dressers, kitchen tables and chairs, and other pieces. If you have furniture to donate, please contact Hephatha Servant Advocate Shirley Denu at srdenu2@gmail.com so the donation can be coordinated. Thank you for helping with this important ministry that directly impacts the quality of life at home for so many in need.

**Ongoing Service Opportunities:** UNITY has standing volunteer "shifts" at various partners that we commit to covering as a church. Each one is coordinated by a different Unity member... each one has its own sign up page on the church website... and each one is an opportunity for you!

**Waukesha Food Pantry Food Distribution**: Each month, 4th Saturday, 9am-12pm; 5th Monday 5:45 - 8 pm.

**Serenity Inns Recovery Program Fellowship Dinners:** cook, deliver, or serve a meal for 12 residents. Each month,1st Sunday and 2nd Friday, 6 - 7pm. Kids welcome.

Save the Date for 2025 El Salvador Summer Trip: August 5-12 Relationship-Building Summer Trip.

Property Needs Contact Denny Thompson, Director of Buildings and Properties c: 262-844-0556, email: dennyt325@yahoo.com Al Bengston, c: 414-322-6445, email: allanbengst234@gmail.com

**Looking for firewood?** At both campuses dead trees were taken down on the October work days, so there is now firewood available for anyone wishing to pick some up. There are piles at both campuses (wood on pallets at CTK is for fire pits so kindly leave that.)

**Snow Blowing/Shoveling Sign Up:** Let's pray we still have a few weeks before the snow starts to fly, but if you are a person who doesn't mind helping to clear the sidewalks and throw some salt down, check out the details in the SignUpGenius on our website. You sign up for just 1 campus, and we ask for a 1 week commitment starting on Wednesdays and running through the following Tuesday. When you sign up, helpful details will be emailed to you, and a reminder is emailed 3 days prior to your start date. Thank you for helping!

We will also start to turn our attention to doing what we can do on the inside of our buildings. At COL, there are a number of spaces and hallways that are in desperate need of a fresh coat of paint. If this is something you enjoy doing and can help us with, please reach out to Denny Thompson, Al Bengston, Lynn Key or one of the pastors. Thank you.

#### **Adult Programs**

Contact: Todd Blatnik, email: todd.blatnik@wi.rr.com or Matt Griepentrog, c: 262-787-8820, e: matt@unitybrookfield.org

Join us for a Christmas Bible Study on Sunday, December 8, at 9:30 am at COL: "Born in Bethlehem." Together we'll look at Bethlehem and its significance to the Christmas story. We will see the small town come to life through the lens of the hit series "The Chosen." Grab a cup of coffee and join us for this special seasonal study led by Matt Griepentrog!

Monday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Eric is taking a break! - Watch for updates on bible study starting up again in January.

**Sheepshead Small Group** is taking a break for the month of December. Watch for updates from this fun group for January, 2025!

**Tuesday Men's Breakfast meets Tuesday, December 3rd!** Meet up with UNITY men for breakfast and fellowship the first Tuesday of each month. The group meets at 7 AM at The

Crossings Restaurant in Pewaukee (across from Kwik Trip on Watertown Road and Hwy F). New people always welcome!

**Lunch Bunch** - Join us the second Wednesday of each month at 11:30 am at Maxim's. (18025 W. Capitol Drive in Brookfield.) The next meeting is **December 11**. Everyone is welcome, no matter your age or stage: younger, older, singles, couples, regular or occasional. Just show up because the nice thing about Maxim's is that seating is endlessly expandable. And, if you have any questions before you come, Esther McKee is your point person: (262) 246-6443.

Men's Third Saturday Breakfast meets Saturday, December 21, 7:30-9:00 am at COL campus. We get together, survive our own cooking and talk about the readings used in worship that weekend. Never tried it out? Been part of it for years? Either way, how about joining us next time?

#### Interested in Our Adult Boundary Waters Trip?

In case you missed our October 27 Forum about the Adult Boundary Waters Trip, plans are in the works to offer this trip to adults of UNITY. Information is still being gathered that will help us plan the best trip possible. All skill levels will be welcome, so there's no need to be intimidated! If you think the trip is something you're interested in, please contact Matt Griepentrog at matt@unitybrookfield.org.

#### Do You Have Ideas for Adult Programming? Let Us Know!

Adult Programs is always looking for new ideas as we continue to plan new forums and events. If you have any ideas for groups, events, studies, or speakers that you'd like us to know about, please reach out to our new Adult Programs chairperson, Todd Blatnik, at todd.blatnik@wi.rr.com.

#### **UNITY Member Care**

#### Contact: Jim Ahlquist- Minister of Member Care e: jim@unitybrookfield.org, c: 715-210-2245 or Sherrie Lorbeck or Eric Silberschmidt

# Grief Group will continue meeting on Wednesdays through the end of the year. The next meeting is December 4th & then December 18th from 6:30-8:00 pm at COL in room 202 - *When Life Isn't the Same* ...

If you have lost a spouse or a parent or someone else close to you, the grieving doesn't end after the funeral. We invite you to a safe space where you can share more about where you are at in your journey ... learn more about the stages of grief ... and get help finding your way through what you need most for the road ahead.

We invite you to join us for our Grief Group. These gatherings will be led by Nicole Krause. If this is the right time for you, or if someone you know could benefit from being a part of this, please join us! A zoom link can be provided if you are not able to meet in person. If you have questions or just want to discuss whether this is the right place for you, contact Nicole Krause at nicole@unitybrookfield.org or 262-227-2271.

**UNITY Member Care is always here for you.** You don't have to face life's ups and downs alone. Whether it's an unexpected hospitalization, a recent diagnosis, the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, addiction, anxiety, depression, or virtually anything else, the pastors are only a call, text, or email away. Please never hesitate to reach out -- whether we're the only stop you'll make or just the first step in a longer care process.

**Prayer Place cards-** If you have a prayer request that you would like included in the Prayers for Friends and Family section in the bulletin, there are cards available in the narthex near the bulletin board. You can fill out the request and pin it to the bulletin board there. You can fill out a card and place it in the basket and it will be included in the upcoming bulletin. These prayer requests will stay for 4 weeks and then if you need further prayer, repost as often as needed. Any questions, please contact Nancy by phone or email nancy@unitybrookfield.org

#### Worship & Music Opportunities

Director of Music, Contact Lynn Key, c: 414-507-5888 e: lynn@unitybrookfield.org Children's Choirs, Contact Janet Day, c: 414-975-0286, e: janetday4@me.com Fellowship Choir, Contact Molly Pufall-Brown, c: 920-265-6881, e: mpufall@gmail.com Handbells & Praise Band, Contact Stacey Nordmeyer, c: 414-617-7673, e: staceynordmeyer72@icloud.com

#### Blue Christmas Service at CTK on December 15

Sometimes, the holidays are just hard. Whether you're facing the first Christmas with an empty chair at the table, or coping with a diagnosis, or just not feeling the "holly jolly" of the season, this is a service for you. Candlelight, communion, and a quiet space for prayer and reflection will all be a part of it. Join us at our CTK campus for our Blue Christmas worship service on **Sunday**, **December 15, from 3:00-4:00 pm**, followed by dinner. Contact Pastor Sherrie Lorbeck (sherrie@unitybrookfield.org or414-477-7762 or Lynn Key at lynn@unitybrookfield.org or 414-507-5888 for more info or if you'd like to be a part of helping with this special service.

**LOOKING FOR CHRISTMAS EVE MUSICIANS!** These holiday services are such a wonderful time to share your musical gifts in an easy group setting with fellow music lovers. And there is such wonderful music to share! You can still join your family to enjoy the rest of the worship service. Please contact Lynn Key if you are willing to share.

*Are you going to be home the weekend after Christmas?* Calling all musicians who would like to share a Christmas selection at any of our services that weekend. It could be a solo, a piece with a family member or friend, or you could also play along on your instrument with the piano or organ while everyone sings Christmas Carols. Just contact Lynn Key and let's put something together!

**UNITY's All-Music Tuesdays:** We rehearse every Tuesday night through mid-May. Come join us even if you can't make it every week. Nursery and child care are available. No auditions are necessary. Talk to any of our music staff if you have questions.

• JOYFUL NOISE MUSIC MAKERS - Ages PreK–Grade 1 • 6:00pm to 6:30pm • Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall • Directed by Janet Day.

• **CELEBRATION MUSIC MAKERS** - Ages Grade 2–Grade 6 • Tuesdays: 6:30pm to 7:15pm • Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall • Directed by Janet Day.

• HOSANNA BELLS - Beginning to Early Intermediate Ringers • Tuesdays: 7:15pm to 8:00pm • Cross of Life Sanctuary.

• **FELLOWSHIP CHOIR** - Ages 7th Grade–Adult • Tuesdays: 7:15pm to 8:15pm • Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall • Directed by Molly Pufall-Brown.

• **GLORIA DEI BELLS** - Late Intermediate to Advanced Ringers • Tuesdays: 6:15pm to 7:15pm • Cross of Life Sanctuary • Directed by Stacey Nordmeyer.

#### **Christmas Worship Times**

#### December 24 - Christmas Eve

2:00pm COL - Children's Choir \*2:00pm CTK - Bell Choir \*4:00pm COL - Brass Choir \*4:00pm CTK - Praise Band \*7:30pm COL - Fellowship Choir \*10:30pm COL - String Ensemble

#### December 25 - Christmas Day

No in-person worship services Online Christmas Message

All Services include Candlelight \*Services offering communion

#### Sr. High

Contact Nancy Oberhauser, c: 262-527-8869, e: nancy.oberhauser@Aexp.com or Sherrie Lorbeck, c: 414-477-7762 e: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org or Ryan Johnson, c: 262-825-7331, e: rmjohnson1117@gmail.com

Sunday, December 1st - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at the COL Campus. Christmas Tree Set up and Getting Ready for the Season! Be a part of this time honored tradition and this important task of getting all the decorations up from the basement and assembling the trees in the sanctuary so that they are ready to be adorned with ornaments come Advent Fest! Dig out any Christmas sweaters and fun hats or Christmas accessories that you have and we'll put the music on, break out the Christmas cookies and prepare our hearts for the love that first came so many years ago!

Friday, December 6th - ADVENT FEST! 5:30 - 7:30/8:00 p.m. at the COL campus. Not technically a "Sr. High event", but you're never too old for this annual tradition of dinner, a mini worship, craft making, Christmas music, decorating, and last but not least, Christmas cookies and Cocoa to end the evening! Let Michelle Aprahamian know if you'd be available to help in "Adventure Land" (the craft area for the little kids) or watch for list of Craft options that YOU can sign up for in the coming weeks!

And if you'd be up for caroling along with Mr. Marv Wunder on Accordion, talk to Lynn Key. In year's past, we had a whole group of Sr. High that went from room to room singing Christmas carols and inviting kids and parents to join in! And if singing and crafts aren't quite your thing, but making sure the building is ready for Christmas, we also need someone to tackle getting a tree set up in the Fireplace area!

#### Sunday December 8th- Escape Room Meet at COL at 5:40, leave at 5:45

We will be going to a local escape room and trying our best to break out as quick as possible! Please let Ryan Johnson (262-825-7331) know if you (or a friend) wants to go by Dec 3rd. We will by buying slots then and can't promise spots afterwards. The price will be \$25 dollars. Adults we will need help driving so if you want to drive and participate please also text Ryan Johnson.

#### December 15th- White Elephant at COL, Sr High room

Get a Gift to bring to COL and prepare for a White Elephant Gift exchange with Christmas music and snacks. Please bring something funny or somewhat useable but nothing to expensive, we will get a price range to target for soon.

December 21st- No event due to assumed travel plans for Holidays! Have a great Christmas!!!

Partner we are praying for this month: Hephatha Lutheran Church

The altar flowers at COL are given by Kimberly Klug in loving memory of Fred Klug.

Thank you to Jane Dowling for arranging the altar flowers this weekend

This weekend's communion breads were baked by Kelsey Morrison

#### **Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members**

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

#### **Cross of Life Campus**

Luna Loverine, Joan Krause, Steve Schultz, Jill Barney, Julie Schultz, Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Joseph Nutt, Linda Langer, Jerry Buenger, Bob Rusk, Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Paula Dryer, Marlene Jernberg, John Vaughan, Alyce Vollan, Barb Purnell, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

#### **Christ the King Campus**

Mary Johnsen, Parker Godfrey, Ann Borowski, Dawn Suharski, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Dave Rau

> We pray our prayers of sympathy for family and loved ones as they mourn the death of a loved one:

#### Christ the King Campus

Karen Anderson on the death of her cousin, Erika Foss Pat Petran on the death of her brother, Al Thurow

# **UNITY Prayer Place**

Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.

# November 30 - December 1

Will Carlson (prayers of healing and care for his family, broken bones in his neck), friend of Loriena Harrington. Andrea Knoke (ovarian cancer), friend of Kyle & Anna Jansson

# November 23-24

The Schneck Family (sudden death of Dan), neighbor of Cheryl Caraulia Sara Weix (breast cancer), daughter of Ron & Barb Weix Donna Funk (bladder cancer/liver issues), daughter of Pearl Haack

# November 16-17

Ken Kamenick (health concerns), father of Matt Kamenick Gary Kamenick (brain tumor), uncle of Matt Kamenick Terri Kwiatkowski (stage 4 terminal cancer), friend of Michelle Aprahamian Ron Ripley (cancer treatments), cousin of Dick Dressler

# November 9-10

Chase Radigan (traumatic brain injury), nephew of Debbie Riederer's sister-in-law Steve Perry (West Nile virus), friend of Julie & Steve Schultz Karen (breast cancer), great aunt of Sia & Weston Grabowski Tony Susa (spinal cord injury), brother-in-law of Vivian Clark Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, etc.) overseas and our military personnel: Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank

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# COL 5:00 p.m.

# Ministers for Saturday, November 30, 2024

Worship Coordinator:	
Greeters:	Cheryl Caraulia, Brian Finnigan
Acolyte:	Emma Jolliff, Jameson Krueger
Ushers:	Al Bredemus, Kevin Grabowski
Worship Assistant:	Jeff Key
Reader:	Bill James
Communion Assistants:	
ABC:	Cheryl Caraulia
Musician:	Lynn Key
Sound:	Matt Jolliff
Visual Projection:	Duane Maas
Song Leader:	
Sunday School Leaders:	No Sunday School this holiday weekend
	No Sunday School this holiday weekend
Nursery:	Molly Swain

<u>COL 8:30 a.m.</u>	Ministers for Sunday, December 1, 2024
Worship Coordinator: Greeters: Acolyte:	
Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader:	
Communion Assistants: ABC:	Sandi John, Abigail Mace, Debbie Riederer
Musician: Sound: Livestream: Visual Projection:	Lynn Key Tim Herman Clyde Reay
Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders: Sunday School Support: Nursery:	Nicole Krause No Sunday School this holiday weekend No Sunday School this holiday weekend Maddy Paradis Eric Thomas
CTK 9:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, December 1, 2024
Acolyte: Ushers: Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Visual Projection: Song Leader: Sunday School Leaders: Sunday School Support:	Jan & Dan Brophey Barb Borkenhagen Praise Band Julie Smith Praise Band No Sunday School this holiday weekend No Sunday School this holiday weekend Robin Nordstrom
COL 10:45 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, December 1, 2024
Worship Assistant: Reader: Communion Assistants: ABC: Musician: Sound: Visual Projection: Song Leader:	Nancy Oberhauser Sebastian Dandridge Collette Tatera Carole Syse Sam Kerr Heidi & Todd Blatnik Heidi Blatnik Lynn Key Jeff Key JJ Steichen Jeff Stark No Sunday School this holiday weekend No Sunday School this holiday weekend



# Second Weekend of Advent Christmas Program at COL

December 7-8, 2024

Saturday, December 7, 2024 5:00 pm COL Sunday, December 8, 2024 8:30 am COL 10:45 am COL

Live Streamed at 8:30 am Sundays and available Online anytime afterwards

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#### WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH! We're glad you're here today! UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** We're glad to have you with us! If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: unitybrookfield.org for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

- Children. Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- **Nursery.** Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- Sunday School. All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)

# • At UNITY, the Communion Table is:

- Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
- Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
- Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
- We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
- Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
- If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.
- **Pastors.** UNITY is currently served by Pastor Sherrie Lorbeck, Pastor Eric Silberschmidt who is our Interim pastor as we search for two additional pastors. along with Pastor Jim Ahlquist, who is our part time pastoral care pastor and occasional preacher. Most Saturdays, the weekend preacher is the pastor at that service. On Sundays, the preacher for the weekend travels to both campuses to share the message. The other pastor is then based at the COL campus. Feel free to reach out if you need anything or would like to talk more.

**GIVING.** If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay and Venmo are also accepted. Thank you!



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# Prelude

*"On Christmas Night All Christians Sing"* arr. Lloyd Larson (All Services) Gloria Dei Handbells; Stacey Nordmeyer, Director; Lynn Key, Piano

# Words of Welcome

# Invocation

Pastor: Blessed be the Holy Trinity. One God, who is bringing life into the world, bringing light into the darkness, and bringing hope for all people.

Many: Amen.

# **Children's Message**

# Lighting the Advent Wreath Candles

"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" ELW 240 vs. 1 and 2

(All Services)

# Call to Worship: (Responsive)

One: Advent ... It means a new Church year has begun.

Many: Happy New Year!

One: Advent . . . It means that something is about to happen.

Many: It's a time of promise. Oh come, oh come Emmanuel!

- One: Advent . . . It means that someone important is arriving.
- Many: A King? Do you think it could be a King?

One: Advent . . . It's a time when so many are so busy!

Many: Prepare ye the way of the Lord!

One: Advent . . . It's when we light candles on the Advent wreath.

- Many: God's love brings light to the darkness. God's love brings warmth to the cold.
- One: Advent . . . It's the Season of John the Baptist. It's the voice crying out in the wilderness.

Many: Get ready for the best news ever - the Advent of our Lord!

# Anthem

"Realms of Glory"	arr. Matthew Compton	(All Services)
Gloria Dei Handbells; Stacey Nord	meyer, Director;	
Ann Hill, Clarinet; Patrick Halbach	& Lynn Key, Percussion	

# First Lesson: Malachi 3: 1-4

God announces a covenant with Israel. A messenger like Malachi (his name means "my messenger") will prepare the way for the coming of the Lord by purifying and refining God's people, as silver and gold are refined.

<sup>1</sup>See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. <sup>2</sup> But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; <sup>3</sup> he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. <sup>4</sup> Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

One<sup>.</sup> The Word of the Lord! Many: Thanks be to God.

# Anthems

(All Services) "Masters in This Hall" arr. Mark Burrows "Joy to the World! (With "The Heavens Declare")" arr. John Purifov Fellowship Choir; Director, Molly Pufall-Brown; Accompanist, Lynn Key

# **Announcing of the Good News**

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

ELW 257 refrain only

(All Services)

# Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

John the Baptist is a herald of Jesus, whose way is prepared by "repentance for the forgiveness of sins." As we hear the careful record of human leaders, we sense the spectrum of political and religious authority that will be challenged by this coming Lord

One<sup>.</sup> The Gospel according to Luke, the third chapter Many: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup> In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, <sup>2</sup> during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup> He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, <sup>4</sup> as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. <sup>5</sup> Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; <sup>6</sup> and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."" One: The Gospel of the Lord!

Many: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon "Christmas Chee	<i>cklist</i> " Eric Silberschmidt
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#### Anthem

*"The Snow Lay on the Ground"* arr. John Leavitt Fellowship Choir; Director, Molly Pufall-Brown Gloria Dei Handbells; Director, Stacey Nordmeyer String Bass, Annalise Nordstrom Piano, Lynn Key

# The Prayers of the People

One: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. *(Congregation response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer.")*Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Many: Amen.

(All Services)

# **Announcements and Offering**

<b>Offertory Response</b> (as gifts are brought forward)		(All Services)
"Hark, the Glad Sound!"	ELW 239 vs. 1	

# **Prayer of Thanks**

One: Let us pray. Merciful God,

Many: in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you embrace our lives with your great love for humanity. With joy and gladness we ask that these gifts may be for many a sign of that love, and that we may continue to share in your divine life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

# Words of Institution

# The Lord's Prayer (traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

# **Communion Meditation**

"Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine	arr. Lorie Line	(All Services)
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# **Post Communion Blessing**

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace and peace.

Many: Amen.

# **Prayer after Communion**

- One: Let us pray. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- Many: Amen.

# Benediction

Sending Hymn		
"He Came Down"	ELW 253 vs. 1-4	(All Services)

# Dismissal

One: Go in peace and serve the Lord! Many: Thanks be to God!

# Postlude

"Gloria"	arr. Lorie Line	(All Services)
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# This Weekend at UNITY!

Get acquainted with Pastor Justin at "Meet & Greets" after all services at both CTK and COL this weekend. See below for more information.

Join us for a Christmas Bible Study <u>this Sunday</u>, December 8, 9:30 am at COL in Rm 202: "Born in Bethlehem." Together we'll look at Bethlehem and its significance to the Christmas story. We will see the small town come to life through the lens of the hit series, "*The Chosen*." Stop to Meet and greet Pastor Justin, then grab a cup of coffee and join us in Room 202 for this special seasonal study led by Matt Griepentrog!

Sr. High: Sunday, December 8th - Escape Room Meet at COL at 5:40, leave at 5:45 We will be going to a local escape room and trying our best to break out as quick as possible! Please let Ryan Johnson (262-825-7331) know if you (or a friend) wants to go. We have a few more spots still open. The price will be \$25 dollars. Adults we will need help driving so if you want to drive and participate please also text Ryan Johnson.

# **UNITY Highlights**

# **Important Pastoral Call Committee News**

The UNITY Council is pleased to affirm and present for congregational vote the unanimous recommendation of the UNITY Call Team and Pastor Sherrie to extend a call to Pastor Justin Kierzek to join the pastor team at UNITY Lutheran Church.

We are grateful to Pastor Sherrie and the Call Team who started their work last January and have spent countless hours in meetings, in prayer and reflection, in interviews and discussions. They listened to all of you about the needs of UNITY in working to find a pastor who will be a good fit for UNITY – who we are and who we are becoming.

We invite you to get acquainted with Pastor Justin at "Meet & Greets" after all services at both CTK and COL this weekend. Please mark your calendar for the very important Special Voting Meeting of the Congregation on Sun., Dec. 22 at 9:30 a.m. We need a quorum (~200-some) of members to be present, and a two-thirds majority vote in favor of the call is required. All members (including confirmed young people) are encouraged to attend in a way that is most convenient – in person at either campus (CTK or COL) or virtually (via Zoom).

When we developed our congregation profile, we described UNITY as grace-based, continuing to learn from Christ through the Bible, welcoming, servant-oriented, and playful – seeking a pastor who matches us well. We are excited for you to meet Pastor Justin. As we've become acquainted with him, we find him to be engaging, faithful, motivated, creative, hard-working, able to laugh, a deep thinker, and a boat-builder (yes, really!). Pastor Justin is married to Christine, and they have three children: Alice (9), and twins Jon and Lily (6). He loves to hike and kayak. Oh, and he's a fan of the Brewers, Bucks and Packers!

Please see the UNITY December newsletter to read more about Pastor Justin. Look for a special handout, as well. And, of course, talk with members of our Call Team, Council, and Pr. Sherrie to learn more.

As a reminder, the Call Team will continue its work in 2025 for our third pastor role. We are grateful that Pr. Eric Silberschmidt will continue his role with us as interim pastor during this time of transition.

# 2025 Pledge Drive Update - Celebrate the Past, Commit to the Future

We are about half-way to our goal for financial pledges! Our generous and responsive congregation has again risen to the challenge with the majority of the submitted pledges committing to roughly the suggested 6% increase. Let's keep the momentum and reach our goal of 300 pledges by December 8th. Any pledges received before year-end helps UNITY's 2025 budgeting and planning.

Scan this QR code to complete your pledge online or find paper sheets in the narthex.

**Still Time to Participate in the Memories and Hopes Portion** We are gathering meaningful memories from 2024 and hopes for 2025. Everyone can participate (kids and adults). Find a blue or purple half-sheet in the narthex and hang it up in the display. Be sure to check out the photo boards and posted memory/hope sheets. Perhaps enjoy some coffee and fellowship as you view the displays.



**Christmas Poinsettias.** In keeping with UNITY tradition at both campuses, Christmas poinsettias you purchase will be placed around our altars and sanctuaries to decorate for Christmas services. They may be taken home following any Christmas Eve Service. Order forms and checks are due **Sunday, December 10**. Thank you for helping us beautify our spaces for the holidays and for supporting a great cause! Proceeds benefit our Sr. High Youth Group. Sponsors will be listed in Christmas Eve bulletins. Order Forms are available in the narthex at both campuses, or you can order online at the UNITY website. Contact is Matt Griepentrog matt@unitybrookfield.org with any questions.

# **Christmas Eve Needs**

Our Christmas Eve services are special to all of us. To keep them special we need lots and lots of help. If you are in our Ministry Scheduler Pro program, please go to it as soon as possible and help us fill all our openings for readers, communion servers, ushers, etc. If you are not in MSP and want to help, please check out the paper signups in the narthex or call the church office 262-781-7600. Thank you to everyone who can help us make Christmas Eve special! See below for all of our times at each campus including another 2:00 p.m. option and choose the service that works the best for you and your family!

# **Christmas Worship Times**

December 24 - Christmas Eve 2:00pm COL - Children's Choir \*2:00pm CTK - Bell Choir \*4:00pm COL - Brass Choir \*4:00pm CTK - Praise Band \*7:30pm COL - Fellowship Choir \*10:30pm COL - Strings Choir December 25 - Christmas Day

No in-person worship services Online Christmas Message available

All Services include Candlelight \* Services offering communion

# Flower Sign Up for 2025 now live on website:

**Sponsors Needed each week for Altar Flowers at both campuses!** All the details you need are on the SignUp Genius and the 2025 calendar is now available on our webpage. This is a convenient way to choose a weekend and campus, and the cost is only \$25 (payable by check or online). You can take flowers home at the end of the weekend's last service, but please return the vase as soon as you can. If you have questions or need assistance signing up, contact Nancy or Lynn by calling the UNITY office.

#### Unaccompanied Minors Concert - December 19 at CTK Campus - 6:00 PM

Unaccompanied Minors, a premiere a cappella group from Brookfield East High School, including UNITY's own Kyra Jester, will be presenting a free Winter Concert at the CTK Campus on Thursday, December 19th at 6PM. Come enjoy the sounds of the season!

**November 29-December 29** come see UNITY's own **Robin Nordstrom** performing as Birdfish/Snoken 4 in the Silver Cast of *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer* <sup>TM</sup> *The Musical* at First Stage! Use discount code 82445 to get 15% off your tickets! Go to **firststage.org** 

**Jigsaw Puzzle Library available at the COL campus!** Check out the vestibule upstairs by the fireplace for our Puzzle Library. Full instructions on how to use it are posted. It's a great family activity to share over the holidays, or anytime!

# **Christian Education**

Contact Michelle Aprahamian, c: 414-732-8615, email: michelle@unitybrookfield.org

**Thank You to all our volunteers for a joyous celebration at Advent Fest this year!** Special thanks to our Advent Fest planning team: Davida Kroepfl, Fonda Kapitan, Deb Nustad, Jennifer Loverine, Colleen King, Madison Arredondo. Thanks also to all the craft leaders, Marv Wunder for serenading everyone with the sounds of Christmas, the many confirmation students that helped throughout the building that night, and for all the people who helped with set up, clean up, dishes, and decorating the building for the coming of our Lord!

Mark your calendars for December 14-15! (Note that this is a week EARLIER than usual based on the way the calendar falls this year!) Join us for our Sunday school Christmas program at all worship services. No one tells The Greatest Story Ever Told better than our kids! We have already begun practicing, so parents, every opportunity you are able to

get your child(ren) to Sunday School is appreciated! It helps them feel more comfortable and know the songs/actions and the flow of the story, so that it's memorable not only for you, but especially for THEM! If you aren't able to make your usual worship time some weekend, know that the program is the same for every SS hour, so popping into another hour some week is absolutely worth doing if you can! Thank you.

December 21-22 and 28-29 - No Sunday school. Merry Christmas!

January 4-5, 2025 - Sunday School resumes

# Confirmation

Contact Nicole Krause, e: nicole@unitybrookfield.org or Sherrie Lorbeck, e: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org

Sunday Fusion Series 4: Thank you to those who helped volunteer and/or bake desserts for the blood drive this week! Our final wrap up conversation on the Blood Drive will happen on Sunday, December 8th in room 208 from 9:30-10:30 am at COL.

**Important Upcoming Dates:** 

- December 22nd & December 25th No Confirmation Class. Merry Christmas!
- December 27th Friday Night Fusion Details TBD! Watch your emails!
- December 29th & January 1st No Confirmation Class. Happy New Year!
- January 8th 6:15-7:45 pm (COL) Winter Orientation Meeting for ALL students and Parents Join us to talk about the plan for the rest of the year, including new service opportunities, fusion events and summer trips!
- January 12th & January 15th Confirmation Classes Resume (Dinner 30 minutes before class)

# **Servant Ministries**

Contact Ellen Vermillion, c: 262-565-8512, e: evermill61@gmail.com or Nicole Krause, e: nicole@unitybrookfield.org

**Thank you to all who donated at our Blood Drive on Saturday morning, December 7!.** Our next blood drive will be Thursday, February 13, 2025 from 1-6pm.

# Christmas Gift Bags for Homebound: December 10 at CTK

Reaching out to members who are homebound is an important part of our ministry. Every year we assemble and deliver gift bags to let them know we're thinking of them, especially during the holidays. We will gather on **Tuesday, December 10, at 1:00 pm at our Christ the King campus** to assemble and deliver gift bags to homebound members. If you can be a part, please contact Jane Boorse at janeboorse43@gmail.com or 262-781-1373.

# Cookie Decorating & Cider at Aspen on December 14

Enjoy pre-holiday fun with Aspen friends! Join us on **Saturday, December 14, from 1:00-2:00 pm at Aspen Center** for Cookie Decorating & Cider. No need to RSVP; just show up! Cookies will stay there for the men to enjoy. Aspen Center is at 2000 W. Bluemound Rd. Contact is Cindy Boyd at dcboyd1985@sbcglobal.net or 262-424-3610.

# Christmas Basket Helpers Needed: December 21 at COL

Each year we deliver simple gift bags around Christmas to member households (approx. 30-60) we are aware of having experienced grief, loss or unique hardship during the past year. The more deliverers we have, the better. If you've ever been on the receiving end of these gifts, you know how meaningful it is. This ministry involves assembling gift bags and delivering them on Saturday, December 21, beginning at 9:30 am at our Cross of Life campus. If you're interested, please contact Michelle Wilkins at mlwilkins012@gmail.com by Saturday, December 14.

# Angel Trees: Gifts for Our Partners Due December 18

"Angel Trees" at each campus are an easy way to give this Christmas. Each tree is adorned with tags for small thank you gifts for: staff at our partner ministries; presents for kids at our partner churches; gifts for Bread of Healing Clinic and Hebron Housing Services; and residents at Aspen Center and Serenity Inns. Here's how it works:

1) Pick a tag off the Angel Trees and follow the gift suggestions.

2) Return gift to the campus where you picked it by Wed., December 18. Gifts should be delivered *wrapped and labelled with gifted name only and please include the tag from the tree for us to get them to the right place!* 

At CTK you can place gifts in the Pastor's office and at COL, you can place them in the Servant Ministries office.

3) Volunteers will deliver them in time for Christmas! *Can you help deliver gifts on Thursday, December 19, or Friday, December 20*?

Contact Jackie Herington at 262-399-5689 or jackieswan10@hotmail.com.

# Mitten Tree at CTK, Mitten Bin at COL Warm Hearts

In UNITY tradition, the Mitten Tree is now available at both campuses! Our two campuses offer the same great way to help the kids at our partner church Hephatha and their neighborhood kids stay warm this winter! CTK's tree is in the narthex and COL's bin is in the vestibule near the doors at the west (fireplace) entrance. Please note: Items will be picked and sent out several times during the season. These are much-needed replacements for items that fall by the wayside. Questions? Contact Jane Boorse at janeboorse43@gmail.com or 262-781-1373. Thanks for warming kids' hands, heads and hearts this holiday ... and all winter long!

**Drive for Books to be Distributed at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin.** Literacy meant so much to Ned Consigny (and still does to Barb Consigny!). In memory of Ned, we're collecting new books and/or money to buy books which will be distributed at Children's. Each year at Christmas they get lots and lots of toys, but books are always a need. You can make a donation to UNITY marked "*Ned Consigny Book Drive*," or you may drop off new (and only new) children's books. All donations need to be in by

**December 22.** Questions? Please talk/text Mary Chetney at 262-227-9634 or (chetmeym@gmail.com).

# Let's Get Cookin'! Mass Meal Prep continues December 11

One Wednesday each month from **4:00-6:30 pm**, 4 adults will work with 4 Confirmation students to whip up a delicious recipe in the COL Kitchen for 25 men at Aspen Center! It's easy: cooking stations are all set up and ready for our Sous Chefs to step in. What if cooking really isn't your thing but you still want to help? No problem! We also need the following support: 1 or 2 shoppers, 2 home bakers, and 1 meal delivery driver. It's a big team effort, so what a blessing you will be! **Cooking dates are: December 11, January 8, February 12 and May 7**. Sign up online by clicking on the appropriate links: Adult Signup or Confirmation Signup. Questions? Contact Cindy Flynn at 262-391-7870 or cindylouflynn@aol.com.

*Fun Fact:* Over the years our UNITY Confirmation kids and congregation have consistently made meals for the following partners: Springdale House (this goes back many years!) Serenity Inns, Juno House, Siena House, and this year, Aspen Center! UNITY, you continue to be so very amazing. Thank you for sharing your time to fill not only the stomachs of men in recovery, but also their hearts!

**Volunteer Treasurer Needed for Bread of Healing Clinic, 10 hrs/month**. We give thanks for Unity member Doreen Brecheisen who has served as the treasurer for our free clinic partner in Milwaukee for the last 4 years, and are looking for the next great person to fill the role. Might this be your next calling? The role involves working with the accountant's financials to produce monthly reports for the board and assist with the budget. A combination of monthly in-person meetings and working from home. About 10 hours/ month. Accounting background and knowledge of quickbooks would be big assets. Doreen would be happy to talk with anyone interested in the role (norskjohnson@gmail.com) or you can reach out directly to Barb Horner-Ibler at the clinic: (414) 313-9430. This is an organization you would be proud to support. Thanks for considering and spreading the word.

# Hephatha Accepting Furniture Donations

Our partner, Hephatha Lutheran Church, is assisting Holy Cross Lutheran Church with their "Share Our Best" Furniture Ministry. This ministry, which was begun a couple years ago to help kids not have to sleep on the floor, relies on donations of furniture that they will pick up. They are looking for furniture that is in reasonably good condition – primarily beds (single, full and queen sizes, with frames and bedding) – as well as dressers, kitchen tables and chairs, and other pieces. If you have furniture to donate, please contact Hephatha Servant Advocate Shirley Denu at srdenu2@gmail.com so the donation can be coordinated. Thank you for helping with this important ministry that directly impacts the quality of life at home for so many in need.

**Ongoing Service Opportunities:** UNITY has standing volunteer "shifts" at various partners that we commit to covering as a church. Each one is coordinated by a different Unity member... each one has its own sign up page on the church website... and each one is an opportunity for you!

**Waukesha Food Pantry Food Distribution**: Each month, 4th Saturday, 9am-12pm; 5th Monday 5:45 - 8 pm.

**Serenity Inns Recovery Program Fellowship Dinners:** cook, deliver, or serve a meal for 12 residents. Each month,1st Sunday and 2nd Friday, 6 - 7pm. Kids welcome.

Save the Date for 2025 El Salvador Summer Trip: August 5-12 Relationship-Building Summer Trip.

Property Needs Contact Denny Thompson, Director of Buildings and Properties c: 262-844-0556, email: dennyt325@yahoo.com Al Bengston, c: 414-322-6445, email: allanbengst234@gmail.com

**Looking for firewood?** At both campuses dead trees were taken down on the October work days, so there is now firewood available for anyone wishing to pick some up. There are piles at both campuses (wood on pallets at CTK is for fire pits so kindly leave that.)

**Snow Blowing/Shoveling Sign Up:** Let's pray we still have a few weeks before the snow starts to fly, but if you are a person who doesn't mind helping to clear the sidewalks and throw some salt down, check out the details in the SignUpGenius on our website. You sign up for just 1 campus, and we ask for a 1 week commitment starting on Wednesdays and running through the following Tuesday. When you sign up, helpful details will be emailed to you, and a reminder is emailed 3 days prior to your start date. Thank you for helping!

We will also start to turn our attention to doing what we can do on the inside of our buildings. At COL, there are a number of spaces and hallways that are in desperate need of a fresh coat of paint. If this is something you enjoy doing and can help us with, please reach out to Denny Thompson, Al Bengston, Lynn Key or one of the pastors. Thank you.

# **Adult Programs**

Contact: Todd Blatnik, email: todd.blatnik@wi.rr.com or Matt Griepentrog, c: 262-787-8820, e: matt@unitybrookfield.org

Join us for a Christmas Bible Study on Sunday, December 8, at 9:30 am at COL: *"Born in Bethlehem."* Together we'll look at Bethlehem and its significance to the Christmas story. We will see the small town come to life through the lens of the hit series *"The Chosen."* Grab a cup of coffee and join us for this special seasonal study led by Matt Griepentrog!

**Monday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Eric is taking a break! -** Watch for updates on bible study starting up again in January.

**Sheepshead Small Group** is taking a break for the month of December. Watch for updates from this fun group for January, 2025!

Lunch Bunch - Join us the second Wednesday of each month at 11:30 am at Maxim's. (18025 W. Capitol Drive in Brookfield.) The next meeting is **December 11**. Everyone is welcome, no matter your age or stage: younger, older, singles, couples, regular or occasional. Just show up because the nice thing about Maxim's is that seating is endlessly expandable. And, if you have any questions before you come, Esther McKee is your point person: (262) 246-6443.

**Men's Third Saturday Breakfast meets Saturday, December 21, 7:30-9:00 am at COL campus.** We get together, survive our own cooking and talk about the readings used in worship that weekend. Never tried it out? Been part of it for years? Either way, how about joining us next time?

# **Interested in Our Adult Boundary Waters Trip?**

In case you missed our October 27 Forum about the Adult Boundary Waters Trip, plans are in the works to offer this trip to adults of UNITY. Information is still being gathered that will help us plan the best trip possible. All skill levels will be welcome, so there's no need to be intimidated! If you think the trip is something you're interested in, please contact Matt Griepentrog at matt@unitybrookfield.org.

# Do You Have Ideas for Adult Programming? Let Us Know!

Adult Programs is always looking for new ideas as we continue to plan new forums and events. If you have any ideas for groups, events, studies, or speakers that you'd like us to know about, please reach out to our new Adult Programs chairperson, Todd Blatnik, at todd.blatnik@wi.rr.com.

UNITY Member Care Contact: Jim Ahlquist- Minister of Member Care e: jim@unitybrookfield.org, c: 715-210-2245 or Sherrie Lorbeck or Eric Silberschmidt

# Grief Group will continue meeting on Wednesdays through the end of the year. The next meeting is December 4th & then December 18th from 6:30-8:00 pm at COL in room 202 - *When Life Isn't the Same* ...

If you have lost a spouse or a parent or someone else close to you, the grieving doesn't end after the funeral. We invite you to a safe space where you can share more about where you are at in your journey ... learn more about the stages of grief ... and get help finding your way through what you need most for the road ahead.

We invite you to join us for our Grief Group. These gatherings will be led by Nicole Krause. If this is the right time for you, or if someone you know could benefit from being a part of this, please join us! A zoom link can be provided if you are not able to meet in

person. If you have questions or just want to discuss whether this is the right place for you, contact Nicole Krause at nicole@unitybrookfield.org or 262-227-2271.

**UNITY Member Care is always here for you.** You don't have to face life's ups and downs alone. Whether it's an unexpected hospitalization, a recent diagnosis, the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, addiction, anxiety, depression, or virtually anything else, the pastors are only a call, text, or email away. Please never hesitate to reach out -- whether we're the only stop you'll make or just the first step in a longer care process.

**Prayer Place cards-** If you have a prayer request that you would like included in the Prayers for Friends and Family section in the bulletin, there are cards available in the narthex near the bulletin board. You can fill out the request and pin it to the bulletin board there. You can fill out a card and place it in the basket and it will be included in the upcoming bulletin. These prayer requests will stay for 4 weeks and then if you need further prayer, repost as often as needed. Any questions, please contact Nancy by phone or email nancy@unitybrookfield.org

# **Worship & Music Opportunities**

Director of Music, Contact Lynn Key, c: 414-507-5888 e: lynn@unitybrookfield.org Children's Choirs, Contact Janet Day, c: 414-975-0286, e: janetday4@me.com Fellowship Choir, Contact Molly Pufall-Brown, c: 920-265-6881, e: mpufall@gmail.com Handbells & Praise Band, Contact Stacey Nordmeyer, c: 414-617-7673, e: staceynordmeyer72@icloud.com

# Blue Christmas Service at CTK on December 15

Sometimes, the holidays are just hard. Whether you're facing the first Christmas with an empty chair at the table, or coping with a diagnosis, or just not feeling the "holly jolly" of the season, this is a service for you. Candlelight, communion, and a quiet space for prayer and reflection will all be a part of it. Join us at our CTK campus for our Blue Christmas worship service on **Sunday, December 15, from 3:00-4:00 pm**, followed by dinner. Contact Pastor Sherrie Lorbeck (sherrie@unitybrookfield.org or414-477-7762 or Lynn Key at lynn@unitybrookfield.org or 414-507-5888 for more info or if you'd like to be a part of helping with this special service.

**LOOKING FOR CHRISTMAS EVE MUSICIANS!** These holiday services are such a wonderful time to share your musical gifts in an easy group setting with fellow music lovers. And there is such wonderful music to share! You can still join your family to enjoy the rest of the worship service. Please contact Lynn Key if you are willing to share.

*Are you going to be home the weekend after Christmas?* Calling all musicians who would like to share a Christmas selection at any of our services that weekend. It could be a solo, a piece with a family member or friend, or you could also play along on your instrument with the piano or organ while everyone sings Christmas Carols. Just contact Lynn Key and let's put something together!

**UNITY's All-Music Tuesdays:** We rehearse every Tuesday night through mid-May. Come join us even if you can't make it every week. Nursery and child care are available. No auditions are necessary. Talk to any of our music staff if you have questions.

• JOYFUL NOISE MUSIC MAKERS - Ages PreK–Grade 1 • 6:00pm to 6:30pm • Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall • Directed by Janet Day.

• CELEBRATION MUSIC MAKERS - Áges Grade 2–Grade 6 • Tuesdays: 6:30pm

to 7:15pm • Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall • Directed by Janet Day.

• **HOSANNA BELLS** - Beginning to Early Intermediate Ringers • Tuesdays: 7:15pm to 8:00pm • Cross of Life Sanctuary.

• **FELLOWSHIP CHOIR** - Ages 7th Grade–Adult • Tuesdays: 7:15pm to 8:15pm • Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall • Directed by Molly Pufall-Brown.

• GLORIA DEI BELLS - Late Intermediate to Advanced Ringers • Tuesdays:

6:15pm to 7:15pm • Cross of Life Sanctuary • Directed by Stacey Nordmeyer.

# Sr. High

Contact Nancy Oberhauser, c: 262-527-8869, e: nancy.oberhauser@Aexp.com or Sherrie Lorbeck, c: 414-477-7762 e: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org or Ryan Johnson, c: 262-825-7331, e: rmjohnson1117@gmail.com

# Sunday December 8th- Escape Room Meet at COL at 5:40, leave at 5:45

We will be going to a local escape room and trying our best to break out as quick as possible! Please let Ryan Johnson (262-825-7331) know if you (or a friend) wants to go by Dec 3rd. We will by buying slots then and can't promise spots afterwards. The price will be \$25 dollars. Adults we will need help driving so if you want to drive and participate please also text Ryan Johnson.

**Kickin' It With Jesus.** Our High School soccer team is currently 5-1 in the Saturday night recreational league. We've been undefeated some seasons and winless in others, the main thing is to have some fun and our teams always have that! If you are ever looking for a sport to come watch, come check out a game on Saturday nights at Brookfield Indoor Soccer. Text Ryan for the details.

# December 15th- White Elephant at COL, Sr High room

Get a Gift to bring to COL and prepare for a White Elephant Gift exchange with Christmas music and snacks. Please bring something funny or somewhat useable but nothing to expensive, we will get a price range to target for soon.

**December 21st- No event** due to assumed travel plans for Holidays! Have a great Christmas!!!

Partner we are praying for this month: Hephatha Lutheran Church

The altar flowers at COL are given by Jeff & Lynn Key in loving memory of Elaine Key

Thank you to Barb Hemmingsen for arranging the altar flowers this weekend

This weekend's communion breads were baked by Barb Borkenhagen

# **Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members**

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

# **Cross of Life Campus**

Barb Consigny, Luna Loverine, Joan Krause, Steve Schultz, Jill Barney, Julie Schultz, Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Joseph Nutt, Linda Langer, Jerry Buenger, Bob Rusk, Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Paula Dryer, John Vaughan, Alyce Vollan, Barb Purnell, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

# Christ the King Campus

Mary Johnsen, Parker Godfrey, Ann Borowski, Dawn Suharski, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Dave Rau

We give a prayer of thanksgiving for the renewed health of:

Marlene Jernberg

# **UNITY Prayer Place**

Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.

# December 7-8, 2024

Roy Subramanian (health concerns), friend of Luke Manganaro Patrice M. (cancer), friend of Cathy Buck Beckey Griffey (health concerns), friend of Lisa Nass Tracy Schlict (hope and love at a difficult time in her life), friend of Lisa Nass Jolie Jacomet (24 year old with stage 4 breast cancer), friend of the Nustad family The Wacker & Schultz families (husband/father [Tom] passed unexpectedly on 11/15), friends of the Nustad family Phyllis Knutson (fell at home and now in rehab facility), mother of Joy Knutson Czarnik Daniel Jakala (complications after cancer surgery), brother-in-law of Laura Buege Steve Perry (West Nile virus), friend of Julie & Steve Schultz Karen (breast cancer), great aunt of Sia & Weston Grabowski Tony Susa (spinal cord injury), brother-in-law of Vivian Clark Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

# November 30 - December 1

Will Carlson (prayers of healing and care for his family, broken bones in his neck), friend of Loriena Harrington.

Andrea Knoke (ovarian cancer), friend of Kyle & Anna Jansson

# November 23-24

The Schneck Family (sudden death of Dan), neighbor of Cheryl Caraulia Sara Weix (breast cancer), daughter of Ron & Barb Weix Donna Funk (bladder cancer/liver issues), daughter of Pearl Haack

# November 16-17

Ken Kamenick (health concerns), father of Matt Kamenick Gary Kamenick (brain tumor), uncle of Matt Kamenick Terri Kwiatkowski (stage 4 terminal cancer), friend of Michelle Aprahamian Ron Ripley (cancer treatments), cousin of Dick Dressler

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, etc.) overseas and our military personnel: Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank

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COL 5:00 p.m.	Ministers for Saturday, December 7, 2024	
Worship Coordinator:	Marv Wunder	
Greeters:	Sue Fisher, Duane Maas	
Acolyte:	Nate Maritz	
Ushers:	Judie & Paul McGhee	
Worship Assistant:	Marilyn Ranney	
Reader:	Marilyn Ranney	
Communion Assistants:	Dawn Conlin, Kim Klug	
ABC:	Kay Koepsel-Benning	
Musician:	Lynn Key	
Sound:	Kevin Nordmeyer	
Visual Projection:	Duane Maas	
Song Leader:	Molly Pufall-Brown	
Sunday School Leaders:	Becky Riehl	
Sunday School Support:		
Nursery:	Rachel Manganaro	

Ministers for Sunday, December 8, 2024
Steve Taipala
Tiffany & Scott Reay
Charlie Rentmeester
Matt/Natalie Kamenick, Pete Meiklejohn
Jolene Epding
Leslie O'Connell
Tracy & Paul Karrels, Jenny Hauser, Leslie O'Connell
Sandi John
Lynn Key
Mike Aprahamian
Rudy Schneider
Clyde Reay
Molly Pufall-Brown
Becky/Nick Van Deraa, Emily Reinhardt, Joanne Rentmeester
Joy Griepentrog
Chloe O'Connell
Tracy Karrels
Ministers for Sunday, December 8, 2024
Greg Hoesly
Ananya Ebenezer
Anden Nellis, Austin Alft
Patricia & Jeff Pelzel
Carole Syse
Julie Hoesly
Annika Nellis, Keira Kroepfl
Patricia Pelzel

Song Leader: Molly Pufall-Brown Sunday School Leaders: Jennifer Loverine, Davida Kroepfl Sunday School Support: Nursery: Chloe O'Connell

Musician: Lynn Key Sound: Adrik Nellis

Visual Projection: Steve Brewer



# Second Weekend of Advent

# **December 8, 2024**

Sunday, December 8, 2024 9:30 am CTK

unitybrookfield.org

Cross of Life Campus 20700 W. North Avenue Brookfield, WI 53045 Christ the King Campus 4600 Pilgrim Road Brookfield, WI 53005

#### WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH! We're glad you're here today! UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** We're glad to have you with us! If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: unitybrookfield.org for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

- Children. Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- **Nursery.** Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- Sunday School. All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)

# • At UNITY, the Communion Table is:

- Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
- Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
- Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
- We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
- Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
- If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.
- **Pastors.** UNITY is currently served by Pastor Sherrie Lorbeck, Pastor Eric Silberschmidt who is our Interim pastor as we search for two additional pastors. along with Pastor Jim Ahlquist, who is our part time pastoral care pastor and occasional preacher. Most Saturdays, the weekend preacher is the pastor at that service. On Sundays, the preacher for the weekend travels to both campuses to share the message. The other pastor is then based at the COL campus. Feel free to reach out if you need anything or would like to talk more.

**GIVING.** If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay and Venmo are also accepted. Thank you!



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# Second Weekend of Advent December 8, 2024

Prelude <i>"Away</i>	v in a Manger"	Setting by Douglas Wagner	(9:30)
Words of	Welcome		
Children <sup>9</sup>	's Message		
	<b>the Advent Wreath Candles</b> t One Candle to Watch for Messiah"	ELW 240 vs. 1 and 2	(9:30)
Call to W	orship: (Responsive)		
One: <b>Many:</b>	There are signs everywhere we look Signs along our streets and highwa		
One: <b>Many:</b>	signs on buildings and outside office and signs of a different kind.	es,	
One: <b>Many:</b>	Signs that lead us to seeing more ful Signs that move us to believing.	ly.	
One:	John the Baptist was one of those signs, helping people to look for the One who was coming,		
Many:	bringing people to faith because of his testimony, and by pointing out who he was <i>not</i> .		
One: Many:	Not the Messiah, not Elijah and not just a mansent from God to test		
Opening	Hymn "Awake! Awake, and Greet t	<i>he New Morn"</i> ~ ELW 242 vs. 1-4	(9:30)

# **Greeting and Prayer of the Day**

- Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!
- Many: And also with you.
- One: Let us pray. God of Light,
- Many: In this season of preparation, help us look at the signs that surround us... and to see beyond the signs that advertise or entice or distract us...so that we can see more clearly what you are calling us to do or to turn from in order that we may have our attention turned toward the One whose coming we prepare the way for too! Help us to see all the simple ways in which you already come into our midst and work through us to share your love every time we choose to share and point others to the Good News you make real in our lives. In your holy name we pray, Amen.

Anthem *"Go Light Your World"* arr. Dennis Allen (9:30) Fellowship Choir; Molly Pufall-Brown, Director; Lynn Key, Accompanist

# Announcing of the Good News

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" ELW 257 refrain only (9:30)

# Gospel: Luke 3:1-16

Advent Gospels anticipate. They anticipate the birth of Jesus. But if you're going to meet Jesus, you also need to anticipate his forerunner, John the Baptist. On the Second Weekend in Advent, we always meet John. As much as Jesus was about grace, John was all about fire and repentance, as you are about to hear!

One: The Gospel according to Luke, the third chapter

# Many: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, <sup>4</sup>as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight.

<sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled,

and every mountain and hill shall be made low,

and the crooked shall be made straight,

and the rough ways made smooth;

<sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.' "<sup>7</sup>John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>9</sup>Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." <sup>10</sup>And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" <sup>11</sup>In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." <sup>12</sup>Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" <sup>13</sup>He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." <sup>14</sup>Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

One: The Gospel of the Lord!

# Many: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon "Poisonous snakes and Christmas To Do Lists!"

# Hymn of the Day

"Prepare the Royal Highway"	ELW 264 vs. 1-4	(9:30)
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# The Prayers of the People

One: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. *(Congregation response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer.")*Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Many: Amen.

# **Announcements and Offering**

<b>Offertory Response</b> (as gifts are brought forward)		(9:30)
"Hark, the Glad Sound!"	ELW 239 vs. 1	

# **Prayer of Thanks**

- One: Let us pray. Merciful God,
- Many: in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you embrace our lives with your great love for humanity. With joy and gladness we ask that these gifts may be for many a sign of that love, and that we may continue to share in your divine life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# The Sacrament of Holy Communion

- Pastor: The Lord be with you.
- Many: And also with you.
- Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
- Many: We lift them to the Lord.
- Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

# Words of Institution

# The Lord's Prayer (traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

# **Communion Meditation**

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" arr. Phillip Keveren

# (9:30)

# **Post Communion Blessing**

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace and peace.

Many: Amen.

# **Prayer after Communion**

One: Let us pray. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Many: Amen.

# Benediction

Sending Hymn		
"Joy to the World"	ELW 267 vs. 1-4	(9:30)

# Dismissal

One:	Go in peace and serve the Lord!
Many:	Thanks be to God!

# Postlude

"Joy to the World" Franklin Ritter (9:30	"Joy to the World"	Franklin Ritter	(9:30)
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# This Weekend at UNITY!

Get acquainted with Pastor Justin at "Meet & Greets" after all services at both CTK and COL this weekend. See below for more information.

Join us for a Christmas Bible Study <u>this Sunday</u>, December 8, 9:30 am at COL in Rm 202: "Born in Bethlehem." Together we'll look at Bethlehem and its significance to the Christmas story. We will see the small town come to life through the lens of the hit series, "*The Chosen*." Stop to Meet and greet Pastor Justin, then grab a cup of coffee and join us in Room 202 for this special seasonal study led by Matt Griepentrog!

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# **UNITY Highlights**

# **Important Pastoral Call Committee News**

The UNITY Council is pleased to affirm and present for congregational vote the unanimous recommendation of the UNITY Call Team and Pastor Sherrie to extend a call to Pastor Justin Kierzek to join the pastor team at UNITY Lutheran Church.

We are grateful to Pastor Sherrie and the Call Team who started their work last January and have spent countless hours in meetings, in prayer and reflection, in interviews and discussions. They listened to all of you about the needs of UNITY in working to find a pastor who will be a good fit for UNITY – who we are and who we are becoming.

We invite you to get acquainted with Pastor Justin at "Meet & Greets" after all services at both CTK and COL this weekend. Please mark your calendar for the very important Special Voting Meeting of the Congregation on Sun., Dec. 22 at 9:30 a.m. We need a quorum (~200-some) of members to be present, and a two-thirds majority vote in favor of the call is required. All members (including confirmed young people) are encouraged to attend in a way that is most convenient – in person at either campus (CTK or COL) or virtually (via Zoom).

When we developed our congregation profile, we described UNITY as grace-based, continuing to learn from Christ through the Bible, welcoming, servant-oriented, and playful – seeking a pastor who matches us well. We are excited for you to meet Pastor Justin. As we've become acquainted with him, we find him to be engaging, faithful, motivated, creative, hard-working, able to laugh, a deep thinker, and a boat-builder (yes, really!). Pastor Justin is married to Christine, and they have three children: Alice (9), and twins Jon and Lily (6). He loves to hike and kayak. Oh, and he's a fan of the Brewers, Bucks and Packers!

Please see the UNITY December newsletter to read more about Pastor Justin. Look for a special handout, as well. And, of course, talk with members of our Call Team, Council, and Pr. Sherrie to learn more.

As a reminder, the Call Team will continue its work in 2025 for our third pastor role. We are grateful that Pr. Eric Silberschmidt will continue his role with us as interim pastor during this time of transition.

# 2025 Pledge Drive Update - Celebrate the Past, Commit to the Future

We are about half-way to our goal for financial pledges! Our generous and responsive congregation has again risen to the challenge with the majority of the submitted pledges committing to roughly the suggested 6% increase. Let's keep the momentum and reach our goal of 300 pledges by December 8th. Any pledges received before year-end helps UNITY's 2025 budgeting and planning.

Scan this QR code to complete your pledge online or find paper sheets in the narthex.

**Still Time to Participate in the Memories and Hopes Portion** We are gathering meaningful memories from 2024 and hopes for 2025. Everyone can participate (kids and adults). Find a blue or purple half-sheet in the narthex and hang it up in the display. Be sure to check out the photo boards and posted memory/hope sheets. Perhaps enjoy some coffee and fellowship as you view the displays.



**Christmas Poinsettias.** In keeping with UNITY tradition at both campuses, Christmas poinsettias you purchase will be placed around our altars and sanctuaries to decorate for Christmas services. They may be taken home following any Christmas Eve Service. Order forms and checks are due **Sunday, December 10**. Thank you for helping us beautify our spaces for the holidays and for supporting a great cause! Proceeds benefit our Sr. High Youth Group. Sponsors will be listed in Christmas Eve bulletins. Order Forms are available in the narthex at both campuses, or you can order online at the UNITY website. Contact is Matt Griepentrog matt@unitybrookfield.org with any questions.

# **Christmas Eve Needs**

Our Christmas Eve services are special to all of us. To keep them special we need lots and lots of help. If you are in our Ministry Scheduler Pro program, please go to it as soon as possible and help us fill all our openings for readers, communion servers, ushers, etc. If you are not in MSP and want to help, please check out the paper signups in the narthex or call the church office 262-781-7600. Thank you to everyone who can help us make Christmas Eve special! See below for all of our times at each campus including another 2:00 p.m. option and choose the service that works the best for you and your family!

# **Christmas Worship Times**

December 24 - Christmas Eve 2:00pm COL - Children's Choir \*2:00pm CTK - Bell Choir \*4:00pm COL - Brass Choir \*4:00pm CTK - Praise Band \*7:30pm COL - Fellowship Choir \*10:30pm COL - Strings Choir December 25 - Christmas Day

No in-person worship services Online Christmas Message available

All Services include Candlelight \* Services offering communion

# Flower Sign Up for 2025 now live on website:

**Sponsors Needed each week for Altar Flowers at both campuses!** All the details you need are on the SignUp Genius and the 2025 calendar is now available on our webpage. This is a convenient way to choose a weekend and campus, and the cost is only \$25 (payable by check or online). You can take flowers home at the end of the weekend's last service, but please return the vase as soon as you can. If you have questions or need assistance signing up, contact Nancy or Lynn by calling the UNITY office.

#### Unaccompanied Minors Concert - December 19 at CTK Campus - 6:00 PM

Unaccompanied Minors, a premiere a cappella group from Brookfield East High School, including UNITY's own Kyra Jester, will be presenting a free Winter Concert at the CTK Campus on Thursday, December 19th at 6PM. Come enjoy the sounds of the season!

**November 29-December 29** come see UNITY's own **Robin Nordstrom** performing as Birdfish/Snoken 4 in the Silver Cast of *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer* <sup>TM</sup> *The Musical* at First Stage! Use discount code 82445 to get 15% off your tickets! Go to **firststage.org** 

**Jigsaw Puzzle Library available at the COL campus!** Check out the vestibule upstairs by the fireplace for our Puzzle Library. Full instructions on how to use it are posted. It's a great family activity to share over the holidays, or anytime!

# **Christian Education**

Contact Michelle Aprahamian, c: 414-732-8615, email: michelle@unitybrookfield.org

**Thank You to all our volunteers for a joyous celebration at Advent Fest this year!** Special thanks to our Advent Fest planning team: Davida Kroepfl, Fonda Kapitan, Deb Nustad, Jennifer Loverine, Colleen King, Madison Arredondo. Thanks also to all the craft leaders, Marv Wunder for serenading everyone with the sounds of Christmas, the many confirmation students that helped throughout the building that night, and for all the people who helped with set up, clean up, dishes, and decorating the building for the coming of our Lord!

Mark your calendars for December 14-15! (Note that this is a week EARLIER than usual based on the way the calendar falls this year!) Join us for our Sunday school Christmas program at all worship services. No one tells The Greatest Story Ever Told better than our kids! We have already begun practicing, so parents, every opportunity you are able to

get your child(ren) to Sunday School is appreciated! It helps them feel more comfortable and know the songs/actions and the flow of the story, so that it's memorable not only for you, but especially for THEM! If you aren't able to make your usual worship time some weekend, know that the program is the same for every SS hour, so popping into another hour some week is absolutely worth doing if you can! Thank you.

December 21-22 and 28-29 - No Sunday school. Merry Christmas!

January 4-5, 2025 - Sunday School resumes

# Confirmation

Contact Nicole Krause, e: nicole@unitybrookfield.org or Sherrie Lorbeck, e: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org

Sunday Fusion Series 4: Thank you to those who helped volunteer and/or bake desserts for the blood drive this week! Our final wrap up conversation on the Blood Drive will happen on Sunday, December 8th in room 208 from 9:30-10:30 am at COL.

**Important Upcoming Dates:** 

- December 22nd & December 25th No Confirmation Class. Merry Christmas!
- December 27th Friday Night Fusion Details TBD! Watch your emails!
- December 29th & January 1st No Confirmation Class. Happy New Year!
- January 8th 6:15-7:45 pm (COL) Winter Orientation Meeting for ALL students and Parents Join us to talk about the plan for the rest of the year, including new service opportunities, fusion events and summer trips!
- January 12th & January 15th Confirmation Classes Resume (Dinner 30 minutes before class)

# **Servant Ministries**

Contact Ellen Vermillion, c: 262-565-8512, e: evermill61@gmail.com or Nicole Krause, e: nicole@unitybrookfield.org

**Thank you to all who donated at our Blood Drive on Saturday morning, December 7!.** Our next blood drive will be Thursday, February 13, 2025 from 1-6pm.

# Christmas Gift Bags for Homebound: December 10 at CTK

Reaching out to members who are homebound is an important part of our ministry. Every year we assemble and deliver gift bags to let them know we're thinking of them, especially during the holidays. We will gather on **Tuesday, December 10, at 1:00 pm at our Christ the King campus** to assemble and deliver gift bags to homebound members. If you can be a part, please contact Jane Boorse at janeboorse43@gmail.com or 262-781-1373.

# Cookie Decorating & Cider at Aspen on December 14

Enjoy pre-holiday fun with Aspen friends! Join us on **Saturday, December 14, from 1:00-2:00 pm at Aspen Center** for Cookie Decorating & Cider. No need to RSVP; just show up! Cookies will stay there for the men to enjoy. Aspen Center is at 2000 W. Bluemound Rd. Contact is Cindy Boyd at dcboyd1985@sbcglobal.net or 262-424-3610.

# Christmas Basket Helpers Needed: December 21 at COL

Each year we deliver simple gift bags around Christmas to member households (approx. 30-60) we are aware of having experienced grief, loss or unique hardship during the past year. The more deliverers we have, the better. If you've ever been on the receiving end of these gifts, you know how meaningful it is. This ministry involves assembling gift bags and delivering them on Saturday, December 21, beginning at 9:30 am at our Cross of Life campus. If you're interested, please contact Michelle Wilkins at mlwilkins012@gmail.com by Saturday, December 14.

# Angel Trees: Gifts for Our Partners Due December 18

"Angel Trees" at each campus are an easy way to give this Christmas. Each tree is adorned with tags for small thank you gifts for: staff at our partner ministries; presents for kids at our partner churches; gifts for Bread of Healing Clinic and Hebron Housing Services; and residents at Aspen Center and Serenity Inns. Here's how it works:

1) Pick a tag off the Angel Trees and follow the gift suggestions.

2) Return gift to the campus where you picked it by Wed., December 18. Gifts should be delivered *wrapped and labelled with gifted name only and please include the tag from the tree for us to get them to the right place!* 

At CTK you can place gifts in the Pastor's office and at COL, you can place them in the Servant Ministries office.

3) Volunteers will deliver them in time for Christmas! *Can you help deliver gifts on Thursday, December 19, or Friday, December 20*?

Contact Jackie Herington at 262-399-5689 or jackieswan10@hotmail.com.

# Mitten Tree at CTK, Mitten Bin at COL Warm Hearts

In UNITY tradition, the Mitten Tree is now available at both campuses! Our two campuses offer the same great way to help the kids at our partner church Hephatha and their neighborhood kids stay warm this winter! CTK's tree is in the narthex and COL's bin is in the vestibule near the doors at the west (fireplace) entrance. Please note: Items will be picked and sent out several times during the season. These are much-needed replacements for items that fall by the wayside. Questions? Contact Jane Boorse at janeboorse43@gmail.com or 262-781-1373. Thanks for warming kids' hands, heads and hearts this holiday ... and all winter long!

**Drive for Books to be Distributed at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin.** Literacy meant so much to Ned Consigny (and still does to Barb Consigny!). In memory of Ned, we're collecting new books and/or money to buy books which will be distributed at Children's. Each year at Christmas they get lots and lots of toys, but books are always a need. You can make a donation to UNITY marked "*Ned Consigny Book Drive*," or you may drop off new (and only new) children's books. All donations need to be in by

**December 22.** Questions? Please talk/text Mary Chetney at 262-227-9634 or (chetmeym@gmail.com).

# Let's Get Cookin'! Mass Meal Prep continues December 11

One Wednesday each month from **4:00-6:30 pm**, 4 adults will work with 4 Confirmation students to whip up a delicious recipe in the COL Kitchen for 25 men at Aspen Center! It's easy: cooking stations are all set up and ready for our Sous Chefs to step in. What if cooking really isn't your thing but you still want to help? No problem! We also need the following support: 1 or 2 shoppers, 2 home bakers, and 1 meal delivery driver. It's a big team effort, so what a blessing you will be! **Cooking dates are: December 11, January 8, February 12 and May 7**. Sign up online by clicking on the appropriate links: Adult Signup or Confirmation Signup. Questions? Contact Cindy Flynn at 262-391-7870 or cindylouflynn@aol.com.

*Fun Fact:* Over the years our UNITY Confirmation kids and congregation have consistently made meals for the following partners: Springdale House (this goes back many years!) Serenity Inns, Juno House, Siena House, and this year, Aspen Center! UNITY, you continue to be so very amazing. Thank you for sharing your time to fill not only the stomachs of men in recovery, but also their hearts!

**Volunteer Treasurer Needed for Bread of Healing Clinic, 10 hrs/month**. We give thanks for Unity member Doreen Brecheisen who has served as the treasurer for our free clinic partner in Milwaukee for the last 4 years, and are looking for the next great person to fill the role. Might this be your next calling? The role involves working with the accountant's financials to produce monthly reports for the board and assist with the budget. A combination of monthly in-person meetings and working from home. About 10 hours/ month. Accounting background and knowledge of quickbooks would be big assets. Doreen would be happy to talk with anyone interested in the role (norskjohnson@gmail.com) or you can reach out directly to Barb Horner-Ibler at the clinic: (414) 313-9430. This is an organization you would be proud to support. Thanks for considering and spreading the word.

# Hephatha Accepting Furniture Donations

Our partner, Hephatha Lutheran Church, is assisting Holy Cross Lutheran Church with their "Share Our Best" Furniture Ministry. This ministry, which was begun a couple years ago to help kids not have to sleep on the floor, relies on donations of furniture that they will pick up. They are looking for furniture that is in reasonably good condition – primarily beds (single, full and queen sizes, with frames and bedding) – as well as dressers, kitchen tables and chairs, and other pieces. If you have furniture to donate, please contact Hephatha Servant Advocate Shirley Denu at srdenu2@gmail.com so the donation can be coordinated. Thank you for helping with this important ministry that directly impacts the quality of life at home for so many in need.

**Ongoing Service Opportunities:** UNITY has standing volunteer "shifts" at various partners that we commit to covering as a church. Each one is coordinated by a different Unity member... each one has its own sign up page on the church website... and each one is an opportunity for you!

**Waukesha Food Pantry Food Distribution**: Each month, 4th Saturday, 9am-12pm; 5th Monday 5:45 - 8 pm.

**Serenity Inns Recovery Program Fellowship Dinners:** cook, deliver, or serve a meal for 12 residents. Each month,1st Sunday and 2nd Friday, 6 - 7pm. Kids welcome.

Save the Date for 2025 El Salvador Summer Trip: August 5-12 Relationship-Building Summer Trip.

Property Needs Contact Denny Thompson, Director of Buildings and Properties c: 262-844-0556, email: dennyt325@yahoo.com Al Bengston, c: 414-322-6445, email: allanbengst234@gmail.com

**Looking for firewood?** At both campuses dead trees were taken down on the October work days, so there is now firewood available for anyone wishing to pick some up. There are piles at both campuses (wood on pallets at CTK is for fire pits so kindly leave that.)

**Snow Blowing/Shoveling Sign Up:** Let's pray we still have a few weeks before the snow starts to fly, but if you are a person who doesn't mind helping to clear the sidewalks and throw some salt down, check out the details in the SignUpGenius on our website. You sign up for just 1 campus, and we ask for a 1 week commitment starting on Wednesdays and running through the following Tuesday. When you sign up, helpful details will be emailed to you, and a reminder is emailed 3 days prior to your start date. Thank you for helping!

We will also start to turn our attention to doing what we can do on the inside of our buildings. At COL, there are a number of spaces and hallways that are in desperate need of a fresh coat of paint. If this is something you enjoy doing and can help us with, please reach out to Denny Thompson, Al Bengston, Lynn Key or one of the pastors. Thank you.

# **Adult Programs**

Contact: Todd Blatnik, email: todd.blatnik@wi.rr.com or Matt Griepentrog, c: 262-787-8820, e: matt@unitybrookfield.org

Join us for a Christmas Bible Study on Sunday, December 8, at 9:30 am at COL: *"Born in Bethlehem."* Together we'll look at Bethlehem and its significance to the Christmas story. We will see the small town come to life through the lens of the hit series *"The Chosen."* Grab a cup of coffee and join us for this special seasonal study led by Matt Griepentrog!

**Monday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Eric is taking a break! -** Watch for updates on bible study starting up again in January.

**Sheepshead Small Group** is taking a break for the month of December. Watch for updates from this fun group for January, 2025!

Lunch Bunch - Join us the second Wednesday of each month at 11:30 am at Maxim's. (18025 W. Capitol Drive in Brookfield.) The next meeting is **December 11**. Everyone is welcome, no matter your age or stage: younger, older, singles, couples, regular or occasional. Just show up because the nice thing about Maxim's is that seating is endlessly expandable. And, if you have any questions before you come, Esther McKee is your point person: (262) 246-6443.

**Men's Third Saturday Breakfast meets Saturday, December 21, 7:30-9:00 am at COL campus.** We get together, survive our own cooking and talk about the readings used in worship that weekend. Never tried it out? Been part of it for years? Either way, how about joining us next time?

#### **Interested in Our Adult Boundary Waters Trip?**

In case you missed our October 27 Forum about the Adult Boundary Waters Trip, plans are in the works to offer this trip to adults of UNITY. Information is still being gathered that will help us plan the best trip possible. All skill levels will be welcome, so there's no need to be intimidated! If you think the trip is something you're interested in, please contact Matt Griepentrog at matt@unitybrookfield.org.

#### Do You Have Ideas for Adult Programming? Let Us Know!

Adult Programs is always looking for new ideas as we continue to plan new forums and events. If you have any ideas for groups, events, studies, or speakers that you'd like us to know about, please reach out to our new Adult Programs chairperson, Todd Blatnik, at todd.blatnik@wi.rr.com.

UNITY Member Care Contact: Jim Ahlquist- Minister of Member Care e: jim@unitybrookfield.org, c: 715-210-2245 or Sherrie Lorbeck or Eric Silberschmidt

# Grief Group will continue meeting on Wednesdays through the end of the year. The next meeting is December 4th & then December 18th from 6:30-8:00 pm at COL in room 202 - *When Life Isn't the Same* ...

If you have lost a spouse or a parent or someone else close to you, the grieving doesn't end after the funeral. We invite you to a safe space where you can share more about where you are at in your journey ... learn more about the stages of grief ... and get help finding your way through what you need most for the road ahead.

We invite you to join us for our Grief Group. These gatherings will be led by Nicole Krause. If this is the right time for you, or if someone you know could benefit from being a part of this, please join us! A zoom link can be provided if you are not able to meet in

person. If you have questions or just want to discuss whether this is the right place for you, contact Nicole Krause at nicole@unitybrookfield.org or 262-227-2271.

**UNITY Member Care is always here for you.** You don't have to face life's ups and downs alone. Whether it's an unexpected hospitalization, a recent diagnosis, the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, addiction, anxiety, depression, or virtually anything else, the pastors are only a call, text, or email away. Please never hesitate to reach out -- whether we're the only stop you'll make or just the first step in a longer care process.

**Prayer Place cards-** If you have a prayer request that you would like included in the Prayers for Friends and Family section in the bulletin, there are cards available in the narthex near the bulletin board. You can fill out the request and pin it to the bulletin board there. You can fill out a card and place it in the basket and it will be included in the upcoming bulletin. These prayer requests will stay for 4 weeks and then if you need further prayer, repost as often as needed. Any questions, please contact Nancy by phone or email nancy@unitybrookfield.org

#### **Worship & Music Opportunities**

Director of Music, Contact Lynn Key, c: 414-507-5888 e: lynn@unitybrookfield.org Children's Choirs, Contact Janet Day, c: 414-975-0286, e: janetday4@me.com Fellowship Choir, Contact Molly Pufall-Brown, c: 920-265-6881, e: mpufall@gmail.com Handbells & Praise Band, Contact Stacey Nordmeyer, c: 414-617-7673, e: staceynordmeyer72@icloud.com

#### Blue Christmas Service at CTK on December 15

Sometimes, the holidays are just hard. Whether you're facing the first Christmas with an empty chair at the table, or coping with a diagnosis, or just not feeling the "holly jolly" of the season, this is a service for you. Candlelight, communion, and a quiet space for prayer and reflection will all be a part of it. Join us at our CTK campus for our Blue Christmas worship service on **Sunday, December 15, from 3:00-4:00 pm**, followed by dinner. Contact Pastor Sherrie Lorbeck (sherrie@unitybrookfield.org or414-477-7762 or Lynn Key at lynn@unitybrookfield.org or 414-507-5888 for more info or if you'd like to be a part of helping with this special service.

**LOOKING FOR CHRISTMAS EVE MUSICIANS!** These holiday services are such a wonderful time to share your musical gifts in an easy group setting with fellow music lovers. And there is such wonderful music to share! You can still join your family to enjoy the rest of the worship service. Please contact Lynn Key if you are willing to share.

*Are you going to be home the weekend after Christmas?* Calling all musicians who would like to share a Christmas selection at any of our services that weekend. It could be a solo, a piece with a family member or friend, or you could also play along on your instrument with the piano or organ while everyone sings Christmas Carols. Just contact Lynn Key and let's put something together!

**UNITY's All-Music Tuesdays:** We rehearse every Tuesday night through mid-May. Come join us even if you can't make it every week. Nursery and child care are available. No auditions are necessary. Talk to any of our music staff if you have questions.

• JOYFUL NOISE MUSIC MAKERS - Ages PreK–Grade 1 • 6:00pm to 6:30pm • Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall • Directed by Janet Day.

• CELEBRATION MUSIC MAKERS - Áges Grade 2–Grade 6 • Tuesdays: 6:30pm

to 7:15pm • Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall • Directed by Janet Day.

• **HOSANNA BELLS** - Beginning to Early Intermediate Ringers • Tuesdays: 7:15pm to 8:00pm • Cross of Life Sanctuary.

• **FELLOWSHIP CHOIR** - Ages 7th Grade–Adult • Tuesdays: 7:15pm to 8:15pm • Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall • Directed by Molly Pufall-Brown.

• GLORIA DEI BELLS - Late Intermediate to Advanced Ringers • Tuesdays:

6:15pm to 7:15pm • Cross of Life Sanctuary • Directed by Stacey Nordmeyer.

# Sr. High

Contact Nancy Oberhauser, c: 262-527-8869, e: nancy.oberhauser@Aexp.com or Sherrie Lorbeck, c: 414-477-7762 e: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org or Ryan Johnson, c: 262-825-7331, e: rmjohnson1117@gmail.com

# Sunday December 8th- Escape Room Meet at COL at 5:40, leave at 5:45

We will be going to a local escape room and trying our best to break out as quick as possible! Please let Ryan Johnson (262-825-7331) know if you (or a friend) wants to go by Dec 3rd. We will by buying slots then and can't promise spots afterwards. The price will be \$25 dollars. Adults we will need help driving so if you want to drive and participate please also text Ryan Johnson.

**Kickin' It With Jesus.** Our High School soccer team is currently 5-1 in the Saturday night recreational league. We've been undefeated some seasons and winless in others, the main thing is to have some fun and our teams always have that! If you are ever looking for a sport to come watch, come check out a game on Saturday nights at Brookfield Indoor Soccer. Text Ryan for the details.

# December 15th- White Elephant at COL, Sr High room

Get a Gift to bring to COL and prepare for a White Elephant Gift exchange with Christmas music and snacks. Please bring something funny or somewhat useable but nothing to expensive, we will get a price range to target for soon.

**December 21st- No event** due to assumed travel plans for Holidays! Have a great Christmas!!!

Partner we are praying for this month: Hephatha Lutheran Church

The altar flowers at COL are given by Jeff & Lynn Key in loving memory of Elaine Key

Thank you to Barb Hemmingsen for arranging the altar flowers this weekend

This weekend's communion breads were baked by Barb Borkenhagen

# **Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members**

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

#### **Cross of Life Campus**

Barb Consigny, Luna Loverine, Joan Krause, Steve Schultz, Jill Barney, Julie Schultz, Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Joseph Nutt, Linda Langer, Jerry Buenger, Bob Rusk, Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Paula Dryer, John Vaughan, Alyce Vollan, Barb Purnell, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

# Christ the King Campus

Mary Johnsen, Parker Godfrey, Ann Borowski, Dawn Suharski, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Dave Rau

We give a prayer of thanksgiving for the renewed health of:

Marlene Jernberg

# **UNITY Prayer Place**

Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.

# December 7-8, 2024

Roy Subramanian (health concerns), friend of Luke Manganaro

Patrice M. (cancer), friend of Cathy Buck

Beckey Griffey (health concerns), friend of Lisa Nass

Tracy Schlict (hope and love at a difficult time in her life), friend of Lisa Nass

Jolie Jacomet (24 year old with stage 4 breast cancer), friend of the Nustad family

The Wacker & Schultz families (husband/father [Tom] passed unexpectedly on 11/15), friends of the Nustads

Phyllis Knutson (fell at home and now in rehab facility), mother of Joy Knutson Czarnik Daniel Jakala (hospitalization/complications after cancer surgery), brother-in-law of Laura Buege

Steve Perry (West Nile virus), friend of Julie & Steve Schultz

Karen (breast cancer), great aunt of Sia & Weston Grabowski

Tony Susa (spinal cord injury), brother-in-law of Vivian Clark

Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran

Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix

Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

# November 30 - December 1

Will Carlson (prayers of healing and care for his family, broken bones in his neck), friend of Loriena Harrington.

Andrea Knoke (ovarian cancer), friend of Kyle & Anna Jansson

# November 23-24

The Schneck Family (sudden death of Dan), neighbor of Cheryl Caraulia Sara Weix (breast cancer), daughter of Ron & Barb Weix Donna Funk (bladder cancer/liver issues), daughter of Pearl Haack

# November 16-17

Ken Kamenick (health concerns), father of Matt Kamenick Gary Kamenick (brain tumor), uncle of Matt Kamenick Terri Kwiatkowski (stage 4 terminal cancer), friend of Michelle Aprahamian Ron Ripley (cancer treatments), cousin of Dick Dressler

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, etc.) overseas and our military personnel: Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank

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CTK 9:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, December 8, 2024
Greeters:	Barb Patterson, Julie Smith
Acolyte:	Joshua Graesser
Ushers:	Melissa Graesser, Art Keup
Worship Assistant:	Eric Godfrey
Reader:	Jim Johnsen
Communion Assistants:	Jenny & Mike Collins
ABC:	Diana VanSlyke
Musician:	Janet Day
Visual Projection:	Parker Godfrey
Song Leader:	
Sunday School Leaders:	Katie Bray
Sunday School Support:	
Nursery:	Robin Nordstrom
Coffee:	Marge Kipp



# Third Weekend of Advent Children's Christmas Programs

December 14-15, 2024

Saturday, December 14, 2024 5:00 pm COL Sunday, December 15, 2024 8:30 am COL 9:30 am CTK 10:45 am COL

Live Streamed at 8:30 am Sundays and available Online anytime afterwards

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#### WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH! We're glad you're here today! UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** We're glad to have you with us! If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: unitybrookfield.org for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

- Children. Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- **Nursery.** Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- Sunday School. All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)

# • At UNITY, the Communion Table is:

- Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
- Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
- Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
- We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
- Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
- If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.
- **Pastors.** UNITY is currently served by Pastor Sherrie Lorbeck, Pastor Eric Silberschmidt who is our Interim pastor as we search for two additional pastors. along with Pastor Jim Ahlquist, who is our part time pastoral care pastor and occasional preacher. Most Saturdays, the weekend preacher is the pastor at that service. On Sundays, the preacher for the weekend travels to both campuses to share the message. The other pastor is then based at the COL campus. Feel free to reach out if you need anything or would like to talk more.

**GIVING.** If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay and Venmo are also accepted. Thank you!



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# Third Weekend of Advent Children's Christmas Programs December 14-15, 2024

#### Prelude

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"	arr. Justin Reeve	(5:00, 8:30, 10:45)
"O Come, All Ye Faithful"	arr. John Behnke	(9:30)

#### Words of Welcome

#### **Sharing the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always. Many: And also with you.

#### **Children's Message**

#### Lighting the Advent Wreath Candles

"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" ELW 240 vs. 1 - 3 (All Services)

#### Call to Worship: (Responsive)

One: An angel of the Lord came to Zechariah, a priest serving God in the temple,

Many: to announce that his wife would finally bear a son after all these years.

One: Yet, too amazing to fully believe,

#### Many: Zechariah wanted a sign.

One: A little time later, the angel of the Lord appeared to a young, peasant woman,

- Many: to announce that she would bear a son, God's Son!
- One: Almost too amazing to fully believe,

Many: yet, what could Mary say but, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word"?

One: For some of us, it takes a little longer to see and hear when God comes to us,

Many: but the message is clear, God's Word has been fulfilled! Reason for us to sing out with joy and thankful hearts! Awake, awake and greet the new morn!

#### **Opening Hymn**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"	ELW 283 vs. 1-3	(All Services)
Announcing of the Good News		
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"	ELW 257 refrain only	(All Services)

# Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

God works in the most surprising and unexpected of ways, even through the joy of a child leaping within at the sound of Mary's voice. As we hear again the anticipation of the child who would come to save God's people, we also anticipate the sounds of the joyful story we await to hear from our children.

One: The Gospel according to Luke, the first chapter

# Many: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, <sup>40</sup>where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit <sup>42</sup>and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. <sup>43</sup>And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? <sup>44</sup>For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

One: The Gospel of the Lord!

Many: Praise to you, O Christ.

#### Sermon

Sherrie Lorbeck

#### **Christmas Program Processional Hymn**

*"Little Drummer Boy"* Accompanist - Beth Ann Wuerl (All services)

"Come" they told me, parum pum pum pum, "A newborn King to see," parum pum pum pum, "Our finest gifts we bring," parum pum pum pum, "To lay before the King," parum pum pum pum, rum pum pum, rum pum pum pum.

"So to honor Him," parum pum pum, "when we come."

# The Children's Gift

"The Greatest Story Ever Told"

(All Services)

The Nativity Story

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" "The Angel Band" (arr. Crocker) "Away In A Manger" "Go Tell It on the Mountain" (arr. Miller)

# The Prayers of the People

One: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. *(Congregation response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer.")*Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your

mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Many: Amen.

#### **Announcements and Offering**

**Offertory Response** (as gifts are brought forward) "Hark, the Glad Sound!" ELW 239 vs. 1 (All Services)

#### **Prayer of Thanks**

One: Let us pray. Gracious God,

Many: in the abundance of your steadfast love, you call us from death to life, from silence to speech, from idleness to action. With these gifts we offer ourselves to you, and with the Church through all the ages we give thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

- Pastor: The Lord be with you.
- Many: And also with you.
- Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
- Many: We lift them to the Lord.
- Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### **Words of Institution**

#### The Lord's Prayer (traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Communion Meditation		
"Christmas Medley"	arr. David Lanz	(5:00, 8:30, 10:45)
"What Child Is This?"	arr. Lorie Line	(9:30)
Benediction		
Sending Hymn		
"Go Tell it on the Mountain"	ELW 290 vs. 1-3	(All Services)
Dismissal One: Go in peace and serve the L Many: Thanks be to God!	Lord!	
Postlude		
"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"	arr. Philip Wesley	(5:00, 8:30, 10:45)
"Hark The Herald Angels Sing	arr. Lani Smith	(9:30)

# This weekend! Join us for our Sunday school Christmas program at all worship services. No one tells "*The Greatest Story Ever Told*" better than our kids!

**MANY, MANY THANKS** to Beth Ann Wuerl for all her help selecting our music this year and her accompaniment for each performance. We could not have done this without all her help and support, musical expertise and direction. Beth Ann is the mom of Killian, Eliza, and Maya Wuerl. Thank you Beth Ann!!

**THANK YOU** to all of our Sunday school teachers for all your help and flexibility with rehearsing and getting our kids ready for this special event. YOU are the backbone to our children's ministry and programs. We are so grateful for all your blessings and for ensuring our kids find joy and belonging at Unity. Enjoy a well deserved break and may your Christmas and New Year be filled with God's promise of light and joy.

#### Blue Christmas Service at CTK this Sunday, December 15 at 3:00pm

Sometimes, the holidays are just hard. Whether you're facing the first Christmas with an empty chair at the table, or coping with a diagnosis, or just not feeling the "holly jolly" of the season, this is a service for you. Candlelight, communion, and a quiet space for prayer and reflection will all be a part of it. Join us at our CTK campus for our Blue Christmas worship service on **Sunday, December 15, from 3:00-4:00 pm**, followed by a light meal.

**Sr. High:** Sunday, December 15th 6-7:30pm - White Elephant at COL, Sr High room Get a Gift to bring to COL and prepare for a White Elephant Gift exchange with Christmas music and snacks. Please bring something funny or somewhat useable but nothing too expensive; try to target \$10-\$20.

# We Need Your Strong Support This December to Finish 2024 in the Black.

Through the first 11 months of 2024, UNITY has much to be thankful for. We are running 1.3% ahead of last year's giving, but behind our budgeted giving amount. We will need a strong December to break even on our operating budget for the year. (Remember, the operating budget is separate from special appeals which continue to be strongly supported). Please consider where you are in your pledge and whether a special gift is possible at year end. You can give on-line at our web site, through the offering plate, or via donations of appreciated stock (talk to Bookkeeper Matt Griepentrog to get the needed brokerage information). Thank you now and always for helping us meet our benevolence, staffing, and ministry goals for 2024.

# 2025 Pledge Drive Update - Celebrate the Past, Commit to the Future

Our generous and responsive congregation has again risen to the challenge with the majority of the submitted pledges committing to roughly the suggested 6% increase. Let's keep the momentum and reach our goal of 300 pledges. *Please scan this QR code to complete your pledge online or find paper sheets in the narthex.* Any pledges received before year-end helps UNITY's 2025 budgeting and planning.



# **UNITY Highlights**

#### **Important Pastoral Call Committee News**

The UNITY Council is pleased to affirm and present for congregational vote the unanimous recommendation of the UNITY Call Team and Pastor Sherrie to extend a call to Pastor Justin Kierzek to join the pastor team at UNITY Lutheran Church.

We are grateful to Pastor Sherrie and the Call Team who started their work last January and have spent countless hours in meetings, in prayer and reflection, in interviews and discussions. They listened to all of you about the needs of UNITY in working to find a pastor who will be a good fit for UNITY – who we are and who we are becoming.

Please mark your calendar for the very important **Special Voting Meeting of the Congregation on Sun., Dec. 22 at 9:30 a.m**. We need a quorum (~200-some) of members to be present, and a two-thirds majority vote in favor of the call is required. All members (including confirmed young people) are encouraged to attend in a way that is most convenient – in person at either campus (CTK or COL) or virtually (via Zoom).

When we developed our congregation profile, we described UNITY as grace-based, continuing to learn from Christ through the Bible, welcoming, servant-oriented, and playful – seeking a pastor who matches us well. We are excited for you to meet Pastor Justin. As we've become acquainted with him, we find him to be engaging, faithful, motivated, creative, hard-working, able to laugh, a deep thinker, and a boat-builder (yes, really!). Pastor Justin is married to Christine, and they have three children: Alice (9), and twins Jon and Lily (6). He loves to hike and kayak. Oh, and he's a fan of the Brewers, Bucks and Packers!

Please see the UNITY December newsletter to read more about Pastor Justin. Look for a special handout, as well. And, of course, talk with members of our Call Team, Council, and Pr. Sherrie to learn more.

As a reminder, the Call Team will continue its work in 2025 for our third pastor role. We are grateful that Pr. Eric Silberschmidt will continue his role with us as interim pastor during this time of transition.

**Christmas Eve Needs:** Our Christmas Eve services are special to all of us. To keep them special we need lots and lots of help. If you are in our Ministry Scheduler Pro program, please go to it as soon as possible and help us fill all our openings for readers, communion servers, ushers, etc. If you are not in MSP and want to help, please check out the paper signups in the narthex or call the church office 262-781-7600. Thank you to everyone who can help us make Christmas Eve special! See below for all of our times at each campus and choose the service that works the best for you and your family!

December 24 - Christmas Eve	December 25 - Christmas Day
2:00pm COL - Children's Choir	No in-person worship services
*2:00pm CTK - Bell Choir	Online Christmas Message
*4:00pm COL - Brass Choir	available
*4:00pm CTK - Praise Band	
*7:30pm COL - Fellowship Choir	All Services include Candlelight
*10:30pm COL - Strings Choir	* Services offering communion

# Flower Sign Up for 2025 now live on website:

**Sponsors Needed each week for Altar Flowers at both campuses!** All the details you need are on the SignUp Genius and the 2025 calendar is now available on our webpage. This is a convenient way to choose a weekend and campus, and the cost is only \$25 (payable by check or online). You can take flowers home at the end of the weekend's last service, but please return the vase as soon as you can. If you have questions or need assistance signing up, contact Nancy or Lynn by calling the UNITY office.

#### Unaccompanied Minors Concert - December 19 at CTK Campus - 6:00 PM

Unaccompanied Minors, a premiere a cappella group from Brookfield East High School, including UNITY's own Kyra Jester, will be presenting a free Winter Concert at the CTK Campus on Thursday, December 19th at 6PM. Come enjoy the sounds of the season!

**November 29-December 29** come see UNITY's own **Robin Nordstrom** performing as Birdfish/Snoken 4 in the Silver Cast of *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer* <sup>TM</sup> *The Musical* at First Stage! Use discount code 82445 to get 15% off your tickets! Go to **firststage.org** 

**Jigsaw Puzzle Library available at the COL campus!** Check out the vestibule upstairs by the fireplace for our Puzzle Library. Full instructions on how to use it are posted. It's a great family activity to share over the holidays, or anytime!

#### **Christian Education**

Contact Michelle Aprahamian, c: 414-732-8615, email: michelle@unitybrookfield.org

# Thank You to all our volunteers for a joyous celebration at Advent Fest this year! Special thanks to our Advent Fest planning team: Davida Kroepfl, Fonda Kapitan, Deb

Nustad, Jennifer Loverine, Colleen King, Madison Arredondo. Thanks also to all the craft leaders, Marv Wunder for serenading everyone with the sounds of Christmas, the many confirmation students that helped throughout the building that night, and for all the people who helped with set up, clean up, dishes, and decorating the building for the coming of our Lord!

December 21-22 and 28-29 - No Sunday school. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

January 4-5, 2025 - Sunday School resumes

**January 20th, 2025** - Sunday school Servanthood Blitz. Join us at the Cross of Life campus for a morning of service on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. This event is for all kids in 2nd grade and older. We will spend the morning rotating in four different service opportunities for UNITY and our partners. The event is 9am-12pm, including a pizza lunch and snacks. What a great way to celebrate the day by serving others! We will need parent volunteers for this event. Watch for a Sign Up Genius to be released soon.

#### **Confirmation** Contact Nicole Krause, e: nicole@unitybrookfield.org or Sherrie Lorbeck, e: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org

**Sunday Fusion:** No Fusion sessions for the rest of the year. We are planning our series for 2025 so be on the look out for new information soon!

Are you planning to attend worship on Christmas Eve? Are you interested in volunteering for service credit? Contact Nancy (nancy@unitybrookfield.org) with the time, location and way you'd like to help! We need ushers, communion assistants and more!

#### **Important Upcoming Dates:**

- December 22nd & December 25th No Confirmation Class. Merry Christmas!
- December 27th Friday Night Fusion Details TBD! Watch your emails!
- December 29th & January 1st No Confirmation Class. Happy New Year!
- January 8th 6:15-7:45 pm (COL) Winter Orientation Meeting for ALL students and Parents Join us to talk about the plan for the rest of the year, including new service opportunities, fusion events and summer trips!
- January 12th & January 15th Confirmation Classes Resume (Dinner 30 minutes before class)

Thank you to all our parent volunteers who have helped so far in so many ways! We couldn't do this program without you! Please continue to sign up on the confirmation page of the website for volunteer opportunities.

#### Servant Ministries

Contact Ellen Vermillion, c: 262-565-8512, e: evermill61@gmail.com or Nicole Krause, e: nicole@unitybrookfield.org

# Christmas Basket Helpers Needed: December 21 at COL

Each year we deliver simple gift bags around Christmas to member households (approx. 30-60) we are aware of having experienced grief, loss or unique hardship during the past year. The more deliverers we have, the better. If you've ever been on the receiving end of these gifts, you know how meaningful it is. This ministry involves assembling gift bags and delivering them on Saturday, December 21, beginning at 9:30 am at our Cross of Life campus. If you're interested, please contact Michelle Wilkins at mlwilkins012@gmail.com by Saturday, December 14.

# Angel Trees: Gifts for Our Partners Due December 18

"Angel Trees" at each campus are an easy way to give this Christmas. Each tree is adorned with tags for small thank you gifts for: staff at our partner ministries; presents for kids at our partner churches; gifts for Bread of Healing Clinic and Hebron Housing Services; and residents at Aspen Center and Serenity Inns. Here's how it works:

1) Pick a tag off the Angel Trees and follow the gift suggestions.

2) Return gift to the campus where you picked it by Wed., December 18. Gifts should be delivered *wrapped and labelled with gifted name only and please include the tag from the tree for us to get them to the right place!* 

At CTK you can place gifts in the Pastor's office and at COL, you can place them in the Servant Ministries office.

3) Volunteers will deliver them in time for Christmas! *Can you help deliver gifts on Thursday, December 19, or Friday, December 20*?

Contact Jackie Herington at 262-399-5689 or jackieswan10@hotmail.com.

# Mitten Tree at CTK, Mitten Bin at COL Warm Hearts

In UNITY tradition, the Mitten Tree is now available at both campuses! Our two campuses offer the same great way to help the kids at our partner church Hephatha and their neighborhood kids stay warm this winter! CTK's tree is in the narthex and COL's bin is in the vestibule near the doors at the west (fireplace) entrance. Please note: Items will be picked and sent out several times during the season. These are much-needed replacements for items that fall by the wayside. Questions? Contact Jane Boorse at 262-781-1373 or janeboorse43@gmail.com. Thanks for warming kids' hands, heads and hearts this holiday ... and all winter long!

**Drive for Books to be Distributed at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin.** Literacy meant so much to Ned Consigny (and still does to Barb Consigny!). In memory of Ned, we're collecting new books and/or money to buy books which will be distributed at Children's. Each year at Christmas they get lots and lots of toys, but books are always a need. You can make a donation to UNITY marked "*Ned Consigny Book Drive*," or you may drop off new (and only new) children's books. All donations need to be in by **December 22.** Questions? Please talk/text Mary Chetney at 262-227-9634 or (chetmeym@gmail.com).

# Bread of Healing Free Clinic. One Need Met. Here's Another One! Accounting

**Position.** Thank you so much! A UNITY member stepped forward to serve as Bread of Healing's Treasurer. Thank you to Emmett Nelson! And thank you to our member, Doreen Brecheisen, who has served so faithfully in that role.

The next need is for an Accounting Position. This is a role another one of our members, Sheila Schrieber has filled with great dedication. This is a paid position, averaging something like 12-14 hours per week. A good knowledge of QuickBooks is necessary. Text or call Barbara Horner-Ibler (414-313-9430) for more information. Or, talk to Sheila Schrieber who could tell you more about the details of the work itself, which is quite multifaceted in it's support of the finances of the clinic. (414-520-4487)

#### Let's Get Cookin'! Mass Meal Prep continues January 8

One Wednesday each month from **4:00-6:30 pm**, 4 adults will work with 4 Confirmation students to whip up a delicious recipe in the COL Kitchen for 25 men at Aspen Center! It's easy: cooking stations are all set up and ready for our Sous Chefs to step in. What if cooking really isn't your thing but you still want to help? No problem! We also need the following support: 1 or 2 shoppers, 2 home bakers, and 1 meal delivery driver. It's a big team effort, so what a blessing you will be! **Cooking dates are: January 8, February 12 and May 7**. Sign up online by clicking on the appropriate links: Adult Signup or Confirmation Signup. Questions? Contact Cindy Flynn at 262-391-7870 or cindylouflynn@aol.com.

#### Hephatha Accepting Furniture Donations

Our partner, Hephatha Lutheran Church, is assisting Holy Cross Lutheran Church with their "Share Our Best" Furniture Ministry. This ministry, which was begun a couple years ago to help kids not have to sleep on the floor, relies on donations of furniture that they will pick up. They are looking for furniture that is in reasonably good condition – primarily beds (single, full and queen sizes, with frames and bedding) – as well as dressers, kitchen tables and chairs, and other pieces. If you have furniture to donate, please contact Hephatha Servant Advocate Shirley Denu at srdenu2@gmail.com so the donation can be coordinated. Thank you for helping with this important ministry that directly impacts the quality of life at home for so many in need.

**Ongoing Service Opportunities:** UNITY has standing volunteer "shifts" at various partners that we commit to covering as a church. Each one is coordinated by a different Unity member... each one has its own sign up page on the church website... and each one is an opportunity for you!

**Waukesha Food Pantry Food Distribution**: Each month, 4th Saturday, 9am-12pm; 5th Monday 5:45 - 8 pm.

**Serenity Inns Recovery Program Fellowship Dinners:** cook, deliver, or serve a meal for 12 residents. Each month,1st Sunday and 2nd Friday, 6 - 7pm. Kids welcome.

Save the Date for 2025 El Salvador Summer Trip: August 5-12 Relationship-Building Summer Trip.

#### Property Needs Contact Denny Thompson, Director of Buildings and Properties c: 262-844-0556, email: dennyt325@yahoo.com Al Bengston, c: 414-322-6445, email: allanbengst234@gmail.com

**Looking for firewood?** At both campuses dead trees were taken down on the October work days, so there is now firewood available for anyone wishing to pick some up. There are piles at both campuses (wood on pallets at CTK is for fire pits so kindly leave that.)

**Snow Blowing/Shoveling Sign Up:** Let's pray we still have a few weeks before the snow starts to fly, but if you are a person who doesn't mind helping to clear the sidewalks and throw some salt down, check out the details in the SignUpGenius on our website. You sign up for just 1 campus, and we ask for a 1 week commitment starting on Wednesdays and running through the following Tuesday. When you sign up, helpful details will be emailed to you, and a reminder is emailed 3 days prior to your start date. Thank you for helping!

We will also start to turn our attention to doing what we can do on the inside of our buildings. At COL, there are a number of spaces and hallways that are in desperate need of a fresh coat of paint. If this is something you enjoy doing and can help us with, please reach out to Denny Thompson, Al Bengston, Lynn Key or one of the pastors. Thank you.

#### **Adult Programs**

Contact: Todd Blatnik, email: todd.blatnik@wi.rr.com or Matt Griepentrog, c: 262-787-8820, e: matt@unitybrookfield.org

Monday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Eric is taking a break! - Watch for updates on bible study starting up again in January.

**Sheepshead Small Group** is taking a break for the month of December. Watch for updates from this fun group for January, 2025!

Men's Third Saturday Breakfast meets Saturday, December 21, 7:30-9:00 am at COL campus. We get together, survive our own cooking and talk about the readings used in worship that weekend. Never tried it out? Been part of it for years? Either way, how about joining us next time?

Interested in Our Adult Boundary Waters Trip?

In case you missed our October 27 Forum about the Adult Boundary Waters Trip, plans are in the works to offer this trip to adults of UNITY. Information is still being gathered that will help us plan the best trip possible. All skill levels will be welcome, so there's no need to be intimidated! If you think the trip is something you're interested in, please contact Matt Griepentrog at matt@unitybrookfield.org.

# Do You Have Ideas for Adult Programming? Let Us Know!

Adult Programs is always looking for new ideas as we continue to plan new forums and events. If you have any ideas for groups, events, studies, or speakers that you'd like us to know about, please reach out to our new Adult Programs chairperson, Todd Blatnik, at todd.blatnik@wi.rr.com.

#### UNITY Member Care Contact: Jim Ahlquist- Minister of Member Care e: jim@unitybrookfield.org, c: 715-210-2245 or Sherrie Lorbeck or Eric Silberschmidt

# Grief Group will continue meeting on Wednesdays through the end of the year. The next meeting is December 18th from 6:30-8:00 pm at COL in room 202 - *When Life Isn't the Same* ...

If you have lost a spouse or a parent or someone else close to you, the grieving doesn't end after the funeral. We invite you to a safe space where you can share more about where you are at in your journey ... learn more about the stages of grief ... and get help finding your way through what you need most for the road ahead.

We invite you to join us for our Grief Group. These gatherings will be led by Nicole Krause. If this is the right time for you, or if someone you know could benefit from being a part of this, please join us! A zoom link can be provided if you are not able to meet in person. If you have questions or just want to discuss whether this is the right place for you, contact Nicole Krause at nicole@unitybrookfield.org or 262-227-2271.

**UNITY Member Care is always here for you.** You don't have to face life's ups and downs alone. Whether it's an unexpected hospitalization, a recent diagnosis, the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, addiction, anxiety, depression, or virtually anything else, the pastors are only a call, text, or email away. Please never hesitate to reach out -- whether we're the only stop you'll make or just the first step in a longer care process.

**Prayer Place cards-** If you have a prayer request that you would like included in the Prayers for Friends and Family section in the bulletin, there are cards available in the narthex near the bulletin board. You can fill out the request and pin it to the bulletin board there. You can fill out a card and place it in the basket and it will be included in the upcoming bulletin. These prayer requests will stay for 4 weeks and then if you need further prayer, repost as often as needed. Any questions, please contact Nancy by phone or email nancy@unitybrookfield.org

# Worship & Music Opportunities

Director of Music, Contact Lynn Key, c: 414-507-5888 e: lynn@unitybrookfield.org Children's Choirs, Contact Janet Day, c: 414-975-0286, e: janetday4@me.com Fellowship Choir, Contact Molly Pufall-Brown, c: 920-265-6881, e: mpufall@gmail.com Handbells & Praise Band, Contact Stacey Nordmeyer, c: 414-617-7673, e: staceynordmeyer72@icloud.com

#### Blue Christmas Service at CTK this Sunday, December 15 at 3:00 pm

Sometimes, the holidays are just hard. Whether you're facing the first Christmas with an empty chair at the table, or coping with a diagnosis, or just not feeling the "holly jolly" of the season, this is a service for you. Candlelight, communion, and a quiet space for prayer and reflection will all be a part of it. Join us at our CTK campus for our Blue Christmas worship service on **Sunday, December 15, from 3:00-4:00 pm**, followed by a light meal.

**LOOKING FOR CHRISTMAS EVE MUSICIANS!** These holiday services are such a wonderful time to share your musical gifts in an easy group setting with fellow music lovers. And there is such wonderful music to share! You can still join your family to enjoy the rest of the worship service. Please contact Lynn Key if you are willing to share.

*Are you going to be home the weekend after Christmas?* Calling all musicians who would like to share a Christmas selection at any of our services that weekend. It could be a solo, a piece with a family member or friend, or you could also play along on your instrument with the piano or organ while everyone sings Christmas Carols. Just contact Lynn Key and let's put something together!

**UNITY's All-Music Tuesdays:** We rehearse every Tuesday night through mid-May. Come join us even if you can't make it every week. Nursery and child care are available. No auditions are necessary. Talk to any of our music staff if you have questions.

• JOYFUL NOISE MUSIC MAKERS - Ages PreK–Grade 1 • 6:00pm to 6:30pm • Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall • Directed by Janet Day.

• CELEBRATION MUSIC MAKERS - Áges Grade 2–Grade 6 • Tuesdays: 6:30pm

to 7:15pm • Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall • Directed by Janet Day.

• **ĤOSANNA BELLS** - Beginning to Early Intermediate Ringers • Tuesdays: 7:15pm to 8:00pm • Cross of Life Sanctuary.

• **FELLOWSHIP CHOIR** - Ages 7th Grade–Adult • Tuesdays: 7:15pm to 8:15pm • Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall • Directed by Molly Pufall-Brown.

• **GLORIA DEI BELLS** - Late Intermediate to Advanced Ringers • Tuesdays: 6:15pm to 7:15pm • Cross of Life Sanctuary • Directed by Stacey Nordmeyer.

#### Sr. High

Contact Nancy Oberhauser, c: 262-527-8869, e: nancy.oberhauser@Aexp.com or Sherrie Lorbeck, c: 414-477-7762 e: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org or Ryan Johnson, c: 262-825-7331, e: rmjohnson1117@gmail.com

#### Sr High Boundary Waters Trip Update

We currently are sitting at 23 students and 9 adult leaders signed up for our summer trip to the Boundary Waters! In order to round out 4 full groups, we have space for another student, and two more male adult leaders. If you are interested in more information, or to sign up for the trip, get in touch with Matt Griepentrog.

**Kickin' It With Jesus.** Our High School soccer team is currently 4-2 in the Saturday night recreational league; in second place! We've been undefeated some seasons and winless in others, the main thing is to have some fun and our teams always have that! If you are ever looking for a sport to come watch, come check out a game on Saturday nights at Brookfield Indoor Soccer. This Saturday, December 14th, the game is at 9pm.Text Ryan for the details. And the 2nd session sign up is live now on the soccer website!

#### December 15th 6:00-7:30pm - White Elephant at COL, Sr High room

Get a Gift to bring to COL and prepare for a White Elephant Gift exchange with Christmas music and snacks. Please bring something funny or somewhat useable but nothing too expensive; try to target \$10-\$20.

**December 21st- No event** due to assumed travel plans for Holidays! Have a great Christmas!!!

Partner we are praying for this month: Hephatha Lutheran Church

The altar flowers at COL are given by Jeff & Lynn Key in loving memory of Elaine Key

Thank you to Leslie O'Connell for arranging the altar flowers this weekend

This weekend's communion breads were baked by Cathy Buck

# **Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members**

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

#### **Cross of Life Campus**

Barb Consigny, Luna Loverine, Joan Krause, Steve Schultz, Jill Barney, Julie Schultz, Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Joseph Nutt, Linda Langer, Jerry Buenger, Bob Rusk, Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Paula Dryer, John Vaughan, Alyce Vollan, Barb Purnell, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

#### Christ the King Campus

Mary Johnsen, Parker Godfrey, Ann Borowski, Dawn Suharski, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Dave Rau

# **UNITY Prayer Place**

Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.

# December 14-15, 2024

Sia Grabowski (AutoImmune Encephalitis), sister of Weston, daughter of Cheri & Adam Terri Kwiatkowski (stage 4 terminal cancer), friend of Michelle Aprahamian Ron Ripley (cancer treatments), cousin of Dick Dressler

# December 7-8, 2024

Roy Subramanian (health concerns), friend of Luke Manganaro Patrice M. (cancer), friend of Cathy Buck Beckey Griffey (health concerns), friend of Lisa Nass Tracy Schlict (hope and love at a difficult time in her life), friend of Lisa Nass Jolie Jacomet (24 year old with stage 4 breast cancer), friend of the Nustad family The Wacker & Schultz families (husband/father [Tom] passed unexpectedly on 11/15), friends of the Nustad family Phyllis Knutson (fell at home and now in rehab facility), mother of Joy Knutson Czarnik Daniel Jakala (complications after cancer surgery), brother-in-law of Laura Buege Steve Perry (West Nile virus), friend of Julie & Steve Schultz Karen (breast cancer), great aunt of Sia & Weston Grabowski Tony Susa (spinal cord injury), brother-in-law of Vivian Clark Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

# November 30 - December 1

Will Carlson (prayers of healing and care for his family, broken bones in his neck), friend of Loriena Harrington.

Andrea Knoke (ovarian cancer), friend of Kyle & Anna Jansson

# November 23-24

The Schneck Family (sudden death of Dan), neighbor of Cheryl Caraulia Sara Weix (breast cancer), daughter of Ron & Barb Weix Donna Funk (bladder cancer/liver issues), daughter of Pearl Haack

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, etc.) overseas and our military personnel: Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank

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COL 5:00 p.m.	Ministers for Saturday, December 14, 2024
Worship Coordinator:	Marv Wunder
Greeters:	Cheryl Caraulia, Jim Eggert
Acolyte:	
Ushers:	Duane Maas
Worship Assistant:	Greg Buck
Reader:	Leslie O'Connell
Communion Assistants:	Cheryl Caraulia, Leslie O'Connell
ABC:	Cheryl Caraulia
Musician:	Greg O'Connell
Sound:	Jeff Key
Visual Projection:	Tim Culhane
Song Leader:	Becki Culhane
Sunday School Leaders:	Beth Ann Wuerl
Sunday School Support:	
Nursery:	Molly Swain

COL 8:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, December 15, 2024
Worship Coordinator:	Steve Taipala
Greeters:	Jann & Dave Meissner, Patrick Conway
Acolyte:	Charlie Rentmeester
Ushers:	Eric Gravenkamp, Nelson Brownell
Worship Assistant:	Susie Hilgart
Reader:	TJ Roche
Communion Assistants:	Diane & Dick Dressler, Michelle Duerr, Denny Thompson
ABC:	Jann & Dave Meissner
Musician:	Greg O'Connell
Sound:	Jeff Key
Livestream:	Clyde Reay
Visual Projection:	David Kapitan
Song Leader:	Nicole Krause
Sunday School Leaders:	Katie McInnis, Lisa Kahle, Joanne Rentmeester
Sunday School Support:	
Nursery:	Chloe O'Connell
Coffee:	Lauren Brownell

CTK 9:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, December 15, 2024
Greeters:	Diana VanSlyke, Lisa Walz
Acolyte:	Evelyn Burmeister, Robby Burmeister
Ushers:	David Koenen, Fred Petran
Worship Assistant:	Diana Koenen
Reader:	Steve Walz
Communion Assistants:	Barb Borkenhagen, Patricia Petran
ABC:	Barb Borkenhagen
Musician:	Janet Day
Visual Projection:	Nancy Kostanski
Song Leader:	Corynn Nordstrom
Sunday School Leaders:	Korin Gumieny, Raven Epding, Madison Arredondo
Sunday School Support:	
Nursery:	Robin Nordstrom
Coffee:	Marge Kipp

<u>COL 10:45 a.m.</u>	Ministers for Sunday, December 15, 2024
Worship Coordinator:	Jeff Pelzel
Greeters:	Tara Sanicola, Michelle Wilkins
Acolyte:	Josephine Toussaint, Max Herington
Ushers:	Collette Tatera, JJ Steichen
Worship Assistant:	Carole Syse
Reader:	Eloise Toussaint
Communion Assistants:	Michelle & Brad Wilkins
ABC:	Patricia Pelzel
Musician:	Greg O'Connell
Sound:	Jeff Key
Visual Projection:	Steve Brewer
Song Leader:	Jeff Stark
Sunday School Leaders:	Jamie Toussaint, Davida Kroepfl, Kelly Shoff
Sunday School Support:	
Nursery:	Chloe O'Connell





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Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. Luke 2:14



#### Blue Christmas Service Sunday, December 15, 2024 3:00pm Christ the King Campus

#### Prelude

#### "Reverie"

Debussy

#### Words of Welcome and Call to Worship: (Responsive)

- Pastor: God's Spirit calls us together today. We are connected to God's loving presence.
- Many: Amen.
- Pastor: Today we come together looking for the Christ child.
- Many: We come seeking God's strength and support.
- Pastor: The Psalmist says, "O Lord, you are my refuge my portion in the land of the living."
- Many: "Give heed to my cry O God, for I am brought very low."
- Pastor: We will experience pain and loss on our journey

Many: But may we know that we are never alone. Amen.

Opening Hymn	"You Are Mine"	ELW 581 vs. 1-2
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#### **Prayer of Confession**

- One: During this time of year, the darkness of long nights collides with the brightness of Christmas lights.
- Many: We are told that we are supposed to be joyful.
- One: During this time of year, the cold chill hits us. The sting is real.
- Many: We feel cut off from each other and from you.
- One: During this time of year, families gather in festive celebration.
- Many: We grieve what we have lost and pray for strength.
- One: Help us hear the Good News of Christmas that your love is present in our world in a dramatic new way.
- Many: God of Love, help us trust that you are always with us even in these dark seasons. Grant us mercy. Heal our wounded hearts. Amen.

#### **GOD'S WORD**

Reading Psalm 121

A Song of Ascents.

<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the hills from where will my help come? <sup>2</sup>My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. <sup>3</sup>He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. <sup>4</sup>He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. <sup>5</sup>The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand. <sup>6</sup>The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. <sup>7</sup>The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. <sup>8</sup>The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

#### **Gospel Reading** ~ Matthew 5:1-12

One: The Gospel according to Matthew, the fifth chapter

#### Many: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

7"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup>"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

One: The Gospel of the Lord!

Many: Praise to you, O Christ.

#### Message

Eric Silberschmidt

#### **Musical Offering**

*"Every Valley Needs A Lily"* ~ Joseph Martin/Robert Lowry, arr. by Stacey Nordmeyer Vocalist: Nicole Krause; Accompanist: Greg O'Connell

#### A Liturgy of Remembering

One: The First Candle, we light is to remember those we have loved and lost. We pause to honor them. We pause to remember their names, their faces, their voices. We pause to remember the things that bind them to us.

# Many: May God's love surround them and keep them in God's care.

One: The Second Candle, we light to heal the pain of loss - the loss of relationships, the loss of jobs, the loss of health, the loss of certainty. We pause to gather the pain and disappointment of the past and offer it up to God.

#### Many: May God's love lead us into a future with hope.

One: The Third Candle, we light to remember ourselves at Christmas time. We remember the journey of the valley (the sadness and anger and loss) but we also remember the blessings of the plains (friends and family, handshakes and hugs, kind words from those who reached out).

# Many: May God's love show us that the coming dawn will defeat the darkness we experience.

One: The Fourth Candle, we light to remember our faith and the hope it offers. At Christmas, God enters in the cold darkness of the manger. Jesus promises a place and time when there will be no more pain and suffering.

Many: May God's love show us the way and offer peace to us whenever we pray "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done." Amen.

# Silence for Reflection and Invitation to Light a Candle of Remembrance

#### **Holy Communion**

Pastor: You are indeed Holy and Mighty, Lord. Today we give thanks that you are also Loving and Compassionate. Be present at this table, Lord. Hear us in our thanksgiving. Hear us when we cry out in pain and distress. Announce your presence when we cannot see you in the darkness. We give thanks that you so loved us and our world that you gave your son to save us from sin and brokenness.

#### Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer (Sung Call and Response)

Our Father, Which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy (unison) name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, On earth As in heav'n. Please give to us All that we need

Away from you. For thine is the kingdom, And the power And the glory Forever. Amen. And it shall be so. Hallowed be thy (unison) name.

#### **Communion Meditation**

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

arr. David Lanz

And lead us not

#### Sending Prayers

One: May the God of peace move within us.

- Many: May the God of courage move us forward.
- One: May the God of hope reveal wholeness.

Many: May the God of healing touch our brokenness.

- One: May the God of strength help us lift the heaviest burdens.
- Many: May the God of connection take away our loneliness.
- One: May we turn to God who is the Alpha and the Omega.
- Many: May we turn to God who is faithful and present from before our beginning until after our end. Amen.

#### Sending Hymn

"Christ Be Our Light"

ELW 715 vs. 1-3

#### Benediction

Pastor: May the God of love and hope heal you - body and soul.

May your pain cease and your strength increase.

May your fears and anxiety be released.

May God's blessings surround you and may you find peace.

# Postlude

"On Eagles' Wings"

arr. Ferguson



# Fourth Weekend of Advent

# December 21-22, 2024

Saturday, December 21, 2024 5:00 pm COL Sunday, December 22, 2024 8:30 am COL After the 9:30 am Voting Meeting COL

# Live Streamed at 8:30 am Sundays and available Online anytime afterwards

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Cross of Life Campus 20700 W. North Avenue Brookfield, WI 53045 Christ the King Campus 4600 Pilgrim Road Brookfield, WI 53005

#### WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH! We're glad you're here today! UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** We're glad to have you with us! If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: unitybrookfield.org for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

- Children. Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- **Nursery.** Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- Sunday School. All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)

# • At UNITY, the Communion Table is:

- Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
- Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
- Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
- We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
- Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
- If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.
- **Pastors.** UNITY is currently served by Pastor Sherrie Lorbeck, Pastor Eric Silberschmidt who is our Interim pastor as we search for two additional pastors. along with Pastor Jim Ahlquist, who is our part time pastoral care pastor and occasional preacher. Most Saturdays, the weekend preacher is the pastor at that service. On Sundays, the preacher for the weekend travels to both campuses to share the message. The other pastor is then based at the COL campus. Feel free to reach out if you need anything or would like to talk more.

**GIVING.** If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay and Venmo are also accepted. Thank you!



# Fourth Weekend of Advent December 21-22, 2024

# Prelude

"O Come All Ye Faithful"

arr. John Behnke

# Words of Welcome

# Call to Worship: (Responsive)

- One: There are signs everywhere we look.
- Many: Signs along our streets and highways,
- One: signs on buildings and outside offices,
- Many: and signs of a different kind.
- One: Signs that lead us to seeing more fully.
- Many: Signs that move us to believing.
- One: John the Baptist was one of those signs, helping people to look for the One who was coming,
- Many: bringing people to faith because of his testimony, and by pointing out who he was *not*.
- One: Not the Messiah, not Elijah and not a prophet.
- Many: just a man...sent from God to testify to the One who is the light.

**Opening Hymn** "Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn" ~ ELW 242 vs. 1-4

# Children's Message

# Lighting the Advent Wreath Candles

"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" ELW 240 vs. 1 thru 4

# **Greeting and Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

# Many: And also with you.

- One: Let us pray. God of Light,
- Many: In this season of preparation, help us look at the signs that surround us... and to see beyond the signs that advertise or entice or distract us...so that we can see more clearly what you are calling us to do or to turn from in order that we may have our attention turned toward the One whose coming we prepare the way for too! Help us to see all the simple ways in which you already come into our midst and work through us to share your love every time we choose to share and point others to the Good News you make real in our lives. In your holy name we pray, Amen.

#### **Announcing of the Good News**

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" ELW 257 refrain only

#### Gospel: Luke 3:1-16

Advent Gospels anticipate. They anticipate the birth of Jesus. But if you're going to meet Jesus, you also need to anticipate his forerunner, John the Baptist. On the Fourth Weekend in Advent, we meet John. As much as Jesus was about grace, John was all about fire and repentance, as you are about to hear!

The Gospel according to Luke, the third chapter One<sup>.</sup>

#### Glory to you, O Lord. Many:

<sup>1</sup>In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins,  $\frac{1}{4}$  as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah.

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight.

<sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled,

and every mountain and hill shall be made low,

and the crooked shall be made straight,

and the rough ways made smooth;

<sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.' "7John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>9</sup>Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." <sup>10</sup>And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" <sup>11</sup>In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." <sup>12</sup>Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" <sup>13</sup>He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." <sup>14</sup>Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

One: The Gospel of the Lord!

Many: Praise to you, O Christ.

#### Hymn of the Day

*"Prepare the Royal Highway"* ELW 264 vs. 1-4

#### The Prayers of the People

One: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. *(Congregation response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer.")*Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Many: Amen.

#### **Announcements and Offering**

<b>Offertory Response</b> (as gifts are brought forward)	
"Hark, the Glad Sound!"	ELW 239 vs. 1

#### **Prayer of Thanks**

- One: Let us pray. Merciful God,
- Many: in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you embrace our lives with your great love for humanity. With joy and gladness we ask that these gifts may be for many a sign of that love, and that we may continue to share in your divine life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

- Pastor: The Lord be with you.
- Many: And also with you.
- Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
- Many: We lift them to the Lord.
- Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### Words of Institution

#### The Lord's Prayer (traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### **Communion Meditation**

#### **Post Communion Blessing**

- Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace and peace.
- Many: Amen.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

- One: Let us pray. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- Many: Amen.

#### Benediction

Sending Hymn

"Joy to the World"

ELW 267 vs. 1-4

#### Dismissal

One: Go in peace and serve the Lord! Many: Thanks be to God!

#### Postlude

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

arr. Lani Smith







#### **Christmas Worship Times**

#### **December 24 - Christmas Eve**

2:00pm COL - Children's Choir \*2:00pm CTK - Bell Choir \*4:00pm COL - Brass Choir \*4:00pm CTK - Praise Band \*7:30pm COL - Fellowship Choir \*10:30pm COL - Strings Choir

#### **December 25 - Christmas Day**

No in-person worship services Online Christmas Message available

All Services include Candlelight \* Services offering Communion It's the 4th Weekend of Advent and we wait with anticipation for the Good News born into our world that we celebrate come Christmas! Yet, there is also Joy within our hearts as we give thanks for all that God has done and IS doing within and through us! At UNITY, we will gather at 9:30 a.m. for a Special Congregational Meeting for the purpose of extending a Call to Pastor Justin Kierzek.

#### **Important Pastoral Call Committee News**

The UNITY Council is pleased to affirm and present for congregational vote the unanimous recommendation of the UNITY Call Team and Pastor Sherrie to extend a call to Pastor Justin Kierzek to join the pastoral team at UNITY Lutheran Church.

When we developed our congregation profile, we described UNITY as grace-based, continuing to learn from Christ through the Bible, welcoming, servant-oriented, and playful – seeking a pastor who matches us well. We are excited for you to meet Pastor Justin. As we've become acquainted with him, we find him to be engaging, faithful, motivated, creative, hard-working, able to laugh, a deep thinker, and a boat-builder (yes, really!). Pastor Justin is married to Christine, and they have three children: Alice (9), and twins Jon and Lily (6). He loves to hike and kayak. Oh, and he's a fan of the Brewers, Bucks and Packers!

Please see the UNITY December newsletter to read more about Pastor Justin. As a reminder, the Call Team will continue its work in 2025 for our third pastor role. We are grateful that Pr. Eric Silberschmidt will continue his role with us as interim pastor during this time of transition.

This weekend, we also welcome Bishop Paul Erickson of the Greater Milwaukee Synod, who will be with us at the CTK campus for the vote.

# Voting Meeting details: Every Confirmed member of the congregation can sign in to the Registration Sign - In at the back of the Sanctuary and pick up a Paper Ballot for Voting.

If the vote passes, Pastor Justin will be able to start on Monday! (Thanks be to God!) Over the next few weeks, please help welcome Pastor Justin and his wife Christine and their children: Alice, Lily and Jon and introduce yourself to him every time you talk with him and put a name tag on to help as he starts getting to know people!

**In addition, we give our deepest thanks to the members of our Call Team:** Nelson Brownell, Dave Engle, Mary Huss, Jim Johnsen, Linda Johnson, Matt Jolliff, Logan Kemper, Mark Krause, Davida Kroepfl, Jessica Schrieber and Melanie Varin.

#### and also our Council:

Phil Roemaat (Council President), Al Bengston (Property), Todd Blatnik (Adult Programs), Tim Herman (Finance), Anna Jansson (Invite), Davida Kroepfl (Christian Education), Adrienne Krueger (Treasurer), Steve Johnson (Worship and Music), Leslie O'Connell (Recording Secretary), Nancy Oberhauser (Youth), Bert Perizzo (Communication and Technology), Tiffany Reay (Group Opportunities), Trisha Smith (Stewardship) and Ellen Vermillion (Servant Ministries) for all their work in the process and praying that Pastor Justin would be the best fit for our congregation!

**This weekend, December 21-22 and next weekend, December 28-29** - No Sunday school. *Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!* 

**Sr. High - December 21st - No event** due to assumed travel plans for Holidays! Have a great Christmas!!!

**Take Your Family Portrait!** Once again, our Christmas/winter scene is set up in the Fireplace Room at the COL campus. Feel free to take pictures there any time, and then share them with Nancy Kostanski, **nancy@unitybrookfield.org** to have them used for the updated directory OR send us a digital photo that you used in this year's Christmas card! (see below for more on the up-coming directory changes. Let's make it EASY for Pastor Justin! We haven't updated our directory in 10 years! Many of our members aren't even in there yet!)

#### We Need Your Strong Support This December to Finish 2024 in the Black.

Through the first 11 months of 2024, UNITY has much to be thankful for. We are running 1.3% ahead of last year's giving, but are currently behind our budgeted giving amount by \$183,531. We will need a strong December to break even on our operating budget for the year. (Remember, the operating budget is separate from special appeals which continue to be strongly supported). Please consider where you are in your pledge and whether a special gift is possible at year end. You can give on-line at our web site, through the offering plate, or via donations of appreciated stock (talk to Bookkeeper Matt Griepentrog to get the needed brokerage information). If you have any year end gifts that you wish to drop off, please bring them to the COL campus. Thank you now and always for helping us meet our benevolence, staffing, and ministry goals for 2024.

#### 55 More Financial Pledges Needed by Year-End

So far UNITY households have submitted 245 pledges for 2025. We need your help to reach 300 pledges. This amount is important because it's approximately 70% of giving households and gives our council and staff a reliable estimate of resources for the next year. *Please scan this QR code to complete your pledge online or find paper sheets in the narthex.* Any pledges received before year-end helps UNITY's 2025 budgeting and planning.



#### **UNITY Highlights**

#### **Christmas Eve Needs**

Our Christmas Eve services are special to all of us. To keep them special we need lots and lots of help. If you are in our Ministry Scheduler Pro program, please go to it as soon as possible and help us fill all our openings for readers, communion servers, ushers, etc. If you are not in MSP and want to help, please check out the paper signups in the narthex or call the church office 262-781-7600. Thank you to everyone who can help us make Christmas Eve special! See below for all of our times at each campus including another 2:00 p.m. option and choose the service that works the best for you and your family!

#### **Christmas Worship Times**

#### December 24 - Christmas Eve

2:00pm COL - Children's Choir \*2:00pm CTK - Bell Choir \*4:00pm COL - Brass Choir \*4:00pm CTK - Praise Band \*7:30pm COL - Fellowship Choir \*10:30pm COL - Strings Choir

#### **December 25 - Christmas Day**

No in-person worship services Online Christmas Message available

All Services include Candlelight \* Services offering Communion

#### Flower Sign Up for 2025 now live on website:

**Sponsors Needed each week for Altar Flowers at both campuses!** All the details you need are on the SignUp Genius and the 2025 calendar is now available on our webpage. This is a convenient way to choose a weekend and campus, and the cost is only \$25 (payable by check or online). You can take flowers home at the end of the weekend's last service, but please return the vase as soon as you can. If you have questions or need assistance signing up, contact Nancy or Lynn by calling the UNITY office.

**November 29-December 29** come see UNITY's own **Robin Nordstrom** performing as Birdfish/Snoken 4 in the Silver Cast of *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer* <sup>TM</sup> *The Musical* at First Stage! Use discount code 82445 to get 15% off your tickets! Go to **firststage.org** 

**Changes coming to the UNITY member directory!** Many of you have experienced trouble logging in to get member information, and we are aware of this. We have been working on a new way to do that. While we are working on this transition, please don't hesitate to call the church office at 262-781-7600 to get the information you are seeking from Nancy or Lynn. Watch for further updates as they become available!

**Jigsaw Puzzle Library available at the COL campus!** Check out the vestibule upstairs by the fireplace for our Puzzle Library. Full instructions on how to use it are posted. It's a great family activity to share over the holidays, or anytime!

#### **Christian Education**

Contact Michelle Aprahamian, c: 414-732-8615, email: michelle@unitybrookfield.org

# Thank you to OUR Sunday School Kids for the amazing job you all did in sharing *"The Greatest Story Ever Told"* at every worship service! You filled our buckets to OVERFLOWING! Your presence here, you being brave to say lines and sing in front of so many of your extended family, and seeing and hearing your joy filled our hearts with it too!

Thanks to babies: Madison Block, Lena Arredondo, and Eleanor Stepanek for playing the most important role as baby Jesus! *(Even the kids were surprised.....as they exclaimed....." that is actually a real LIVE baby!")* You are all angels, but we also give thanks for our 9:30 angel, Sia Grabowski, who was able to play the role after just being released from the hospital the day before. For you to proclaim the angel's message of "Do not be afraid!" was the powerful message of what God continually speaks to each of us! May it always be so!

#### We also give thanks to all of our Sunday School teachers and especially Beth Ann

**Wuerl** for all her help selecting our music this year and her accompaniment for each performance. We could not have done this without all her help and support, musical expertise, direction, and leading all our drummers, and for Maya Wuerl and her gifts shared on viola! We are in the process of uploading each video from each worship time that we will send out to families so that you can continue to enjoy! In addition, Caitlin Dominski is also working on a few special surprises that we hope to share with all of you on Christmas!

**THANK YOU** to all of our Sunday school teachers for all your help and flexibility with rehearsing and getting our kids ready for this special event. YOU are the backbone to our children's ministry and programs. We are so grateful for all your blessings and for ensuring our kids find joy and belonging at Unity. Enjoy a well deserved break and may your Christmas and New Year be filled with God's promise of light and joy.

December 21-22 and 28-29 - No Sunday school. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

January 4-5, 2025 - Sunday School resumes

**January 20th, 2025** - Sunday school Servanthood Blitz. Join us at the Cross of Life campus for a morning of service on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. This event is for all kids in 2nd grade and older. We will spend the morning rotating in four different service opportunities for UNITY and our partners. The event is 9am-12pm, including a pizza lunch and snacks. What a great way to celebrate the day by serving others! We will need parent volunteers for this event. Watch for a Sign Up Genius to be released soon.

#### Confirmation Contact Nicole Krause, e: nicole@unitybrookfield.org or Sherrie Lorbeck, e: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org

**Sunday Fusion:** No Fusion sessions for the rest of the year. We are planning our series for 2025 so be on the look out for new information soon!

Are you planning to attend worship on Christmas Eve? Are you interested in volunteering for service credit? Contact Nancy (nancy@unitybrookfield.org) with the time, location and way you'd like to help! We need ushers, communion assistants and more! In addition, if you have a piece of music you'd be interested in playing the weekend after Christmas or the following, we'd love to hear it. Contact Lynn Key to talk more, Lynn@unitybrookfield.org.

#### **Important Upcoming Dates:**

- December 22nd & December 25th No Confirmation Class. Merry Christmas!
- December 27th Friday Night Fusion Crazy Uncle! From 6-7:30 pm at COL.
- December 29th & January 1st No Confirmation Class. Happy New Year!
- January 8th 6:15-7:45 pm (COL) Winter Orientation Meeting for ALL students and Parents Join us to talk about the plan for the rest of the year, including new service opportunities, fusion events and summer trips!
- January 12th & January 15th Confirmation Classes Resume (Dinner 30 minutes before class)

Thank you to all our parent volunteers who have helped so far in so many ways! We couldn't do this program without you! Please continue to sign up on the confirmation page of the website for volunteer opportunities.

#### Servant Ministries

Contact Ellen Vermillion, c: 262-565-8512, e: evermill61@gmail.com or Nicole Krause, e: nicole@unitybrookfield.org

## THANK YOU to everyone who dropped of gifts for all of our partners from the Angel Trees!

#### **Donations Needed for El Salvador Trip by February 9**

Our next Mission of Healing Trip to El Salvador will be February 15-22, take a look at what we need and if you can donate anything, please bring items to either campus, labeled "El Salvador Mission of Healing" by February 9:

The Salvadoran kids and adults *love* working with arts and crafts between stops at the clinic. We could use: Beads - Cording - Stickers Coloring Books for Kids & Adults Colored Pencils - Colored Markers Pencil Sharpeners - School Scissors Glue Sticks (non-liquid)

#### **Other Supplies Needed:**

Reading Glasses (non-prescription, new rather than used), toothbrushes, red Sendiks bags (for to-go items at clinic), 4 or 5 Cloth Covered Checked Bag Sized Luggage for travelers.

Any questions, please contact Nicole Krause.

#### Mitten Tree at CTK, Mitten Bin at COL Warm Hearts, and now also SOCKS!

It was suggested that socks would be a good addition to our annual UNITY tradition of the Mitten Tree, which is now available at both campuses, so be sure to S(T)OCK up and help keep feet warm this winter as well! Our two campuses offer the same great way to help the kids at our partner church Hephatha and their neighborhood kids stay warm this winter! CTK's tree is in the narthex and COL's bin is in the vestibule near the doors at the west (fireplace) entrance. Please note: Items will be picked and sent out several times during the season. These are much-needed replacements for items that fall by the wayside. Questions? Contact Jane Boorse at janeboorse43@gmail.com or 262-781-1373. Thanks for warming kids' hands, heads, FEET, and hearts this holiday ... and all winter long!

**Drive for Books to be Distributed at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin.** Literacy meant so much to Ned Consigny (and still does to Barb Consigny!). In memory of Ned, we're collecting new books and/or money to buy books which will be distributed at Children's. Each year at Christmas they get lots and lots of toys, but books are always a need. You can make a donation to UNITY marked "*Ned Consigny Book Drive*," or you may drop off new (and only new) children's books. All donations need to be in by **December 22.** Questions? Please talk/text Mary Chetney at 262-227-9634 or (chetmeym@gmail.com).

#### **Bread of Healing Free Clinic. One Need Met. Here's Another One! Accounting Position.** Thank you so much! A UNITY member stepped forward to serve as Bread of Healing's Treasurer. Thank you to Emmett Nelson! And thank you to our member, Doreen Brecheisen, who has served so faithfully in that role.

The next need is for an Accounting Position. This is a role another one of our members, Sheila Schrieber has filled with great dedication. This is a paid position, averaging something like 12-14 hours per week. A good knowledge of QuickBooks is necessary. Talk to Sheila Schrieber who could tell you more about the details of the work itself, which is quite multi-faceted in its support of the finances of the clinic. (414-520-4487)

#### Let's Get Cookin'! Mass Meal Prep continues January 8

One Wednesday each month from **4:00-6:30 pm**, 4 adults will work with 4 Confirmation students to whip up a delicious recipe in the COL Kitchen for 25 men at Aspen Center! It's easy: cooking stations are all set up and ready for our Sous Chefs to step in. What if cooking really isn't your thing but you still want to help? No problem! We also need the following support: 1 or 2 shoppers, 2 home bakers, and 1 meal delivery driver. It's a big team effort, so what a blessing you will be! **Cooking dates are: January 8, February 12 and May 7**. Sign up online by clicking on the appropriate links: Adult Signup or Confirmation Signup. Questions? Contact Cindy Flynn at 262-391-7870 or cindylouflynn@aol.com.

*Fun Fact:* Over the years our UNITY Confirmation kids and congregation have consistently made meals for the following partners: Springdale House (this goes back many years!) Serenity Inns, Juno House, Siena House, and this year, Aspen Center! UNITY, you continue to be so very amazing. Thank you for sharing your time to fill not only the stomachs of men in recovery, but also their hearts!

#### Hephatha Accepting Furniture Donations

Our partner, Hephatha Lutheran Church, is assisting Holy Cross Lutheran Church with their "Share Our Best" Furniture Ministry. This ministry, which was begun a couple years ago to help kids not have to sleep on the floor, relies on donations of furniture that they will pick up. They are looking for furniture that is in reasonably good condition – primarily beds (single, full and queen sizes, with frames and bedding) – as well as dressers, kitchen tables and chairs, and other pieces. If you have furniture to donate, please contact Hephatha Servant Advocate Shirley Denu at srdenu2@gmail.com so the donation can be coordinated. Thank you for helping with this important ministry that directly impacts the quality of life at home for so many in need.

**UPDATE:** Thanks for your generosity. There have been 19 donations already from UNITY, that they are now looking for more volunteers that they can call upon from time to time, who would be able to help transport furniture and help lift it to where it is needed. If you would be interested in learning more, reach out the Shirley Denu or talk to Nicole or one of the pastors.

**Ongoing Service Opportunities:** UNITY has standing volunteer "shifts" at various partners that we commit to covering as a church. Each one is coordinated by a different Unity member... each one has its own sign up page on the church website... and each one is an opportunity for you!

**Waukesha Food Pantry Food Distribution**: Each month, 4th Saturday, 9am-12pm; 5th Monday 5:45 - 8 pm.

**Serenity Inns Recovery Program Fellowship Dinners:** cook, deliver, or serve a meal for 12 residents. Each month, 1st Sunday and 2nd Friday, 6 - 7pm. Kids welcome.

Save the Date for 2025 El Salvador Summer Trip: August 5-12 Relationship-Building Summer Trip.

#### Property Needs Contact Denny Thompson, Director of Buildings and Properties c: 262-844-0556, email: dennyt325@yahoo.com Al Bengston, c: 414-322-6445, email: allanbengst234@gmail.com

**Looking for firewood?** At both campuses dead trees were taken down on the October work days, so there is now firewood available for anyone wishing to pick some up. There are piles at both campuses (wood on pallets at CTK is for fire pits so kindly leave that.)

**Snow Blowing/Shoveling Sign Up:** Let's pray we still have a few weeks before the snow starts to fly, but if you are a person who doesn't mind helping to clear the sidewalks and throw some salt down, check out the details in the SignUpGenius on our website. You sign up for just 1 campus, and we ask for a 1 week commitment starting on Wednesdays and running through the following Tuesday. When you sign up, helpful details will be emailed to you, and a reminder is emailed 3 days prior to your start date. Thank you for helping!

We will also start to turn our attention to doing what we can do on the inside of our buildings. At COL, there are a number of spaces and hallways that are in desperate need of a fresh coat of paint. If this is something you enjoy doing and can help us with, please reach out to Denny Thompson, Al Bengston, Lynn Key or one of the pastors. Thank you.

#### **Adult Programs**

Contact: Todd Blatnik, email: todd.blatnik@wi.rr.com or Matt Griepentrog, c: 262-787-8820, e: matt@unitybrookfield.org

Monday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Eric is taking a break! - Watch for updates on bible study starting up again in January.

**Sheepshead Small Group** is taking a break for the month of December. Watch for updates from this fun group for January, 2025!

#### **Interested in Our Adult Boundary Waters Trip?**

In case you missed our October 27 Forum about the Adult Boundary Waters Trip, plans are in the works to offer this trip to adults of UNITY. Information is still being gathered that will help us plan the best trip possible. All skill levels will be welcome, so there's no need to be intimidated! If you think the trip is something you're interested in, please contact Matt Griepentrog at matt@unitybrookfield.org.

#### Do You Have Ideas for Adult Programming? Let Us Know!

Adult Programs is always looking for new ideas as we continue to plan new forums and events. If you have any ideas for groups, events, studies, or speakers that you'd like us to know about, please reach out to our new Adult Programs chairperson, Todd Blatnik, at todd.blatnik@wi.rr.com.

#### UNITY Member Care Contact: Jim Ahlquist- Minister of Member Care e: jim@unitybrookfield.org, c: 715-210-2245 or Sherrie Lorbeck or Eric Silberschmidt

# Grief Group will continue meeting on both Wednesdays January 15th & January 29th from 6:30-8:00 pm at COL in room 202 - *When Life Isn't the Same* ...

If you have lost a spouse or a parent or someone else close to you, the grieving doesn't end after the funeral. We invite you to a safe space where you can share more about where you are at in your journey ... learn more about the stages of grief ... and get help finding your way through what you need most for the road ahead.

We invite you to join us for our Grief Group. These gatherings will be led by Nicole Krause. If this is the right time for you, or if someone you know could benefit from being a part of this, please join us! A zoom link can be provided if you are not able to meet in person. If you have questions or just want to discuss whether this is the right place for you, contact Nicole Krause at nicole@unitybrookfield.org or 262-227-2271.

**UNITY Member Care is always here for you.** You don't have to face life's ups and downs alone. Whether it's an unexpected hospitalization, a recent diagnosis, the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, addiction, anxiety, depression, or virtually anything else, the pastors are only a call, text, or email away. Please never hesitate to reach out -- whether we're the only stop you'll make or just the first step in a longer care process.

**Prayer Place cards-** If you have a prayer request that you would like included in the Prayers for Friends and Family section in the bulletin, there are cards available in the narthex near the bulletin board. You can fill out the request and pin it to the bulletin board there. You can fill out a card and place it in the basket and it will be included in the upcoming bulletin. These prayer requests will stay for 4 weeks and then if you need further prayer, repost as often as needed. Any questions, please contact Nancy by phone or email nancy@unitybrookfield.org

#### Worship & Music Opportunities

Director of Music, Contact Lynn Key, c: 414-507-5888 e: lynn@unitybrookfield.org Children's Choirs, Contact Janet Day, c: 414-975-0286, e: janetday4@me.com Fellowship Choir, Contact Molly Pufall-Brown, c: 920-265-6881, e: mpufall@gmail.com Handbells & Praise Band, Contact Stacey Nordmeyer, c: 414-617-7673, e: staceynordmeyer72@icloud.com

*Are you going to be home the weekend after Christmas?* Calling all musicians who would like to share a Christmas selection at any of our services that weekend. It could be a solo, a piece with a family member or friend, or you could also play along on your instrument with the piano or organ while everyone sings Christmas Carols. Just contact Lynn Key and let's put something together!

**UNITY's All-Music Tuesdays:** We rehearse every Tuesday night through mid-May. Come join us even if you can't make it every week. Nursery and child care are available. No auditions are necessary. Talk to any of our music staff if you have questions.

• JOYFUL NOISE MUSIC MAKERS - Ages PreK–Grade 1 • 6:00pm to 6:30pm • Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall • Directed by Janet Day.

• CELEBRATION MUSIC MAKERS - Áges Grade 2–Grade 6 • Tuesdays: 6:30pm

to 7:15pm • Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall • Directed by Janet Day.

• **HOSANNA BELLS** - Beginning to Early Intermediate Ringers • Tuesdays: 7:15pm to 8:00pm • Cross of Life Sanctuary.

• **FELLOWSHIP CHOIR** - Ages 7th Grade–Adult • Tuesdays: 7:15pm to 8:15pm • Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall • Directed by Molly Pufall-Brown.

• GLORIA DEI BELLS - Late Intermediate to Advanced Ringers • Tuesdays:

6:15pm to 7:15pm • Cross of Life Sanctuary • Directed by Stacey Nordmeyer.

#### Sr. High

Contact Nancy Oberhauser, c: 262-527-8869, e: nancy.oberhauser@Aexp.com or Sherrie Lorbeck, c: 414-477-7762 e: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org or Ryan Johnson, c: 262-825-7331, e: rmjohnson1117@gmail.com

December 21st- No event due to assumed travel plans for Holidays! Have a great Christmas!!!

#### Sr High Boundary Waters Trip Update

We currently are sitting at 23 students and 9 adult leaders signed up for our summer trip to the Boundary Waters! In order to round out 4 full groups, we have space for another student, and two more male adult leaders. If you are interested in more information, or to sign up for the trip, get in touch with Matt Griepentrog.

**Kickin' It With Jesus.** Our High School soccer team made it to the Championship Saturday night! Regardless of the final score though, you all are winners in our eyes! Registration is open for the second session. Contact Ryan Johnson if you have questions or sign up on the soccer website and let's cheer them on for another great season with Jesus on the field with them all!

**December 21st- No event** due to assumed travel plans for Holidays! Have a great Christmas!!!

**December 27th - Calling all available Crazy Uncles and Aunts** to make this great tradition a lot of fun for our Confirmation students from 6:00 - 7:30 at the COL campus! Text Ryan if you can make it. Dress in black.

Partner we are praying for this month: Hephatha Lutheran Church

This weekend's communion breads were baked by Diane Kotula

#### **Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members**

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

#### **Cross of Life Campus**

Barb Consigny, Luna Loverine, Joan Krause, Jill Barney, Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Joseph Nutt, Linda Langer, Jerry Buenger, Bob Rusk, Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Paula Dryer, Marlene Jernberg, John Vaughan, Alyce Vollan, Barb Purnell, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

#### Christ the King Campus

Mary Johnsen, Parker Godfrey, Ann Borowski, Dawn Suharski, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Dave Rau

> We give a prayer of thanksgiving for the renewed health of: Julie & Steve Schultz

#### **UNITY Prayer Place**

Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.

#### December 21-22

Julie (undiagnosed health issues), friend of Jeff and Lynn Key Sara Weix (breast cancer), daughter of Ron & Barb Weix Donna Funk (bladder cancer/liver issues), daughter of Pearl Haack

#### December 14-15

Terri Kwiatkowski (stage 4 terminal cancer), friend of Michelle Aprahamian Ron Ripley (cancer treatments), cousin of Dick Dressler

#### December 7-8

Roy Subramanian (health concerns), friend of Luke Manganaro Patrice M. (cancer), friend of Cathy Buck Beckey Griffey (health concerns), friend of Lisa Nass Tracy Schlict (hope and love at a difficult time in her life), friend of Lisa Nass Jolie Jacomet (24 year old with stage 4 breast cancer), friend of the Nustad family The Wacker & Schultz families (husband/father [Tom] passed unexpectedly on 11/15), friends of the Nustads Phyllis Knutson (fell at home and now in rehab facility), mother of Joy Knutson Czarnik Daniel Jakala (hospitalization/complications after cancer surgery), brother-in-law of Laura Buege Steve Perry (West Nile virus), friend of Julie & Steve Schultz Tony Susa (spinal cord injury), brother-in-law of Vivian Clark Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

#### November 30 - December 1

Will Carlson (prayers of healing and care for his family, broken bones in his neck), friend of Loriena Harrington.

Andrea Knoke (ovarian cancer), friend of Kyle & Anna Jansson

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, etc.) overseas and our military personnel: Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank

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#### COL 5:00 p.m.

#### Ministers for Saturday, December 21, 2024

Worship Coordinator:	
Greeters:	
Acolyte:	Emma Jolliff, Luke Jolliff
Ushers:	Dennis Horne, Roger Schrieber
Worship Assistant:	Kim Klug
Reader:	
Communion Assistants:	Melissa Grabowski
ABC:	Lisa Nass
Musician:	Janet Day
Sound:	George Lorbeck
Visual Projection:	Matt Jolliff
Song Leader:	Marv Wunder
Sunday School Leaders:	No Sunday School this Holiday Weekend
Sunday School Support:	No Sunday School this Holiday Weekend
Nursery:	Maddy Paradis

COL 8:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, December 22, 2024
Worship Coordinator:	Tami Miller
-	Jo & Ralph Gould
Acolyte:	Charlotte Quinnell
Ushers:	Inara Hamilton, Paul Langer
Worship Assistant:	Susie Hilgart
	Tami Miller
	Sally Thomas, Erica Pergande, Joe Herington, Dan Bell
ABC:	Matt Kamenick
	Janet Day
	Tim Herman
	Claire Dominski
Visual Projection:	
	Natalie Schneider
-	No Sunday School this Holiday Weekend
	No Sunday School this Holiday Weekend
	Chloe O'Connell
Coffee:	Eric Thomas
COL 10:45 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, December 22, 2024
COL 10:45 a.m. Worship Coordinator:	•
Worship Coordinator: Greeters:	Heidi Blatnik Todd Blatnik, Drew Olsson
Worship Coordinator: Greeters: Acolyte:	Heidi Blatnik Todd Blatnik, Drew Olsson Robin Cervero-Vrab, Austin Alft
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### Fourth Weekend of Advent Christmas Program at CTK

#### December 22, 2024

Sunday, December 22, 2024

After the 9:30 am Congregational Voting Meeting

unitybrookfield.org

Cross of Life Campus 20700 W. North Avenue Brookfield, WI 53045 Christ the King Campus 4600 Pilgrim Road Brookfield, WI 53005

#### WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH! We're glad you're here today! UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** We're glad to have you with us! If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: unitybrookfield.org for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

- Children. Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- **Nursery.** Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- Sunday School. All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)

#### • At UNITY, the Communion Table is:

- Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
- Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
- Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
- We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
- Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
- If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.
- **Pastors.** UNITY is currently served by Pastor Sherrie Lorbeck, Pastor Eric Silberschmidt who is our Interim pastor as we search for two additional pastors. along with Pastor Jim Ahlquist, who is our part time pastoral care pastor and occasional preacher. Most Saturdays, the weekend preacher is the pastor at that service. On Sundays, the preacher for the weekend travels to both campuses to share the message. The other pastor is then based at the COL campus. Feel free to reach out if you need anything or would like to talk more.

**GIVING.** If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay and Venmo are also accepted. Thank you!



#### Fourth Weekend of Advent Choir Christmas Program at CTK December 22, 2024

#### Prelude

*"Et in Terra Pax (And on Earth Peace)"* John Purifoy (9:30) Performed by Special Guest: David Pufall (father of Molly Pufall-Brown)

#### Words of Welcome

#### Invocation

Pastor: Blessed be the Holy Trinity. One God, who is bringing life into the world, bringing light into the darkness, and bringing hope for all people. **Many: Amen.** 

#### **Children's Message**

#### Lighting the Advent Wreath Candles

"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" ELW 240 vs. 1 thru 4 (9:30)

#### Call to Worship: (Responsive)

One: Advent ... It means a new Church year has begun.

Many: Happy New Year!

One: Advent . . . It means that something is about to happen.

Many: It's a time of promise. Oh come, oh come Emmanuel!

- One: Advent . . . It means that someone important is arriving.
- Many: A King? Do you think it could be a King?
- One: Advent . . . It's a time when so many are so busy!
- Many: Prepare ye the way of the Lord!
- One: Advent . . . It's when we light candles on the Advent wreath.
- Many: God's love brings light to the darkness. God's love brings warmth to the cold.
- One: Advent . . . It's the Season of John the Baptist. It's the voice crying out in the wilderness.

Many: Get ready for the best news ever - the Advent of our Lord!

#### Anthem

*"Realms of Glory"* arr. Matthew Compton Gloria Dei Handbells; Stacey Nordmeyer, Director; Ann Hill, Clarinet; Patrick Halbach & Sue Mours, Percussion

#### First Lesson: Malachi 3: 1-4

God announces a covenant with Israel. A messenger like Malachi (his name means "my messenger") will prepare the way for the coming of the Lord by purifying and refining God's people, as silver and gold are refined.

<sup>1</sup>See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. <sup>2</sup> But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; <sup>3</sup> he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. <sup>4</sup> Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

One: The Word of the Lord! Many: Thanks be to God.

#### Anthems

*"Masters in This Hall"* arr. Mark Burrows *"Joy to the World! (With "The Heavens Declare")"* arr. John Purifoy Fellowship Choir; Director, Molly Pufall-Brown; Accompanist, Lynn Key

#### Announcing of the Good News

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

ELW 257 refrain only

#### Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

John the Baptist is a herald of Jesus, whose way is prepared by "repentance for the forgiveness of sins." As we hear the careful record of human leaders, we sense the spectrum of political and religious authority that will be challenged by this coming Lord.

One: The Gospel according to Luke, the third chapter **Many:** Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup> In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, <sup>2</sup> during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup> He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, <sup>4</sup> as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight.

<sup>5</sup> Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low,

and the crooked shall be made straight,

and the rough ways made smooth;

<sup>6</sup> and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.""

One: The Gospel of the Lord!

Many: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon "Christmas Checklist" Eric Silberschmidt

#### Anthem

*"The Snow Lay on the Ground"* arr. John Leavitt Lyrics and *translation*: Venite adoremus Dominum ~ *Come, let us adore the Lord* Fellowship Choir; Director, Molly Pufall-Brown Gloria Dei Handbells; Director, Stacey Nordmeyer String Bass, Annalise Nordstrom Piano, Lynn Key

#### The Prayers of the People

One: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. *(Congregation response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer.")*Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Many: Amen.

#### **Announcements and Offering**

### **Offertory Response** (as gifts are brought forward)

"Hark, the Glad Sound!" ELW 239 vs. 1

#### **Prayer of Thanks**

One: Let us pray. God, our Creator,

Many: you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### **Words of Institution**

#### The Lord's Prayer (traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### **Communion Meditation**

"O Come, O Come Immanuel" Ann Hill, Clarinet; Lynn Key, Organ

#### **Post Communion Blessing**

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace and peace.

Many: Amen.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

One: Let us pray. Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

Many: Amen.

#### Benediction

#### Sending Hymn (or maybe The King of Glory)

*"He Came Down"* ELW 253 vs. 1-4

#### Dismissal

One: Go in peace and serve the Lord! Many: Thanks be to God!

#### Postlude

*"Two Themes on The Holly and the Ivy"* English and French Carols Performed by Special Guest: David Pufall (father of Molly Pufall-Brown) It's the 4th Weekend of Advent and we wait with anticipation for the Good News born into our world that we celebrate come Christmas! Yet, there is also Joy within our hearts as we give thanks for all that God has done and IS doing within and through us! At UNITY, we will gather at 9:30 a.m. for a Special Congregational Meeting for the purpose of extending a Call to Pastor Justin Kierzek.

#### **Important Pastoral Call Committee News**

The UNITY Council is pleased to affirm and present for congregational vote the unanimous recommendation of the UNITY Call Team and Pastor Sherrie to extend a call to Pastor Justin Kierzek to join the pastoral team at UNITY Lutheran Church.

When we developed our congregation profile, we described UNITY as grace-based, continuing to learn from Christ through the Bible, welcoming, servant-oriented, and playful – seeking a pastor who matches us well. We are excited for you to meet Pastor Justin. As we've become acquainted with him, we find him to be engaging, faithful, motivated, creative, hard-working, able to laugh, a deep thinker, and a boat-builder (yes, really!). Pastor Justin is married to Christine, and they have three children: Alice (9), and twins Jon and Lily (6). He loves to hike and kayak. Oh, and he's a fan of the Brewers, Bucks and Packers!

Please see the UNITY December newsletter to read more about Pastor Justin. As a reminder, the Call Team will continue its work in 2025 for our third pastor role. We are grateful that Pr. Eric Silberschmidt will continue his role with us as interim pastor during this time of transition.

This weekend, we also welcome Bishop Paul Erickson of the Greater Milwaukee Synod, who will be with us at the CTK campus for the vote.

# Voting Meeting details: Every Confirmed member of the congregation can sign in to the Registration Sign - In at the back of the Sanctuary and pick up a Paper Ballot for Voting.

If the vote passes, Pastor Justin will be able to start on Monday! (Thanks be to God!) Over the next few weeks, please help welcome Pastor Justin and his wife Christine and their children: Alice, Lily and Jon and introduce yourself to him every time you talk with him and put a name tag on to help as he starts getting to know people!

**In addition, we give our deepest thanks to the members of our Call Team:** Nelson Brownell, Dave Engle, Mary Huss, Jim Johnsen, Linda Johnson, Matt Jolliff, Logan Kemper, Mark Krause, Davida Kroepfl, Jessica Schrieber and Melanie Varin.

#### and also our Council:

Phil Roemaat (Council President), Al Bengston (Property), Todd Blatnik (Adult Programs), Tim Herman (Finance), Anna Jansson (Invite), Davida Kroepfl (Christian Education), Adrienne Krueger (Treasurer), Steve Johnson (Worship and Music), Leslie O'Connell (Recording Secretary), Nancy Oberhauser (Youth), Bert Perizzo (Communication and Technology), Tiffany Reay (Group Opportunities), Trisha Smith (Stewardship) and Ellen Vermillion (Servant Ministries) for all their work in the process and praying that Pastor Justin would be the best fit for our congregation!

**This weekend, December 21-22 and next weekend, December 28-29** - No Sunday school. *Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!* 

**Sr. High - December 21st - No event** due to assumed travel plans for Holidays! Have a great Christmas!!!

**Take Your Family Portrait!** Once again, our Christmas/winter scene is set up in the Fireplace Room at the COL campus. Feel free to take pictures there any time, and then share them with Nancy Kostanski, **nancy@unitybrookfield.org** to have them used for the updated directory OR send us a digital photo that you used in this year's Christmas card! (see below for more on the up-coming directory changes. Let's make it EASY for Pastor Justin! We haven't updated our directory in 10 years! Many of our members aren't even in there yet!)

#### We Need Your Strong Support This December to Finish 2024 in the Black.

Through the first 11 months of 2024, UNITY has much to be thankful for. We are running 1.3% ahead of last year's giving, but are currently behind our budgeted giving amount by \$183,531. We will need a strong December to break even on our operating budget for the year. (Remember, the operating budget is separate from special appeals which continue to be strongly supported). Please consider where you are in your pledge and whether a special gift is possible at year end. You can give on-line at our web site, through the offering plate, or via donations of appreciated stock (talk to Bookkeeper Matt Griepentrog to get the needed brokerage information). If you have any year end gifts that you wish to drop off, please bring them to the COL campus. Thank you now and always for helping us meet our benevolence, staffing, and ministry goals for 2024.

#### 55 More Financial Pledges Needed by Year-End

So far UNITY households have submitted 245 pledges for 2025. We need your help to reach 300 pledges. This amount is important because it's approximately 70% of giving households and gives our council and staff a reliable estimate of resources for the next year. *Please scan this QR code to complete your pledge online or find paper sheets in the narthex.* Any pledges received before year-end helps UNITY's 2025 budgeting and planning.



#### **UNITY Highlights**

#### Christmas Eve Needs

Our Christmas Eve services are special to all of us. To keep them special we need lots and lots of help. If you are in our Ministry Scheduler Pro program, please go to it as soon as possible and help us fill all our openings for readers, communion servers, ushers, etc. If you are not in MSP and want to help, please check out the paper signups in the narthex or call the church office 262-781-7600. Thank you to everyone who can help us make Christmas Eve special! See below for all of our times at each campus including another 2:00 p.m. option and choose the service that works the best for you and your family!

#### **Christmas Worship Times**

#### **December 24 - Christmas Eve**

2:00pm COL - Children's Choir \*2:00pm CTK - Bell Choir \*4:00pm COL - Brass Choir \*4:00pm CTK - Praise Band \*7:30pm COL - Fellowship Choir \*10:30pm COL - Strings Choir **December 25 - Christmas Day**  No in-person worship services Online Christmas Message available

All Services include Candlelight \* Services offering Communion

#### Flower Sign Up for 2025 now live on website:

**Sponsors Needed each week for Altar Flowers at both campuses!** All the details you need are on the SignUp Genius and the 2025 calendar is now available on our webpage. This is a convenient way to choose a weekend and campus, and the cost is only \$25 (payable by check or online). You can take flowers home at the end of the weekend's last service, but please return the vase as soon as you can. If you have questions or need assistance signing up, contact Nancy or Lynn by calling the UNITY office.

**November 29-December 29** come see UNITY's own **Robin Nordstrom** performing as Birdfish/Snoken 4 in the Silver Cast of *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer* <sup>TM</sup> *The Musical* at First Stage! Use discount code 82445 to get 15% off your tickets! Go to **firststage.org** 

**Changes coming to the UNITY member directory!** Many of you have experienced trouble logging in to get member information, and we are aware of this. We have been working on a new way to do that. While we are working on this transition, please don't hesitate to call the church office at 262-781-7600 to get the information you are seeking from Nancy or Lynn. Watch for further updates as they become available!

**Jigsaw Puzzle Library available at the COL campus!** Check out the vestibule upstairs by the fireplace for our Puzzle Library. Full instructions on how to use it are posted. It's a great family activity to share over the holidays, or anytime!

#### **Christian Education**

Contact Michelle Aprahamian, c: 414-732-8615, email: michelle@unitybrookfield.org

# Thank you to OUR Sunday School Kids for the amazing job you all did in sharing *"The Greatest Story Ever Told"* at every worship service! You filled our buckets to OVERFLOWING! Your presence here, you being brave to say lines and sing in front of so many of your extended family, and seeing and hearing your joy filled our hearts with it too!

Thanks to babies: Madison Block, Lena Arredondo, and Eleanor Stepanek for playing the most important role as baby Jesus! *(Even the kids were surprised.....as they exclaimed....." that is actually a real LIVE baby!")* You are all angels, but we also give thanks for our 9:30 angel, Sia Grabowski, who was able to play the role after just being released from the hospital the day before. For you to proclaim the angel's message of "Do not be afraid!" was the powerful message of what God continually speaks to each of us! May it always be so!

#### We also give thanks to all of our Sunday School teachers and especially Beth Ann

**Wuerl** for all her help selecting our music this year and her accompaniment for each performance. We could not have done this without all her help and support, musical expertise, direction, and leading all our drummers, and for Maya Wuerl and her gifts shared on viola! We are in the process of uploading each video from each worship time that we will send out to families so that you can continue to enjoy! In addition, Caitlin Dominski is also working on a few special surprises that we hope to share with all of you on Christmas!

**THANK YOU** to all of our Sunday school teachers for all your help and flexibility with rehearsing and getting our kids ready for this special event. YOU are the backbone to our children's ministry and programs. We are so grateful for all your blessings and for ensuring our kids find joy and belonging at Unity. Enjoy a well deserved break and may your Christmas and New Year be filled with God's promise of light and joy.

December 21-22 and 28-29 - No Sunday school. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

January 4-5, 2025 - Sunday School resumes

**January 20th, 2025** - Sunday school Servanthood Blitz. Join us at the Cross of Life campus for a morning of service on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. This event is for all kids in 2nd grade and older. We will spend the morning rotating in four different service opportunities for UNITY and our partners. The event is 9am-12pm, including a pizza lunch and snacks. What a great way to celebrate the day by serving others! We will need parent volunteers for this event. Watch for a Sign Up Genius to be released soon.

#### Confirmation Contact Nicole Krause, e: nicole@unitybrookfield.org or Sherrie Lorbeck, e: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org

**Sunday Fusion:** No Fusion sessions for the rest of the year. We are planning our series for 2025 so be on the look out for new information soon!

Are you planning to attend worship on Christmas Eve? Are you interested in volunteering for service credit? Contact Nancy (nancy@unitybrookfield.org) with the time, location and way you'd like to help! We need ushers, communion assistants and more! In addition, if you have a piece of music you'd be interested in playing the weekend after Christmas or the following, we'd love to hear it. Contact Lynn Key to talk more, Lynn@unitybrookfield.org.

#### **Important Upcoming Dates:**

- December 22nd & December 25th No Confirmation Class. Merry Christmas!
- December 27th Friday Night Fusion Crazy Uncle! From 6-7:30 pm at COL.
- December 29th & January 1st No Confirmation Class. Happy New Year!
- January 8th 6:15-7:45 pm (COL) Winter Orientation Meeting for ALL students and Parents Join us to talk about the plan for the rest of the year, including new service opportunities, fusion events and summer trips!
- January 12th & January 15th Confirmation Classes Resume (Dinner 30 minutes before class)

Thank you to all our parent volunteers who have helped so far in so many ways! We couldn't do this program without you! Please continue to sign up on the confirmation page of the website for volunteer opportunities.

#### Servant Ministries

Contact Ellen Vermillion, c: 262-565-8512, e: evermill61@gmail.com or Nicole Krause, e: nicole@unitybrookfield.org

## THANK YOU to everyone who dropped of gifts for all of our partners from the Angel Trees!

#### **Donations Needed for El Salvador Trip by February 9**

Our next Mission of Healing Trip to El Salvador will be February 15-22, take a look at what we need and if you can donate anything, please bring items to either campus, labeled "El Salvador Mission of Healing" by February 9:

The Salvadoran kids and adults *love* working with arts and crafts between stops at the clinic. We could use: Beads - Cording - Stickers Coloring Books for Kids & Adults Colored Pencils - Colored Markers Pencil Sharpeners - School Scissors Glue Sticks (non-liquid)

#### **Other Supplies Needed:**

Reading Glasses (non-prescription, new rather than used), toothbrushes, red Sendiks bags (for to-go items at clinic), 4 or 5 Cloth Covered Checked Bag Sized Luggage for travelers.

Any questions, please contact Nicole Krause.

#### Mitten Tree at CTK, Mitten Bin at COL Warm Hearts, and now also SOCKS!

It was suggested that socks would be a good addition to our annual UNITY tradition of the Mitten Tree, which is now available at both campuses, so be sure to S(T)OCK up and help keep feet warm this winter as well! Our two campuses offer the same great way to help the kids at our partner church Hephatha and their neighborhood kids stay warm this winter! CTK's tree is in the narthex and COL's bin is in the vestibule near the doors at the west (fireplace) entrance. Please note: Items will be picked and sent out several times during the season. These are much-needed replacements for items that fall by the wayside. Questions? Contact Jane Boorse at janeboorse43@gmail.com or 262-781-1373. Thanks for warming kids' hands, heads, FEET, and hearts this holiday ... and all winter long!

**Drive for Books to be Distributed at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin.** Literacy meant so much to Ned Consigny (and still does to Barb Consigny!). In memory of Ned, we're collecting new books and/or money to buy books which will be distributed at Children's. Each year at Christmas they get lots and lots of toys, but books are always a need. You can make a donation to UNITY marked "*Ned Consigny Book Drive*," or you may drop off new (and only new) children's books. All donations need to be in by **December 22.** Questions? Please talk/text Mary Chetney at 262-227-9634 or (chetmeym@gmail.com).

#### **Bread of Healing Free Clinic. One Need Met. Here's Another One! Accounting Position.** Thank you so much! A UNITY member stepped forward to serve as Bread of Healing's Treasurer. Thank you to Emmett Nelson! And thank you to our member, Doreen Brecheisen, who has served so faithfully in that role.

The next need is for an Accounting Position. This is a role another one of our members, Sheila Schrieber has filled with great dedication. This is a paid position, averaging something like 12-14 hours per week. A good knowledge of QuickBooks is necessary. Talk to Sheila Schrieber who could tell you more about the details of the work itself, which is quite multi-faceted in its support of the finances of the clinic. (414-520-4487)

#### Let's Get Cookin'! Mass Meal Prep continues January 8

One Wednesday each month from **4:00-6:30 pm**, 4 adults will work with 4 Confirmation students to whip up a delicious recipe in the COL Kitchen for 25 men at Aspen Center! It's easy: cooking stations are all set up and ready for our Sous Chefs to step in. What if cooking really isn't your thing but you still want to help? No problem! We also need the following support: 1 or 2 shoppers, 2 home bakers, and 1 meal delivery driver. It's a big team effort, so what a blessing you will be! **Cooking dates are: January 8, February 12 and May 7**. Sign up online by clicking on the appropriate links: Adult Signup or Confirmation Signup. Questions? Contact Cindy Flynn at 262-391-7870 or cindylouflynn@aol.com.

*Fun Fact:* Over the years our UNITY Confirmation kids and congregation have consistently made meals for the following partners: Springdale House (this goes back many years!) Serenity Inns, Juno House, Siena House, and this year, Aspen Center! UNITY, you continue to be so very amazing. Thank you for sharing your time to fill not only the stomachs of men in recovery, but also their hearts!

#### Hephatha Accepting Furniture Donations

Our partner, Hephatha Lutheran Church, is assisting Holy Cross Lutheran Church with their "Share Our Best" Furniture Ministry. This ministry, which was begun a couple years ago to help kids not have to sleep on the floor, relies on donations of furniture that they will pick up. They are looking for furniture that is in reasonably good condition – primarily beds (single, full and queen sizes, with frames and bedding) – as well as dressers, kitchen tables and chairs, and other pieces. If you have furniture to donate, please contact Hephatha Servant Advocate Shirley Denu at srdenu2@gmail.com so the donation can be coordinated. Thank you for helping with this important ministry that directly impacts the quality of life at home for so many in need.

**UPDATE:** Thanks for your generosity. There have been 19 donations already from UNITY, that they are now looking for more volunteers that they can call upon from time to time, who would be able to help transport furniture and help lift it to where it is needed. If you would be interested in learning more, reach out the Shirley Denu or talk to Nicole or one of the pastors.

**Ongoing Service Opportunities:** UNITY has standing volunteer "shifts" at various partners that we commit to covering as a church. Each one is coordinated by a different Unity member... each one has its own sign up page on the church website... and each one is an opportunity for you!

**Waukesha Food Pantry Food Distribution**: Each month, 4th Saturday, 9am-12pm; 5th Monday 5:45 - 8 pm.

**Serenity Inns Recovery Program Fellowship Dinners:** cook, deliver, or serve a meal for 12 residents. Each month, 1st Sunday and 2nd Friday, 6 - 7pm. Kids welcome.

Save the Date for 2025 El Salvador Summer Trip: August 5-12 Relationship-Building Summer Trip.

#### Property Needs Contact Denny Thompson, Director of Buildings and Properties c: 262-844-0556, email: dennyt325@yahoo.com Al Bengston, c: 414-322-6445, email: allanbengst234@gmail.com

**Looking for firewood?** At both campuses dead trees were taken down on the October work days, so there is now firewood available for anyone wishing to pick some up. There are piles at both campuses (wood on pallets at CTK is for fire pits so kindly leave that.)

**Snow Blowing/Shoveling Sign Up:** Let's pray we still have a few weeks before the snow starts to fly, but if you are a person who doesn't mind helping to clear the sidewalks and throw some salt down, check out the details in the SignUpGenius on our website. You sign up for just 1 campus, and we ask for a 1 week commitment starting on Wednesdays and running through the following Tuesday. When you sign up, helpful details will be emailed to you, and a reminder is emailed 3 days prior to your start date. Thank you for helping!

We will also start to turn our attention to doing what we can do on the inside of our buildings. At COL, there are a number of spaces and hallways that are in desperate need of a fresh coat of paint. If this is something you enjoy doing and can help us with, please reach out to Denny Thompson, Al Bengston, Lynn Key or one of the pastors. Thank you.

#### **Adult Programs**

Contact: Todd Blatnik, email: todd.blatnik@wi.rr.com or Matt Griepentrog, c: 262-787-8820, e: matt@unitybrookfield.org

Monday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Eric is taking a break! - Watch for updates on bible study starting up again in January.

**Sheepshead Small Group** is taking a break for the month of December. Watch for updates from this fun group for January, 2025!

#### **Interested in Our Adult Boundary Waters Trip?**

In case you missed our October 27 Forum about the Adult Boundary Waters Trip, plans are in the works to offer this trip to adults of UNITY. Information is still being gathered that will help us plan the best trip possible. All skill levels will be welcome, so there's no need to be intimidated! If you think the trip is something you're interested in, please contact Matt Griepentrog at matt@unitybrookfield.org.

#### Do You Have Ideas for Adult Programming? Let Us Know!

Adult Programs is always looking for new ideas as we continue to plan new forums and events. If you have any ideas for groups, events, studies, or speakers that you'd like us to know about, please reach out to our new Adult Programs chairperson, Todd Blatnik, at todd.blatnik@wi.rr.com.

#### UNITY Member Care Contact: Jim Ahlquist- Minister of Member Care e: jim@unitybrookfield.org, c: 715-210-2245 or Sherrie Lorbeck or Eric Silberschmidt

# Grief Group will continue meeting on both Wednesdays January 15th & January 29th from 6:30-8:00 pm at COL in room 202 - *When Life Isn't the Same* ...

If you have lost a spouse or a parent or someone else close to you, the grieving doesn't end after the funeral. We invite you to a safe space where you can share more about where you are at in your journey ... learn more about the stages of grief ... and get help finding your way through what you need most for the road ahead.

We invite you to join us for our Grief Group. These gatherings will be led by Nicole Krause. If this is the right time for you, or if someone you know could benefit from being a part of this, please join us! A zoom link can be provided if you are not able to meet in person. If you have questions or just want to discuss whether this is the right place for you, contact Nicole Krause at nicole@unitybrookfield.org or 262-227-2271.

**UNITY Member Care is always here for you.** You don't have to face life's ups and downs alone. Whether it's an unexpected hospitalization, a recent diagnosis, the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, addiction, anxiety, depression, or virtually anything else, the pastors are only a call, text, or email away. Please never hesitate to reach out -- whether we're the only stop you'll make or just the first step in a longer care process.

**Prayer Place cards-** If you have a prayer request that you would like included in the Prayers for Friends and Family section in the bulletin, there are cards available in the narthex near the bulletin board. You can fill out the request and pin it to the bulletin board there. You can fill out a card and place it in the basket and it will be included in the upcoming bulletin. These prayer requests will stay for 4 weeks and then if you need further prayer, repost as often as needed. Any questions, please contact Nancy by phone or email nancy@unitybrookfield.org

#### Worship & Music Opportunities

Director of Music, Contact Lynn Key, c: 414-507-5888 e: lynn@unitybrookfield.org Children's Choirs, Contact Janet Day, c: 414-975-0286, e: janetday4@me.com Fellowship Choir, Contact Molly Pufall-Brown, c: 920-265-6881, e: mpufall@gmail.com Handbells & Praise Band, Contact Stacey Nordmeyer, c: 414-617-7673, e: staceynordmeyer72@icloud.com

*Are you going to be home the weekend after Christmas?* Calling all musicians who would like to share a Christmas selection at any of our services that weekend. It could be a solo, a piece with a family member or friend, or you could also play along on your instrument with the piano or organ while everyone sings Christmas Carols. Just contact Lynn Key and let's put something together!

**UNITY's All-Music Tuesdays:** We rehearse every Tuesday night through mid-May. Come join us even if you can't make it every week. Nursery and child care are available. No auditions are necessary. Talk to any of our music staff if you have questions.

• JOYFUL NOISE MUSIC MAKERS - Ages PreK–Grade 1 • 6:00pm to 6:30pm • Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall • Directed by Janet Day.

• CELEBRATION MUSIC MAKERS - Áges Grade 2–Grade 6 • Tuesdays: 6:30pm

to 7:15pm • Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall • Directed by Janet Day.

• **HOSANNA BELLS** - Beginning to Early Intermediate Ringers • Tuesdays: 7:15pm to 8:00pm • Cross of Life Sanctuary.

• **FELLOWSHIP CHOIR** - Ages 7th Grade–Adult • Tuesdays: 7:15pm to 8:15pm • Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall • Directed by Molly Pufall-Brown.

• GLORIA DEI BELLS - Late Intermediate to Advanced Ringers • Tuesdays:

6:15pm to 7:15pm • Cross of Life Sanctuary • Directed by Stacey Nordmeyer.

#### Sr. High

Contact Nancy Oberhauser, c: 262-527-8869, e: nancy.oberhauser@Aexp.com or Sherrie Lorbeck, c: 414-477-7762 e: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org or Ryan Johnson, c: 262-825-7331, e: rmjohnson1117@gmail.com

December 21st- No event due to assumed travel plans for Holidays! Have a great Christmas!!!

#### Sr High Boundary Waters Trip Update

We currently are sitting at 23 students and 9 adult leaders signed up for our summer trip to the Boundary Waters! In order to round out 4 full groups, we have space for another student, and two more male adult leaders. If you are interested in more information, or to sign up for the trip, get in touch with Matt Griepentrog.

**Kickin' It With Jesus.** Our High School soccer team made it to the Championship Saturday night! Regardless of the final score though, you all are winners in our eyes! Registration is open for the second session. Contact Ryan Johnson if you have questions or sign up on the soccer website and let's cheer them on for another great season with Jesus on the field with them all!

**December 21st- No event** due to assumed travel plans for Holidays! Have a great Christmas!!!

**December 27th - Calling all available Crazy Uncles and Aunts** to make this great tradition a lot of fun for our Confirmation students from 6:00 - 7:30 at the COL campus! Text Ryan if you can make it. Dress in black.

Partner we are praying for this month: Hephatha Lutheran Church

This weekend's communion breads were baked by Diane Kotula

#### **Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members**

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

#### **Cross of Life Campus**

Barb Consigny, Luna Loverine, Joan Krause, Jill Barney, Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Joseph Nutt, Linda Langer, Jerry Buenger, Bob Rusk, Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Paula Dryer, Marlene Jernberg, John Vaughan, Alyce Vollan, Barb Purnell, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

#### Christ the King Campus

Mary Johnsen, Parker Godfrey, Ann Borowski, Dawn Suharski, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Dave Rau

> We give a prayer of thanksgiving for the renewed health of: Julie & Steve Schultz

#### **UNITY Prayer Place**

Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.

#### December 21-22

Julie (undiagnosed health issues), friend of Jeff and Lynn Key Sara Weix (breast cancer), daughter of Ron & Barb Weix Donna Funk (bladder cancer/liver issues), daughter of Pearl Haack

#### December 14-15

Terri Kwiatkowski (stage 4 terminal cancer), friend of Michelle Aprahamian Ron Ripley (cancer treatments), cousin of Dick Dressler

#### December 7-8

Roy Subramanian (health concerns), friend of Luke Manganaro Patrice M. (cancer), friend of Cathy Buck Beckey Griffey (health concerns), friend of Lisa Nass Tracy Schlict (hope and love at a difficult time in her life), friend of Lisa Nass Jolie Jacomet (24 year old with stage 4 breast cancer), friend of the Nustad family The Wacker & Schultz families (husband/father [Tom] passed unexpectedly on 11/15), friends of the Nustads Phyllis Knutson (fell at home and now in rehab facility), mother of Joy Knutson Czarnik Daniel Jakala (hospitalization/complications after cancer surgery), brother-in-law of Laura Buege Steve Perry (West Nile virus), friend of Julie & Steve Schultz Tony Susa (spinal cord injury), brother-in-law of Vivian Clark Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

#### November 30 - December 1

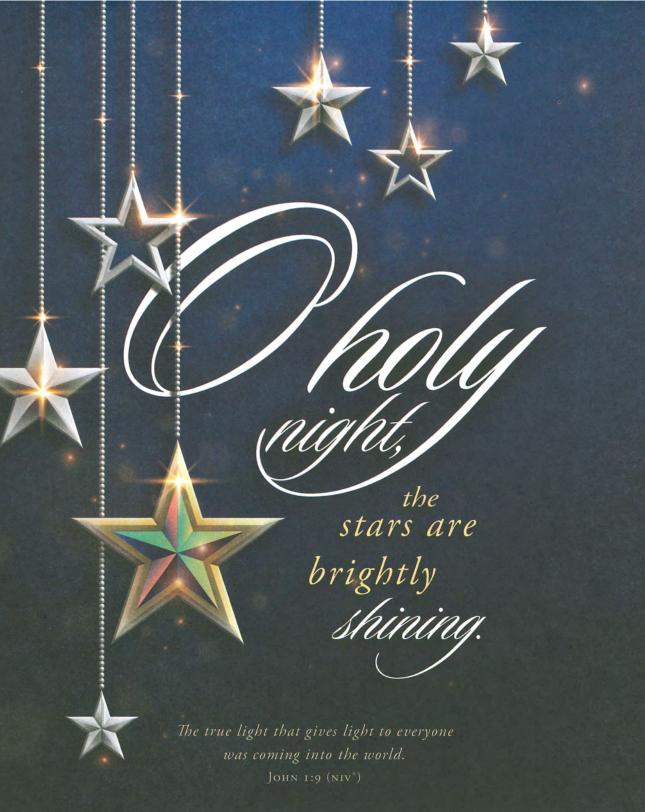
Will Carlson (prayers of healing and care for his family, broken bones in his neck), friend of Loriena Harrington.

Andrea Knoke (ovarian cancer), friend of Kyle & Anna Jansson

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, etc.) overseas and our military personnel: Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank

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CTK 9:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, December 22, 2024
Greeters:	Jane Boorse, Diana VanSlyke
Acolyte:	Emma Jansson, Joshua Graesser
Ushers:	Kenny Kostanski, Ken Kostanski
Worship Assistant:	Jim Johnsen
Reader:	Jane Boorse
Communion Assistants:	Barb Patterson, Patty Zais
ABC:	Patty Zais
Musician:	Lynn Key
Visual Projection:	Nancy Kostanski
Song Leader:	Molly Pufall-Brown
Sunday School Leaders:	No Sunday School this holiday weekend
Sunday School Support:	No Sunday School this holiday weekend
Nursery:	Robin Nordstrom
Coffee:	Marge Kipp



## A Service of Worship in Celebration of the Birth of our Lord! Two O'Clock in the Afternoon December 24, 2024 UNITY Lutheran Church - Cross of Life Campus

Prelude"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" arr. Archuleta<br/>Clarinet: Ann Hill; Organ: Lynn Key<br/>"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" arr. William Cummings<br/>Tenor Sax: Lauren Filipek; Bells: Austin Filipek

#### Words of Welcome and Sharing the Peace

- Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- Many: And also with you.

(Greet one another. Pass the peace. Let Joy burst from within!)

Call to Worship (Responsive)

One: Good News comes...

Many: to a righteous man named Joseph, just trying to do the right thing.

One: And it calls him to a purpose in living he'd never imagined before.

Many: Good News comes...

One: to a young woman named Mary, whose heart forever will be changed...

Many: as she births the One whose Light gives us all reason to give glory to God!

One: Good News comes...

Many: to our world and to our lives...

One: even in the midst of all that remains dark...

Many: even in the midst of all the ways our sins leave their mark...

One: even in the midst of all that blocks our view at times from seeing the promise of what lies ahead...

- Many: even in the midst of all that seeks to separate us from You.
- One: Good News comes...
- Many: to boldly and brightly shine Light we can't soon forget...

One: to take us by the hand, helping us to see the hope that is real and right ahead of us.

- Many: Good News comes!
- One: May we see it, hear it, sing it, hold on to it...
- Many: and most of all...live it, on this Holy Night...and always!

<b>Opening Hymn</b>	"The First Noel"	ELW 300 vs.1-3
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Anthem *"Jesus is Born, Let the Earth Rejoice"* ~ Joyful Noise and Celebration Choirs Janet Day, Director; Lynn Key, Accompanist

**Children's Message** *"The Big Gift"* ~ Sherrie Lorbeck and *Pastor* Justin Kierzek *(Thanks to Matt Griepentrog for writing this year's message)* 

#### The Greeting and Prayer for the Evening

Pastor: The grace of the Babe of Bethlehem, born to us this night, the love of God, and the sure and lasting friendship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

One: Let us pray. God with us,

Many: Help us to trust this to be so! When the way seems dark, when we feel as if we've lost our way, remind us that we aren't alone, for You, O Emmanuel, are always there! May this Good News fill our hearts so that we may live each day with purpose, to share your love and shine your light!

> On this holy night, we give you thanks for every good gift we have received! Help us to linger in the awe of the moment and the gift of love you make real for us through Jesus. Shine the goodness of your light on all whose way is marked by darkness and pain. In the name of the newborn king, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#### **Reading** Psalm 96:1-6, 11-13

A song of praise and adoration of all that God has done. May we add our own reasons to give thanks to the Lord this day.

<sup>1</sup> Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.
<sup>2</sup> Sing to the Lord, bless the name of the Lord;

- proclaim God's salvation from day to day. <sup>3</sup> Declare God's glory among the nations
- and God's wonders among all peoples.
- <sup>4</sup> For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods.
- <sup>5</sup> As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but you, O Lord, have made the heavens.
- <sup>6</sup> Majesty and magnificence are in your presence; power and splendor are in your sanctuary.
- <sup>11</sup> Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- <sup>12</sup> Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O Lord,

for you come to judge the earth.

<sup>13</sup> You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with your truth.

**Gospel Announcement** *"Love Has Come"* ELW 292 vs. 3

#### **Reading of the Christmas Story** Matthew 1:18-25

Matthew's Christmas narrative begins with a glimpse into Joseph's thoughts and ends with the assurance that the babe will live into the most sacred of names: Emmanuel. the promise that no matter what we face in life, God pushes through it all in order to be with us. Let your light shine!

The Gospel according to Matthew, the first chapter One:

#### Glory to you, O Lord. Many:

<sup>18</sup>Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. <sup>20</sup>But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." <sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: <sup>23</sup>"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." <sup>24</sup>When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, <sup>25</sup>but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

One: The Gospel of the Lord! Many: Praise to you, O Christ.

Meditation	"Imperfectly Perfect"	Sherrie Lorbeck
The Congregation Sings	"O Little Town of Bethlehem"	ELW 279 vs. 1, 2, 4
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<b>Offertory Response</b> (as gifts are brought forward)	
"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"	ELW 288 vs. 2

#### **Prayer of Thanks**

One: Let us pray. God of grace,

from everything within us, we give you thanks for everything shared with Manv: us. Receive the grateful part of us. Fill the empty part of us. Encourage the best part of us. We ask it, rejoicing in Good News meant for all people: Christ is born! Amen.

#### **The Lord's Prayer** (Unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Litany in Celebration of the Light of the World In the beginning... **One:** Manv: ...was God's creative Word. All things came into being through this Word. One: God said "Light!" And there it was... light. Many: The light broke into an indescribable darkness. One: And the darkness could not overcome it. Many: This Light was the Life of the world. One: And the Word from which it shone became flesh and lived among us. Many: Full of grace and truth. A fullness from which we receive grace upon grace. One: And we behold his glory, as of our Maker's only son... Many: One: Jesus Christ is his name. Many: The Light of the world! Meant to be spread. Richest of blessings when shared. One: (quietly) "Glories stream from heaven afar... ...love's pure light" Manv: *Please be seated as we light our candles. Do not tip a lighted candle!* Always hold burning candles upright. Tip your unlit candle to receive the flame from your neighbor.

#### Singing of Silent Night

#### ELW 281

Benediction Spoken Response: Amen.

Sending Hymn "Angels We Have Heard on High" ELW 289 vs 1-3

#### Sending

One: Go in peace, serve the newborn King! Many: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

"The Hallelujah Chorus"

arr. Lorie Line



From those of us who work among you, may the longings of the Advent season become the living gifts of the Nativity: Peace, Hope, Joy, Love!

Merry Christmas!

~ Jim Ahlquist, Michelle Aprahamian, Janet Day, Caitlin Dominski, Raven Epding, Matt Griepentrog, Ann Hill, Bill Hubert, Ryan Johnson, Lynn Key, Justin Kierzek, Nancy Kostanski, Nicole Krause, Sherrie Lorbeck, Josi Matel, Stacey Nordmeyer, Chloe O'Connell, Greg O'Connell, Heather Paradis, Molly Pufall-Brown, Leigh Rainer, Eric Silberschmidt, Karen Sporleder & Denny Thompson ~

## Flowers Given In Memory Of ...

Luanne Bengston, wife, mother, grandmother Loved Ones	
Barbara & Dennis Dearborn, Mary & Henry May	.Mitzi Dearborn & Ernest May
Jeff Furness and Baynard Anderson	Laurie Furness
Gail Mueller	The Graesser Family
Dorothy, Jack and Kathy Chuminatto, Helen & Bob Harris, Dan Evan	sCynthia & Jeff Harris
David & Joyce Nelson, Ray & Rita Hilgart	Mark & Susie Hilgart
David's Parents and Brother	David & Fonda Kapitan
Hank Suttle & Elaine Key	Jeff & Lynn Key
Frederick Klug	Kim Klug
Our parents Marge & Herb Koenen, Howard Aspinwall and Tom Stot	obsDiana & David Koenen
Jo Ann Tomm	Peter Meiklejohn
Mark's parents and Tami's Dad Jim Myhre	Mark & Tami Miller
Jim Myhre	Ardyce Myhre
Mel & Nancy Nordmeyer, Jim Timms	Stacey & Kevin Nordmeyer
Char HeinemannJon & Gabi Heine	emann, Max & Emme Roemaat
Pauline Syse and Mabel Burke	Carole Syse
Jay Tichelaar	
John VanSlyke and parents	Diana VanSlyke
Jim Wagner	Chris Wagner

## Flowers Given In Honor Of ...

Pastor Justin Kierzek	Pastor John and Pastor Muriel
Carolyn & Larry Burns	Kim Klug
Nora Schrieber, Ben & Abby Halbach, Max & Emme Roemaat	
Charlotte Zortman	

## Flowers Given In Celebration of Christ's Birth...

Rick & Jane Boorse Sherrie Lorbeck Becky & Patrick Conway Julie Smith Nicole Krause Linda Wilson







**Merry Christmas Everyone!** Thank you for being here on this holy day to hear the story of God's love born among us. May you always remember he is the light that shines from within you too, especially in every darkness! Let's shine bright people and give thanks to God for all that God has done!

Welcome to Pastor Justin Kierzek! If you haven't heard the news, we voted on Sunday to call Pastor Justin to serve among us as one of our pastors. Thankfully, he has jumped right in and started yesterday, so introduce yourself when you meet him and help him to get to know you. Pastor Justin and his wife Christine have three children: Alice, Jon and Lilly. We pray that UNITY might be a blessing for all of them as it has been for all our previous pastors and their families! Thanks in advance for continuing to do so and for all the ways you so lovingly care for your pastors and their families too!

To learn more about Pastor Justin and his background, pick up a handout in the Narthex or the December newsletter to read more about him along with everything about what lies ahead as the Call Team continues to search for another candidate. In the meantime though, we are blessed to have Pastor Eric Silberschmidt with us to help out with all the many things that UNITY is a part of all throughout the year.

Thank you for being a part of UNITY and all the ministry that happens here and with our partners!

#### We Need Your Strong Support This December to Finish 2024 in the Black.

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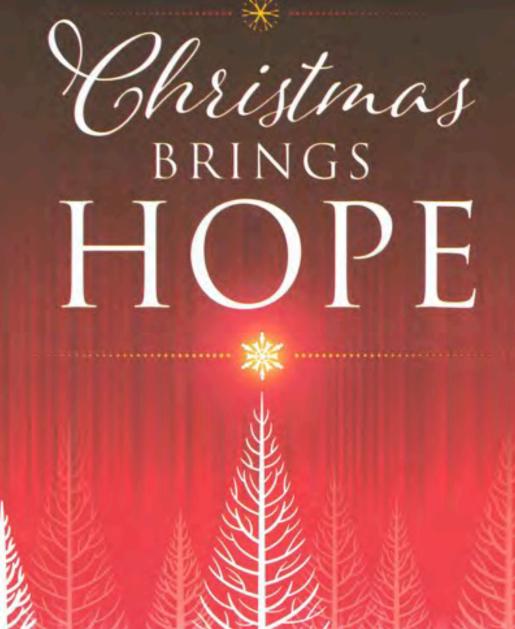
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#### COL 2:00 p.m.

Ministers for Christmas Eve, December 24, 2024

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## A Service of Worship in Celebration of the Birth of our Lord! Seven-Thirty and Ten-Thirty in the Evening December 24, 2024 UNITY Lutheran Church - Cross of Life Campus

Prelude

arr. Lorie Line

(7:30)

"God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen", "Away in a Manger", "Ding Dong! Merrily On High", "O Come, All Ye Faithful" ~ arr. Bruce Healey String Ensemble: Jodi Gillitzer-Violin & Viola Ananya Ebenezer-Viola Claire Dominski-Cello

#### Words of Welcome and Sharing the Peace

"Still, Still, Still"

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Many: And also with you.

(Greet one another. Pass the peace. Let Joy burst from within!)

#### Call to Worship (Responsive)

One: The waiting is over. The time to prepare now finished. Feel the anticipation that this night brings.

- Many: Not sure if we're quite ready, there's still so much we have left to do...
- One: There will always be things we leave unfinished, but the time has come for what Christ brings to completion for us.
- Many: Yes! Advent hopes push through into Christmas joy and our dawning realization.
- One: Look, the king has come!
- Many: Look! Mary *has* conceived and given birth, just as the angel said she would.
- One: Good News! God is with us! Here and now, working within us to be moved by this wondrous thing God has done for us,

Many: Coming to us in love! Shining light in every darkness! Giving us the best gift of all... God's grace, unwrapped before us in a humble manger.

One: Christ's love and light within us and through us,

Many: Your grace, O God; always and forever giving us reason to come and lift our voices as your faithful people!

#### **Opening Hymn**

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"	ELW 275 vs. 1-4	(7:30)
"Once in Royal David's City"	ELW 269 vs. 1-3	(10:30)

Children's Message "The Big Gift"

(7:30)

Lighting of the Christ Candle (10:30 only) based on Isaiah 9:2 and Matthew 5:14, 16

- One: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
- Many: those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. (The candle is lit.)

One: You are the light of the world...

Many: ...Let your light so shine that others may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

#### The Greeting and Prayer for the Evening

- Pastor: The grace of the Babe of Bethlehem, born to us this night, the love of God, and the sure and lasting friendship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- Many: And also with you.
- One: Let us pray. God with us,
- Many: When we become overwhelmed by all that seeks our attention, help us to be still and focus on what's right in front of us. On this holy night, we give you thanks! Help us to linger in the awe of the moment and the gift of your presence. Fill us with your love. Let it overflow to all those around us.

May the great joy of who we are in you burst forth from us! Shine the goodness of your light on all whose way is marked by darkness and pain.

More aware of your presence in our lives... make us able to see Christ in the people, places and the mysteries around us. In the name of the newborn king, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#### Reading Luke 1:26-38

The angel's words proclaim God's favor and presence upon Mary; a reality not to be feared but one for which to give humble thanks... allowing God's Spirit to work in order to make all things possible!

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.' <sup>29</sup>But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup>He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." <sup>34</sup>Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' <sup>35</sup>The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. <sup>36</sup>And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God.' <sup>38</sup>Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

Anthem

"Joy to the World! (With The Heavens Declare)" arr. Purifoy (7:30)Fellowship Choir; Director: Molly Pufall-Brown; Accompanist: Lynn Key

"Mary, Did You Know?" Soloist: Nicole Krause; Accompanist: Janet Day

#### Reading of the Good News Luke 2:8-20

The angel returns, this time, to the lowly and overlooked shepherds. They will be the ones to first look upon God's gift to the world. A sight that leads them to praise God for all they had heard and seen.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!'

<sup>15</sup> When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them

The Gospel of the Lord! One: Many: Praise to you, O Christ.

#### Meditation

The Congregation Sings		
"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"	ELW 282 vs. 1-4	(7:30)
"Angels We Have Heard on High"	ELW 289 vs. 1-3	(10:30)

## Offering

**Offertory Response** (as gifts are brought forward) "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

ELW 288 vs 2

(10:30)

Kathy Mattea

#### **Prayer of Thanks**

Let us pray. God of grace, One<sup>.</sup>

from everything within us, we give you thanks for everything shared with Manv: us. Receive the grateful part of us. Fill the empty part of us. Encourage the best part of us. We ask it, rejoicing in Good News meant for all people: Christ is born! Amen.

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- One: This holy night is the best possible time to share his meal of bread and wine.
- O Child of God, you invite us to dine with you. You serve us; you give Many: yourself to us. To receive this Gift of gifts is a delight beyond measure. Glory to God in the highest! Amen.

**The Lord's Prayer** (Traditional)

(7:30)Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (Sung Call and Response)		(10:30)
Our Father,	And lead us not	
Which art in heaven,	Away from you.	
Hallowed be thy	For thine is the kingdom,	
(unison) name.	And the power	
Thy kingdom come,	And the glory	
Thy will be done,	Forever.	
<b>On earth</b>	Amen.	
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Please give to us	Hallowed be thy	
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#### **Communion Meditation**

"Greensleeves", "O Holy Night"	arr. Bruce Healey	(10:30)
String Ensemble	2	<b>``</b>

#### Litany of Light

One: Many:	The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness-on them light has shined.
One: Many:	In him was life and the life was the light of all people. <b>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.</b>
One:	With Mary and Joseph, wise travelers, and overlooked Shepherds, we gather in awe on this silent night.
Many:	For to us a child is born, one who will grow, one who will save, one who will banish the darkness, for he is the Light.
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Please be seated as we light our candles. Do not tip a lighted candle! Always hold burning candles upright. Tip your <u>unlit</u> candle to receive the flame from your neighbor.

Singing of Silent Night

ELW 281

Benediction Spoken Response: Amen.

Sending Hymn		
"Away in a Manger"	ELW 277 vs. 1-3	(7:30)
"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"	ELW 270 vs. 1-3	(10:30)

#### Sending

One: Go in peace, serve the newborn King! Many: Thanks be to God!

#### Postlude

"The Hallelujah Chorus"	arr. Lorie Line	(7:30)
"We Wish You a Merry Christmas"	arr. Bruce Healey	(10:30)
String Ensemble		



## Flowers Given In Memory Of ...

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Barbara & Dennis Dearborn, Mary & Henry May	Mitzi Dearborn & Ernest May
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Gail Mueller	
Dorothy, Jack and Kathy Chuminatto, Helen & Bob Harris, Dan Evan	nsCynthia & Jeff Harris
David & Joyce Nelson, Ray & Rita Hilgart	
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Frederick Klug	
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Pastor Justin Kierzek	Pastor John and Pastor Muriel
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Rick & Jane Boorse Sherrie Lorbeck Becky & Patrick Conway Julie Smith Nicole Krause Linda Wilson







**Merry Christmas Everyone!** Thank you for being here on this holy day to hear the story of God's love born among us. May you always remember he is the light that shines from within you too, especially in every darkness! Let's shine bright people and give thanks to God for all that God has done!

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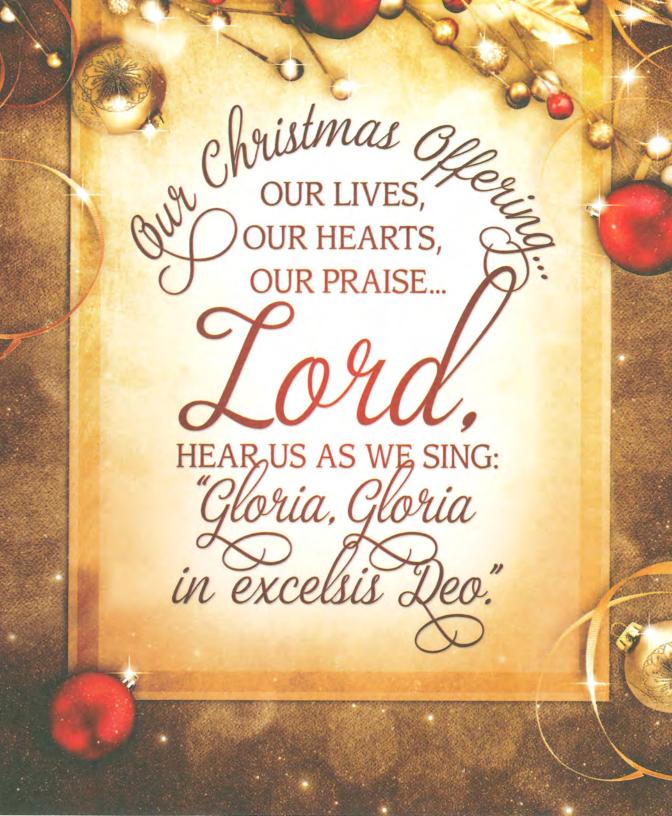
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Ushers:	Bernd Bruhnke, Paul Langer
Worship Assistant:	Mark Miller
Reader:	Leslie O'Connell
Communion Assistants:	Darcy & Jan Constable, Nancy Kostanski, Jeff Key
ABC:	Jann & Dave Meissner
Musician:	Lynn Key
Sound:	Duane Maas
Visual Projection:	Tim Culhane
Song Leader:	Molly Pufall-Brown
Nursery:	Josi Matel

## COL 10:30 p.m.

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## A Service of Worship in Celebration of the Birth of our Lord! Four O'Clock in the Evening December 24, 2024 UNITY Lutheran Church - Cross of Life Campus

#### Prelude

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel",
"The First Noel",
"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice",
"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" arr. Lloyd Larson Brass Ensemble: Tuba: Steve Johnson Trumpets: Mark Beyer, Matthew Schaefer, Greg Schrieber, Chris Shorts; Trombone: Grace O'Connell, Jackson Kerr

#### Words of Welcome and Sharing the Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always. Many: And also with you.

(Greet one another. Pass the peace. Let Joy burst from within!)

#### Call to Worship (Responsive)

One: Good News comes...

- Many: to a righteous man named Joseph, just trying to do the right thing.
- One: And it calls him to a purpose in living he'd never imagined before.
- Many: Good News comes...

One: to a young woman named Mary, whose heart forever will be changed...

Many: as she births the One whose Light gives us all reason to give glory to God!

- One: Good News comes...
- Many: to our world and to our lives...
- One: even in the midst of all that remains dark...
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- Many: Good News comes!
- One: May we see it, hear it, sing it, hold on to it...
- Many: and most of all...live it, on this Holy Night...and always!

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**Opening Hymn** 

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#### **Reading** Psalm 96:1-6, 11-13

A song of praise and adoration of all that God has done. May we add our own reasons to give thanks to the Lord this day.

<sup>1</sup> Sing to the Lord a new song;

sing to the Lord, all the earth.

- <sup>2</sup> Sing to the Lord, bless the name of the Lord; proclaim God's salvation from day to day.
- <sup>3</sup> Declare God's glory among the nations and God's wonders among all peoples.
- <sup>4</sup> For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods.
- <sup>5</sup> As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but you, O Lord, have made the heavens.
- <sup>6</sup> Majesty and magnificence are in your presence; power and splendor are in your sanctuary.
- <sup>11</sup> Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- <sup>12</sup> Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O Lord,

for you come to judge the earth.

<sup>13</sup> You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with your truth.

#### Reading of the Christmas Story Matthew 1:18-25

Matthew's Christmas narrative begins with a glimpse into Joseph's thoughts and ends with the assurance that the babe will live into the most sacred of names: Emmanuel, the promise that no matter what we face in life, God pushes through it all in order to be with us. Let your light shine!

One: The Gospel according to Matthew, the first chapter **Many:** Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>18</sup>Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. <sup>20</sup>But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." <sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: <sup>23</sup>"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." <sup>24</sup>When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, <sup>25</sup>but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

One: The Gospel of the Lord! Many: Praise to you, O Christ.

Meditation	"Imperfectly Perfect"	Sherrie Lorbeck
The Congregation Sings	"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"	ELW 270 vs. 1-3

Offering

Offertory Response (as gifts are brought forward)"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"ELW 288 vs. 2

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## **Communion Meditation**

"Away in a Manger", "O Little Town of Bethlehem", "What Child Is This?" "Silent Night" ~ arr. Lloyd Larson Brass Ensemble

### Litany in Celebration of the Light of the World

One:	In the beginning
Many:	was God's creative Word.
One:	All things came into being through this Word.
Many:	God said "Light!" And there it was light.
One:	The light broke into an indescribable darkness.
Many:	And the darkness could not overcome it.
One:	This Light was the Life of the world.
Many:	And the Word from which it shone became flesh and lived among us.
One:	Full of grace and truth. A fullness from which we receive grace upon grace.
Many:	And we behold his glory, as of our Maker's only son
One:	Jesus Christ is his name.
Many:	The Light of the world! Meant to be spread. Richest of blessings when shared.
One:	(quietly) "Glories stream from heaven afar
Many:	love's pure light"
P	lease he seated as we light our candles. Do not tip a lighted candle!

Please be seated as we light our candles. Do not tip a lighted candle! Always hold burning candles upright. Tip your <u>unlit</u> candle to receive the flame from your neighbor.

#### Singing of Silent Night

ELW 281

#### Benediction Spoken Response: Amen.

Sending Hymn "Joy to the World"

ELW 267 vs. 1-4

#### Sending

One: Go in peace, serve the newborn King! Many: Thanks be to God!

#### Postlude

*"Angels We Have Heard on High", "Go Tell It on the Mountain"* Brass Ensemble:

arr. Lloyd Larson

Tuba: Steve Johnson Trumpets: Mark Beyer, Matthew Schaefer, Greg Schrieber, Chris Shorts; Trombone: Grace O'Connell, Jackson Kerr



From those of us who work among you, may the longings of the Advent season become the living gifts of the Nativity: Peace, Hope, Joy, Love!

Merry Christmas!

~ Jim Ahlquist, Michelle Aprahamian, Janet Day, Caitlin Dominski, Raven Epding, Matt Griepentrog, Ann Hill, Bill Hubert, Ryan Johnson, Lynn Key, Justin Kierzek, Nancy Kostanski, Nicole Krause, Sherrie Lorbeck, Josi Matel, Stacey Nordmeyer, Chloe O'Connell, Greg O'Connell, Heather Paradis, Molly Pufall-Brown, Leigh Rainer, Eric Silberschmidt, Karen Sporleder & Denny Thompson ~

## Flowers Given In Memory Of ...

Luanne Bengston, wife, mother, grandmother Loved Ones	
Barbara & Dennis Dearborn, Mary & Henry May	
Jeff Furness and Baynard Anderson.	Laurie Furness
Gail Mueller	The Graesser Family
Dorothy, Jack and Kathy Chuminatto, Helen & Bob Harris, Dan Evan	nsCynthia & Jeff Harris
David & Joyce Nelson, Ray & Rita Hilgart	
David's Parents and Brother	David & Fonda Kapitan
Hank Suttle & Elaine Key	
Frederick Klug	Kim Klug
Our parents Marge & Herb Koenen, Howard Aspinwall and Tom Stol	bbsDiana & David Koenen
Jo Ann Tomm	Peter Meiklejohn
Mark's parents and Tami's Dad Jim Myhre	Mark & Tami Miller
Jim Myhre	Ardyce Myhre
Mel & Nancy Nordmeyer, Jim Timms	Stacey & Kevin Nordmeyer
Char HeinemannJon & Gabi Heine	emann, Max & Emme Roemaat
Pauline Syse and Mabel Burke	Carole Syse
Jay Tichelaar	The Tichelaar Family
John VanSlyke and parents	Diana VanSlyke
Jim Wagner	Chris Wagner

## Flowers Given In Honor Of ...

Pastor Justin Kierzek	Pastor John and Pastor Muriel
Carolyn & Larry Burns	Kim Klug
Nora Schrieber, Ben & Abby Halbach, Max & Emme Roemaat	
Charlotte Zortman	Carole Syse

## Flowers Given In Celebration of Christ's Birth...

Rick & Jane Boorse Sherrie Lorbeck Becky & Patrick Conway Julie Smith Nicole Krause Linda Wilson







**Merry Christmas Everyone!** Thank you for being here on this holy day to hear the story of God's love born among us. May you always remember he is the light that shines from within you too, especially in every darkness! Let's shine bright people and give thanks to God for all that God has done!

Welcome to Pastor Justin Kierzek! If you haven't heard the news, we voted on Sunday to call Pastor Justin to serve among us as one of our pastors. Thankfully, he has jumped right in and started yesterday, so introduce yourself when you meet him and help him to get to know you. Pastor Justin and his wife Christine have three children: Alice, Jon and Lilly. We pray that UNITY might be a blessing for all of them as it has been for all our previous pastors and their families! Thanks in advance for continuing to do so and for all the ways you so lovingly care for your pastors and their families too!

To learn more about Pastor Justin and his background, pick up a handout in the Narthex or the December newsletter to read more about him along with everything about what lies ahead as the Call Team continues to search for another candidate. In the meantime though, we are blessed to have Pastor Eric Silberschmidt with us to help out with all the many things that UNITY is a part of all throughout the year.

Thank you for being a part of UNITY and all the ministry that happens here and with our partners!

#### We Need Your Strong Support This December to Finish 2024 in the Black.

Through the first 11 months of 2024, UNITY has much to be thankful for. We are running 1.3% ahead of last year's giving, but behind our budgeted giving amount. We will need a strong December to break even on our operating budget for the year. (Remember, the operating budget is separate from special appeals which continue to be strongly supported).

If you are able to make a Year End gift of any type, thank you! You can do so today, on-line through our website, unitybrookfield.org, scanning the <u>QR code</u> for Venmo, or via donations of appreciated stock (talk to Bookkeeper Matt Griepentrog at 262-787-8820 for matt@unitybrookfield.org\_to get the needed brokerage information).



If you have any year end gifts that you wish to drop off, please bring them to the COL campus. Thank you now and always for helping us meet our benevolence, staffing, and ministry goals for 2024!

**Take Your Family Portrait** Our Christmas/winter scene is set up in the Fireplace Room at the COL campus. Feel free to take pictures there all evening long!

**POINSETTIAS!** Many thanks to all who ordered poinsettias to adorn both sanctuaries and buildings. Please feel free to take your poinsettias after any service.

**December 25 - Christmas Day -** There is no in-person UNITY worship services. However an online Christmas Message will be emailed. Enjoy this fun little message from some of your UNITY staff! Special thanks to Caitlin Dominski for putting it and all of our Sunday School Christmas videos together along with a few other year end gifts of how much has happened this past year in the life of UNITY! Be sure to check them all out and give thanks for our amazing Sunday school kids!

You can also visit our partner church:

Hephatha Lutheran Church, 1720 West Locust St., Milwaukee: 10:00 am service.

Worship Times for Next Weekend: Saturday, December 28 5:00pm COL Sunday, December 29 8:30am COL 9:30am CTK 10:45am COL



## COL 4:00 p.m.

## Ministers for Christmas Eve, December 24, 2024

Acolytes:	Kathy & Eric Weil Collette Rentmeester, Charlie Rentmeester Jensy & David Engle, Jessica Schrieber,
<b>TT 1 1 1 1 1 1</b>	Shiela & Roger Schrieber, Denny Thompson
Worship Assistant:	e
Reader:	Phil Roemaat
Communion Assistants:	Keira Kroepfl, Leslie O'Connell, Linda Johnson,
	Joanne Rentmeester, Heidi & Todd Blatnik
ABC:	Jeff Key
Musician:	Lynn Key
Sound:	Jeff Key
Visual Projection:	Josh Botsch
Song Leader.	Nicole Krause
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# **First Weekend after Christmas**

## December 28-29, 2024

Saturday, December 28, 2024 5:00 pm COL Sunday, December 29, 2024 8:30 am COL 9:30 am CTK 10:45 am COL

## Live Streamed at 8:30 am Sundays and available Online anytime afterwards

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Cross of Life Campus 20700 W. North Avenue Brookfield, WI 53045 Christ the King Campus 4600 Pilgrim Road Brookfield, WI 53005

#### WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH! We're glad you're here today! UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** We're glad to have you with us! If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: unitybrookfield.org for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

- Children. Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- **Nursery.** Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- Sunday School. All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)

## • At UNITY, the Communion Table is:

- Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
- Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
- Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
- We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
- Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
- If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.
- **Pastors.** UNITY is currently served by Pastor Justin Kierzek, Pastor Sherrie Lorbeck, and Pastor Eric Silberschmidt who is our Interim pastor as we search for one additional pastor, along with Pastor Jim Ahlquist, who is our part time pastoral care pastor and occasional preacher. Most Saturdays, the weekend preacher is the pastor at that service. On Sundays, the preacher for the weekend travels to both campuses to share the message. The other pastor is then based at the COL campus. Feel free to reach out if you need anything or would like to talk more.

**GIVING.** If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay and Venmo are also accepted. Thank you!



#### Prelude

"Glory (Let There Be Peace)" "Christmas Medley" Praise Band arr. David Lanz (5:00, 8:30, 10:45) (9:30)

#### Words of Welcome

#### Invocation

Pastor: We gather in the name of the Holy Trinity: one God, Creator, Baby, and Spirit - whose love continues to change our world and our lives.

#### Many: Amen.

#### **Call to Worship:**

One:	In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep.
Many:	In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.
One: Many:	God said "Let there be light" and there was light. All things came into being through him. What came into being in him was life and the life was the light for all people.
One: Many:	God saw that the light was good. God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "Day" and the darkness God called "Night". <b>The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it.</b>
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One:	So God created humanity. In the image of God we were created and God blessed us
Many:	And the Word became flesh and lived among us. We have seen his glory - the glory of a father's only son - full of grace and truth.
One: Many:	From God's love, we have all received grace upon grace. The law was given through Moses. Grace and Truth have come through Jesus Christ. Amen.
One:	The miracle of God's love is still bringing light and life. This is the day that the Lord has made.
Many:	Let us rejoice and be glad in it!
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#### **Christmas Carol**

"Do You Hear What I Hear"	Praise Band	(5:00, 8:30, 10:45)
"What Child Is This"	ELW 296 vs. 1-3	(9:30)

#### Children's Message

Christmas Carol	
"O Little Town of Bethlehem"	EI

ELW 279 vs 1 & 2

(All Services)

#### Greeting and Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

Many: And also with you.

One: Let us pray. O God of love and God of creation,

Many: You said, "Let there be light" and there was light and it was good. Lord, help the Church reflect the light of your love into all the darkest corners of our world. We do not create the light. We don't even bring the light. Help us to reflect your light in thought, word, and deed. Just a tiny bit of light transforms a great deal of darkness. May the light of your love shine in us today and help us share that light with all those around us. Amen.

#### Anthem

*"I Wonder As I Wander"* by John Jacob Niles (9:30) Flute - Robin Nordstrom; Piano - Corynn Nordstrom

### First Reading: Genesis 1:1-5, 26-31

Out of chaos, God brings order. Out of the formless void, God brings light. This familiar story was good news for the Israelites, who experienced much chaos in their history. It remains good news for us. God created and continues to create new life.

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>26</sup>Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

<sup>27</sup>So God created humankind in his image,

in the image of God he created them;

male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup>God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." <sup>29</sup>God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup>And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. <sup>31</sup>God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Anthem "The Living Nativity"	by Dave Patterson	(9:30)
Gospel Acclamation "Love Has Come"	ELW 292 vs. 3	(All Services)

#### Gospel: John 1:1-18

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John begins his gospel with this prologue: a hymn to the Word through whom all things were created. This Word became flesh and brought grace and truth to the world.

One: The Gospel according to John, the first chapter **Many:** Glory to you, O Lord.

[<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup> in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup> The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.]

<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup> (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup> From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup> The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

One: The Gospel of the Lord! Many: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon "Miracle"	Eric Silberschmidt
Christmas Carol	
"Midnight Clear"	Praise Band (5:00, 8:30, 10:45)
"Away in a Manger"	ELW 277 vs. 1-3 (9:30)

#### The Prayers of the People

One: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. *(Congregation response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer.")*Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Many: Amen.

#### **Announcements and Offering**

Offertory Response (as gifts are brought	forward)	
"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"	ELW 288 vs. 2	(All Services)

#### **Prayer of Thanks**

One: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

Many: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us... ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

- Pastor: The Lord be with you.
- Many: And also with you.
- Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
- Many: We lift them to the Lord.
- Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### **Words of Institution**

The Lord's Prayer (Ecumenical) (5:00, 9:30) Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (Sung Call and Response)	(8:30, 10:45)
Our Father,	And lead us not
Which art in heaven,	Away from you.
Hallowed be thy	For thine is the kingdom,
(unison) name.	And the power
Thy kingdom come,	And the glory
Thy will be done,	Forever.
On earth	Amen.
As in heav'n.	And it shall be so.
Please give to us	Hallowed be thy
All that we need	(unison) name.

# **Communion Meditation**

"Hymn of Joy/What Child Is This?"	Praise Band	(5:00, 8:30, 10:45)
"Christmas Medley"	arr. Lorie Line	(9:30)

#### **Post Communion Blessing**

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace and peace.

Many: Amen.

# **Prayer after Communion**

One: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Many: Amen.

# Benediction

#### **Sending Hymn**

"Angels We Have Heard on High"	Praise Band	(5:00, 8:30, 10:45)
"Angels from the Realms of Glory"	ELW 275 vs. 1-4	(9:30)

#### Dismissal

One: Go in peace and serve the Lord! Many: Thanks be to God!

#### Postlude

"Angels We Have Heard on High" reprise	Praise Band	(5:00, 8:30, 10:45)
"Joy"	George Winston	(9:30)



This weekend, Dec 28-29 - No Sunday school. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**Sr. High - December 29th - Christmas and Mafia type Games CTK 6-7:30 pm** We are switching this from sledding due to that lack of snow we currently have to some games at CTK including some Christmas games, card games, and a large mafia type game. Come join us and have some fun!

**Take Your Family Portrait!** Once again, our Christmas/winter scene is set up in the Fireplace Room at the COL campus. Feel free to take pictures there any time, and then share them with Nancy Kostanski, <u>nancy@unitybrookfield.org</u> to have them used for the updated directory OR send us a digital photo that you used in this year's Christmas card! (see below for more on the up-coming directory changes. Let's make it EASY for Pastor Justin! We haven't updated our directory in 10 years! Many of our members aren't even in there yet!)

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# 55 More Financial Pledges Needed by Year-End

So far UNITY households have submitted 245 pledges for 2025. We need your help to reach 300 pledges. This amount is important because it's approximately 70% of giving households and gives our council and staff a reliable estimate of resources for the next year. *Please scan this QR code to complete your pledge online or find paper sheets in the narthex.* Any pledges received before year-end helps UNITY's 2025 budgeting and planning.



# Flower Sign Up for 2025 now live on website:

**Sponsors Needed each week for Altar Flowers at both campuses!** All the details you need are on the SignUp Genius and the 2025 calendar is now available on our webpage. This is a convenient way to choose a weekend and campus, and the cost is only \$25 (payable by check or online). You can take flowers home at the end of the weekend's last service, but please return the vase as soon as you can. If you have questions or need assistance signing up, contact Nancy or Lynn by calling the UNITY office.

**LAST WEEKEND - through December 29** come see UNITY's own **Robin Nordstrom** performing as Birdfish/Snoken 4 in the Silver Cast of *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer* <sup>TM</sup> *The Musical* at First Stage! Use discount code 82445 to get 15% off your tickets! Go to **firststage.org** 

**Changes coming to the UNITY member directory!** Many of you have experienced trouble logging in to get member information, and we are aware of this. We have been working on a new way to do that. While we are working on this transition, please don't hesitate to call the church office at 262-781-7600 to get the information you are seeking from Nancy or Lynn. Watch for further updates as they become available!

**Jigsaw Puzzle Library available at the COL campus!** Check out the vestibule upstairs by the fireplace for our Puzzle Library. Full instructions on how to use it are posted. It's a great family activity to share over the holidays, or anytime!

# **Christian Education** Contact Michelle Aprahamian, c: 414-732-8615, email: michelle@unitybrookfield.org

December 28-29 - No Sunday school. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

January 4-5, 2025 - Sunday School resumes

# December 28-January 19 - Sunday School Birthday Cake Drive

We just celebrated Jesus' birthday. What a perfect time to help others celebrate theirs! Sunday School kids are collecting birthday cake mix, frosting, candles and party ware (plates, cups, etc.) to create Birthday Gift Bags for families shopping at the Waukesha Food Pantry. Please drop off your birthday supply donations at either campus through Sunday, January 19 in the baskets located in the Narthex at each campus. *Thank you* so much! **January 20th, 2025** - Sunday school Servanthood Blitz. Join us at the Cross of Life campus for a morning of service on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. This event is for all kids in 2nd grade and older. We will spend the morning rotating in four different service opportunities for UNITY and our partners. The event is 9am-12pm, including a pizza lunch and snacks. What a great way to celebrate the day by serving others! We will need parent volunteers for this event. Watch for a Sign Up Genius to be released soon.

**Confirmation** Contact Nicole Krause, e: nicole@unitybrookfield.org or Sherrie Lorbeck, e: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org

**Sunday Fusion:** No Fusion sessions for the rest of the year. We are planning our series for 2025 so be on the look out for new information soon!

# **Important Upcoming Dates:**

- December 29th & January 1st No Confirmation Class. Happy New Year!
- January 8th 6:15-7:45 pm (COL) Winter Orientation Meeting for ALL students and Parents Join us to talk about the plan for the rest of the year, including new service opportunities, fusion events and summer trips!
- January 12th & January 15th Confirmation Classes Resume (Dinner 30 minutes before class)

Thank you to all our parent volunteers who have helped so far in so many ways! We couldn't do this program without you! Please continue to sign up on the confirmation page of the website for volunteer opportunities.

# Servant Ministries

Contact Ellen Vermillion, c: 262-565-8512, e: evermill61@gmail.com or Nicole Krause, e: nicole@unitybrookfield.org

# THANK YOU to everyone who dropped off gifts for all of our partners from the Angel Trees!

# **Donations Needed for El Salvador Trip by February 9**

Our next Mission of Healing Trip to El Salvador will be February 15-22, take a look at what we need and if you can donate anything, please bring items to either campus, labeled "El Salvador Mission of Healing" by February 9:

The Salvadoran kids and adults *love* working with arts and crafts between stops at the clinic. We could use:

Beads - Cording - Stickers Coloring Books for Kids & Adults Colored Pencils - Colored Markers Pencil Sharpeners - School Scissors Glue Sticks (non-liquid)

# Other Supplies Needed:

Reading Glasses (non-prescription, new rather than used), toothbrushes, red Sendiks bags (for to-go items at clinic), 4 or 5 Cloth Covered Checked Bag Sized Luggage for travelers.

Any questions, please contact Nicole Krause.

# Mitten Tree at CTK, Mitten Bin at COL Warm Hearts, and now also SOCKS!

It was suggested that socks would be a good addition to our annual UNITY tradition of the Mitten Tree, which is now available at both campuses, so be sure to S(T)OCK up and help keep feet warm this winter as well! Our two campuses offer the same great way to help the kids at our partner church Hephatha and their neighborhood kids stay warm this winter! CTK's tree is in the narthex and COL's bin is in the vestibule near the doors at the west (fireplace) entrance. Please note: Items will be picked and sent out several times during the season. These are much-needed replacements for items that fall by the wayside. Questions? Contact Jane Boorse at janeboorse43@gmail.com or 262-781-1373. Thanks for warming kids' hands, heads, FEET, and hearts this holiday ... and all winter long!

# Bread of Healing Free Clinic. One Need Met. Here's Another One! Accounting

**Position.** Thank you so much! A UNITY member stepped forward to serve as Bread of Healing's Treasurer. Thank you to Emmett Nelson! And thank you to our member, Doreen Brecheisen, who has served so faithfully in that role.

The next need is for an Accounting Position. This is a role another one of our members, Sheila Schrieber has filled with great dedication. This is a paid position, averaging something like 12-14 hours per week. A good knowledge of QuickBooks is necessary. Talk to Sheila Schrieber who could tell you more about the details of the work itself, which is quite multi-faceted in its support of the finances of the clinic. (414-520-4487)

# Let's Get Cookin'! Mass Meal Prep continues January 8

One Wednesday each month from **4:00-6:30 pm**, 4 adults will work with 4 Confirmation students to whip up a delicious recipe in the COL Kitchen for 25 men at Aspen Center! It's easy: cooking stations are all set up and ready for our Sous Chefs to step in. What if cooking really isn't your thing but you still want to help? No problem! We also need the following support: 1 or 2 shoppers, 2 home bakers, and 1 meal delivery driver. It's a big team effort, so what a blessing you will be! **Cooking dates are: January 8, February 12 and May 7**. Sign up online by clicking on the appropriate links: Adult Signup or Confirmation Signup. Questions? Contact Cindy Flynn at 262-391-7870 or cindylouflynn@aol.com.

*Fun Fact:* Over the years our UNITY Confirmation kids and congregation have consistently made meals for the following partners: Springdale House (this goes back many years!) Serenity Inns, Juno House, Siena House, and this year, Aspen Center! UNITY, you continue

to be so very amazing. Thank you for sharing your time to fill not only the stomachs of men in recovery, but also their hearts!

# Hephatha Accepting Furniture Donations

Our partner, Hephatha Lutheran Church, is assisting Holy Cross Lutheran Church with their "Share Our Best" Furniture Ministry. This ministry, which was begun a couple years ago to help kids not have to sleep on the floor, relies on donations of furniture that they will pick up. They are looking for furniture that is in reasonably good condition – primarily beds (single, full and queen sizes, with frames and bedding) – as well as dressers, kitchen tables and chairs, and other pieces. If you have furniture to donate, please contact Hephatha Servant Advocate Shirley Denu at srdenu2@gmail.com so the donation can be coordinated. Thank you for helping with this important ministry that directly impacts the quality of life at home for so many in need.

**UPDATE:** Thanks for your generosity. There have been 19 donations already from UNITY, that they are now looking for more volunteers that they can call upon from time to time, who would be able to help transport furniture and help lift it to where it is needed. If you would be interested in learning more, reach out the Shirley Denu or talk to Nicole or one of the pastors.

# ES Scholarship Thank You!

November was graduation month in El Salvador, and many of our students hit big milestones. There are so many stories to celebrate, but especially notable are Rutilio's two high school seniors who graduated, pictured below. Also pictured are the 9th grade graduates who start high school next year. (10th grade is the start of high school in El Salvador). Because of your generosity to support the ES Scholarship Program, we were able to provide schooling opportunities to 50+ students at Cordero de Dios Church and the Rutilio Grande Community! The first round of funds for 2024 was sent in December. What a powerful thing to be part of! Thank you for changing these kids' lives!

**Ongoing Service Opportunities:** UNITY has standing volunteer "shifts" at various partners that we commit to covering as a church. Each one is coordinated by a different Unity member... each one has its own sign up page on the church website... and each one is an opportunity for you!

**Waukesha Food Pantry Food Distribution**: Each month, 4th Saturday, 9am-12pm; 5th Monday 5:45 - 8 pm.

**Serenity Inns Recovery Program Fellowship Dinners:** cook, deliver, or serve a meal for 12 residents. Each month, 1st Sunday and 2nd Friday, 6 - 7pm. Kids welcome.

Save the Date for 2025 El Salvador Summer Trip: August 5-12 Relationship-Building Summer Trip.

#### Property Needs Contact Denny Thompson, Director of Buildings and Properties c: 262-844-0556, email: dennyt325@yahoo.com Al Bengston, c: 414-322-6445, email: allanbengst234@gmail.com

**Looking for firewood?** At both campuses dead trees were taken down on the October work days, so there is now firewood available for anyone wishing to pick some up. There are piles at both campuses (wood on pallets at CTK is for fire pits so kindly leave that.)

**Snow Blowing/Shoveling Sign Up:** Let's pray we still have a few weeks before the snow starts to fly, but if you are a person who doesn't mind helping to clear the sidewalks and throw some salt down, check out the details in the SignUpGenius on our website. You sign up for just 1 campus, and we ask for a 1 week commitment starting on Wednesdays and running through the following Tuesday. When you sign up, helpful details will be emailed to you, and a reminder is emailed 3 days prior to your start date. Thank you for helping!

We will also start to turn our attention to doing what we can do on the inside of our buildings. At COL, there are a number of spaces and hallways that are in desperate need of a fresh coat of paint. If this is something you enjoy doing and can help us with, please reach out to Denny Thompson, Al Bengston, Lynn Key or one of the pastors. Thank you.

# **Adult Programs**

Contact: Todd Blatnik, email: todd.blatnik@wi.rr.com or Matt Griepentrog, c: 262-787-8820, e: matt@unitybrookfield.org

# Bible Study with Pastor Eric returns at a new day and time! Tuesdays at 2:00 pm starting January 7.

Are you looking for a weekly Bible Study where you can connect with others and enrich your spirituality? Pastor Eric has what you're seeking! Join us on TUESDAYS at 2 PM in Room 202 at our COL campus, beginning on January 7. (We've moved from our previous time slot of Monday mornings.) Join Eric as he leads a study that follows the worship lectionary. You'll dive into the weekly scripture readings but won't drown if you miss a week or more. Bring a friend and join us!

# Play Sheepshead at CTK on January 2 & 16 @ 6:30 pm

Join us for Sheepshead on 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 6:30 pm at CTK! Next dates are January 2 & 16. Sheepshead is a 5-player trump-style partner card game which takes a while to learn but will hook you! Our group is open to players of all ages and skill levels. Don't know how to play? Don't worry! We have plenty of Sheepshead veterans who are happy to teach you! New players are always welcome. Group contact is Mary Huss at mhwis@hotmail.com.

# Interested in Our Adult Boundary Waters Trip?

In case you missed our October 27 Forum about the Adult Boundary Waters Trip, plans are in the works to offer this trip to adults of UNITY. Information is still being gathered that will help us plan the best trip possible. All skill levels will be welcome, so there's no need to be intimidated! If you think the trip is something you're interested in, please contact Matt Griepentrog at matt@unitybrookfield.org.

# Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

• Parents' Forum: January 26 @ 6 pm: Teens & Social Media

Parents are invited to be a part of a special Sunday Night Forum all about teens and the social media landscape. What do we know about the effects of social media on development and relationships? What can we do to keep our teens safe, supported, and cared for? Kim Nodolf, a UNITY member and licensed professional counselor, will share her thoughts on this important topic. Join us on Sunday, January 26, at 6:00 pm at our COL campus. Event contact is Matt Griepentrog.

# • Forum: Caring for Aging Parents: February 2 @ 9:30

Do you have an aging parent who needs daily care and can no longer live independently? Or is this a reality that you will be facing at some point in the near future? This transition can be very difficult and painful. Sometimes, we just can't quite wrap our minds around the fact our parent is no longer the same person who raised us, and what we want is an easy solution. The reality is there are no easy solutions... but support, care, and resources for parent and adult child are available! Join us for our Adult Forum on Sunday, February 2, at 9:30 am at COL for a time of sharing, resources, and lifting up of our loved ones in prayer, led by UNITY member Jen Nowak.

# Do You Have Ideas for Adult Programming? Let Us Know!

Adult Programs is always looking for new ideas as we continue to plan new forums and events. If you have any ideas for groups, events, studies, or speakers that you'd like us to know about, please reach out to our new Adult Programs chairperson, Todd Blatnik, at todd.blatnik@wi.rr.com.

UNITY Member Care Contact: Jim Ahlquist- Minister of Member Care e: jim@unitybrookfield.org, c: 715-210-2245 or Sherrie Lorbeck or Eric Silberschmidt

# Grief Group will continue meeting on both Wednesdays January 15th & January 29th from 6:30-8:00 pm at COL in room 202 - *When Life Isn't the Same* ...

If you have lost a spouse or a parent or someone else close to you, the grieving doesn't end after the funeral. We invite you to a safe space where you can share more about where you are at in your journey ... learn more about the stages of grief ... and get help finding your way through what you need most for the road ahead.

We invite you to join us for our Grief Group. These gatherings will be led by Nicole Krause. If this is the right time for you, or if someone you know could benefit from being a part of this, please join us! *A zoom link can be provided if you are not able to meet in person.* If you have questions or just want to discuss whether this is the right place for you, contact Nicole Krause at nicole@unitybrookfield.org or 262-227-2271.

**UNITY Member Care is always here for you.** You don't have to face life's ups and downs alone. Whether it's an unexpected hospitalization, a recent diagnosis, the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, addiction, anxiety, depression, or virtually anything else, the pastors are only a call, text, or email away. Please never hesitate to reach out -- whether we're the only stop you'll make or just the first step in a longer care process.

**Prayer Place cards-** If you have a prayer request that you would like included in the Prayers for Friends and Family section in the bulletin, there are cards available in the narthex near the bulletin board. You can fill out the request and pin it to the bulletin board there. You can fill out a card and place it in the basket and it will be included in the upcoming bulletin. These prayer requests will stay for 4 weeks and then if you need further prayer, repost as often as needed. Any questions, please contact Nancy by phone or email nancy@unitybrookfield.org

# Worship & Music Opportunities

Director of Music, Contact Lynn Key, c: 414-507-5888 e: lynn@unitybrookfield.org Children's Choirs, Contact Janet Day, c: 414-975-0286, e: janetday4@me.com Fellowship Choir, Contact Molly Pufall-Brown, c: 920-265-6881, e: mpufall@gmail.com Handbells & Praise Band, Contact Stacey Nordmeyer, c: 414-617-7673, e: staceynordmeyer72@icloud.com

# **UNITY's All-Music Tuesdays: Rehearsals resume January 7th, 2025, with the exception of Hosanna Bells which will resume January 14th.** We rehearse every Tuesday night through mid-May. Come join us even if you can't make it every week. Nursery and child care are available. No auditions are necessary. Talk to any of our music staff if you have questions.

• JOYFUL NOISE MUSIC MAKERS - Ages PreK–Grade 1 • 6:00pm to 6:30pm • Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall • Directed by Janet Day.

• **CELEBRATION MUSIC MAKERS** - Åges Grade 2–Grade 6 • Tuesdays: 6:30pm to 7:15pm • Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall • Directed by Janet Day.

• **HOSANNA BELLS** - Beginning to Early Intermediate Ringers • Tuesdays: 7:15pm to 8:00pm • Cross of Life Sanctuary.

• **FELLOWSHIP CHOIR** - Ages 7th Grade–Adult • Tuesdays: 7:15pm to 8:15pm • Cross of Life North Fellowship Hall • Directed by Molly Pufall-Brown.

• **GLORIA DEI BELLS** - Late Intermediate to Advanced Ringers • Tuesdays: 6:15pm to 7:15pm • Cross of Life Sanctuary • Directed by Stacey Nordmeyer.

# Sr. High

Contact Nancy Oberhauser, c: 262-527-8869, e: nancy.oberhauser@Aexp.com or Sherrie Lorbeck, c: 414-477-7762 e: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org or Ryan Johnson, c: 262-825-7331, e: rmjohnson1117@gmail.com

# Sr High Boundary Waters Trip Update

We currently are sitting at 23 students and 9 adult leaders signed up for our summer trip to the Boundary Waters! In order to round out 4 full groups, we have space for another student, and two more male adult leaders. If you are interested in more information, or to sign up for the trip, get in touch with Matt Griepentrog.

# December 29th - Christmas and Mafia type Games CTK 6-7:30 pm

We are switching this from sledding due to that lack of snow we currently have to some games at CTK including some Christmas games, card games, and a large mafia type game. Come join us and have some fun!

# Sunday January 5th- Crazy Uncle COL 6-7:30 pm

We know we got some crazy people back in town so we want to take full advantage of them and have the fan favorite game crazy uncle. Make sure to wear dark clothes to blend in and come prepared to take down the competition.

**Kickin' It With Jesus.** Our High School soccer team made it to the Championship game and finished 2nd! Congratulations team UNITY! Registration is open for the second session and the first game is Saturday, January 4th at 9pm. Contact Ryan Johnson if you have questions or sign up on the soccer website and let's cheer them on for another great season with Jesus on the field with them all!

**December 27th - Calling all available Crazy Uncles and Aunts** to make this great tradition a lot of fun for our Confirmation students from 6:00 - 7:30 at the COL campus! Text Ryan if you can make it. Dress in black.

# Sign Up for Sr. High Ski Trip: January 31 to February 2

Calling Sr. High kids and chaperones! Join us for our annual Ski Trip to Devil's Head Resort in Merrimac: Friday, January 31, to Sunday, February 2. Devil's Head has lots of runs for all skill levels, and both skiers and snowboarders will have plenty of options on the hill. Our package includes 2 nights in the lodge, 2 days of lift tickets, pizza on Friday night, lunch and dinner on Saturday, and lunch on Sunday. Ski rentals are also available. **Registration and payment are due by January 24.** Visit the Ski Trip SignUpGenius to sign up; please pay through the Ski Trip Vanco. Questions? Contact Ryan Johnson at rmjohnson1117@gmail.com. Note: You do not need to know how to ski! People are always willing to help, or you can hang out in the common area. Don't let a lack of experience keep you from a great time with friends! Partner we are praying for this month: Hephatha Lutheran Church

This weekend's communion breads were baked by Cathy Buck

# **Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members**

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

#### **Cross of Life Campus**

Edi Kamenick, Greg O'Connell, Barb Consigny, Luna Loverine, Jill Barney, Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Joseph Nutt, Linda Langer, Jerry Buenger, Bob Rusk, Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Paula Dryer, Marlene Jernberg, John Vaughan, Alyce Vollan, Barb Purnell, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

#### **Christ the King Campus**

Mary Johnsen, Parker Godfrey, Ann Borowski, Dawn Suharski, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Dave Rau

> We give a prayer of thanksgiving for the renewed health of: Joan Krause

# **UNITY Prayer Place**

Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.

# December 28-29

Mark Aamot (pneumonia & leukemia), relative of Steve Brewer Randy Reed (cancer, beginning radiation & chemotherapy), friend of Shoff/Brewer family Andrea Knoke (ovarian cancer), friend of Kyle & Anna Jansson

# December 21-22

Julie (health issues), friend of Jeff and Lynn Key Sara Weix (breast cancer), daughter of Ron & Barb Weix Donna Funk (bladder cancer/liver issues), daughter of Pearl Haack

# December 14-15

Sia Grabowski (AutoImmune Encephalitis), sister of Weston, daughter of Cheri & Adam Grabowski

Terri Kwiatkowski (stage 4 terminal cancer), friend of Michelle Aprahamian Ron Ripley (cancer treatments), cousin of Dick Dressler

# December 7-8

Roy Subramanian (health concerns), friend of Luke Manganaro Patrice M. (cancer), friend of Cathy Buck Beckey Griffey (health concerns), friend of Lisa Nass Tracy Schlict (hope and love at a difficult time in her life), friend of Lisa Nass Jolie Jacomet (24 year old with stage 4 breast cancer), friend of the Nustad family The Wacker & Schultz families (husband/father [Tom] passed unexpectedly on 11/15), friends of the Nustads Phyllis Knutson (fell at home and now in rehab facility), mother of Joy Knutson Czarnik Daniel Jakala (hospitalization/complications after cancer surgery), brother-in-law of Laura Buege Tony Susa (spinal cord injury), brother-in-law of Vivian Clark Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran

Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix

Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, etc.) overseas and our military personnel: Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank

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Ministers for Saturday, December 28, 2024
Lynn & Jeff Key
Kim Urchell, Brian Finnigan
Judie McGhee, Pete Meiklejohn
Mike Gutzeit
Melissa Grabowski
Sue Fisher, Cheryl Caraulia
Kim Urchell
Praise Band
Kevin Nordmeyer
Kevin Grabowski
Praise Band
No Sunday School this Holiday Weekend
No Sunday School this Holiday Weekend
Rachel Manganaro

<u>COL 9.20 a</u>	Ministors for Sunday December 20, 2024
COL 8:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, December 29, 2024
Worship Coordinator:	Denny Inompson Deanna Brownell Barb Consigny
Acolyte:	Deanna Brownell, Barb Consigny Lily Bell, Lexie Bell Bernd Bruhnke, Mark Hilgart
Ushers:	Bernd Bruhnke, Mark Hilgart
Worship Assistant:	Susie Hilgart
	Josh Bemus Melissa Bemus, Jen Nowak, Darcy & Jan Constable
ABC:	Jan Constable
Musician:	Jan Constable Praise Band
Sound:	Kevin Nordmeyer
Visual Projection:	Matt Griepentrog Mike Aprahamian
Song Leader:	Praise Band
Sunday School Leaders:	No Sunday School this Holiday Weekend
	No Sunday School this Holiday Weekend
Nursery: Coffee:	Josi Matel
CTK 9:30 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, December 29, 2024
Greeters:	Marge Kipp, Eric Godfrey
Acolyte <sup>.</sup>	Annalise Nordstrom Joshua Graesser
Ushers: Worship Assistant:	Melissa Graesser, Harlan Mueller Steve Johnson
Reader	Mike Collins
Communion Assistants:	Jane Boorse, Sharon Giessen
ABC:	Jane Boorse
Musician: Visual Projection:	Greg O'Connell Julia Smith
Song Leader:	Corynn Nordstrom
Sunday School Leaders:	No Sunday School this Holiday Weekend
Sunday School Support:	No Sunday School this Holiday Weekend
Nursery:	Robin Nordstrom Marge Kipp
COL 10:45 a.m.	Ministers for Sunday, December 22, 2024
Worship Coordinator:	
Greeters:	Sue & Dan Hastings
Acolyte:	Robin Cervero-Vrab, Austin Alft
Ushers:	
Worship Assistant: Reader:	Fred Varin Melanie Varin
Communion Assistants:	Melanie Varin, Joy Czarnik
ABC:	Melanie Varin, Joy Czarnik Todd Blatnik Praise Band
Musician:	Praise Band Kavin Nordmayor
Visual Projection:	Kevin Nordmeyer Kaleigh Jolliff
Song Leader:	Praise Band
Sunday School Leaders:	No Sunday School this Holiday Weekend
Sunday School Support: Nursery:	No Sunday School this Holiday Weekend Josi Matel
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