



Mobile Meals provide nourishment for the mind, body and soul. Mobile Meals delivers love, compassion and hope to those in need. Delivering meals takes about one hour.

Call Joyce Wichelt, MM Coordinator to set up a time to volunteer! We hope to hear from you this month and in the coming months.

Remember serving MM is a 24/7 program!

Thank you to all who have served and given greatly of their time in April—Judy Onsrud, Fran Ellefson, Dick Figgie, Roger & Lori Beckstrom, Tienjue Titcomb, Gloria Patterson, Nancy Jones, Curt, Chris & Gabe Everson.



May food pantry need is cereal. The third Sunday of each month is St. Paul's Sunday to help WAFER or

World Hunger in either donating food or giving a monetary gift. Please put your items in the grocery baskets in the narthex or at the top of the stairs in the office area. W.A.F.E.R. items needed are—

- soup/crackers
- canned fruit
- tuna
- cereal
- personal hygiene items
- cleaning supplies
- spaghetti/sauce
- peanut butter
- side dishes
- baked beans



Mission of the Month

Circle of Support

Circle of Support (COS) is a program that offers mentoring and companionship for folks who are caught up in the cycle of incarceration. Because of the way our justice system is set up it is very difficult for an individual to make it out of the seemingly never ending cycle in our jail/prison systems. When a person is released from jail or prison they are sent out the same way they came in. They may or may not have a place to live, money to find housing, medications they need, or even food. Many have no choice but to rely on old friends, those whose influence is not one of being a productive member of society. The COS, made up of 5 or 6 functioning members of the community, offers support that many don't get from friends or family. Circle members are not expected to provide money or housing, just good advice. COS members often know of opportunities and options available in the community that could help folks out of the cycle. Most circles meet weekly and chat like old friends. If you are interested in forming your own circle, or joining an existing circle please contact Cheryl Peters. Monetary donations are also welcomed and encouraged.



Earlier this year we sent \$500 to the Lutheran World Relief shipping fund. This was made possible

by the sale of quilts and monetary donations.

Ann made tracking labels for some of the boxes of quilts and kits we sent last fall. We were informed that quilts with our labels were shipped out the end of January and went to India.

Quilts are distributed to hospitals, orphanages, schools and homes for the elderly. The quilts provide bedding, allowing institutions to use their limited resources for other necessities.

In another newsletter we were told that last year 28,000 children in Honduras received school kits. Parents of these children often have to choose between feeding their children or sending them to school. Education increases the chance of breaking the chain of poverty and avoiding the risk of gang involvement.

Our gifts do make a difference!

Ruth Johnson



GERANIUM SALE - The Franciscan Healthcare Auxiliary in La Crosse will hold their 37th Annual Geranium Sale May 3rd – 5th from 8 am to 6 pm located at the Garage Building on the corner of 11th & Ferry Streets. All

proceeds fund Nursing Scholarships for Viterbo and WTC students.



NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

APRIL 23

Thank You Members of St. Paul's for volunteering your time in various ways at our church & in the community. We appreciate all you do.

- ◆ Bethany Riverside-Bingo/Birthday
- ◆ Altar Flower Delivery
- ◆ Assemble Bulletins
- ◆ Communion Assistants
- ◆ Communion Ministry to Homebound
- ◆ Chancel Care
- ◆ Church Council
- ◆ Church Garden
- ◆ Cleaning Altar Candles
- ◆ Committees-Serving On: Heritage, Endowment, Building & Grounds, Scholarship, Worship/Music, Nominating, Youth/Education, Stewardship/Outreach
- ◆ Facebook
- ◆ Feed The Kids
- ◆ Giving Altar Flowers
- ◆ Giving to CD Ministry
- ◆ Giving Rides to Church
- ◆ Hostess – W-ELCA, Circle
- ◆ Locking & Unlocking Church Doors
- ◆ Making Communion Wafers
- ◆ Mobile Meals
- ◆ Offering Counters
- ◆ SEW – Quilters
- ◆ Sunday School Teacher
- ◆ Sugar Creek Work Team
- ◆ Readers for Worship Service
- ◆ Refreshments – Coffee Fellowship
- ◆ Technology
- ◆ Ushers
- ◆ Visit Members
- ◆ Watering Church Plants
- ◆ Website
- ◆ WAFER Food Delivery
- ◆ W-ELCA-Lutheran World Relief
- ◆ & More



STEWARDSHIP/OUTREACH

SUGAR CREEK: Spring is here and it is time to think about the wonders of creation and nature. Living in this part of the world, we are reminded of the many natural blessings that contribute to our quality of life. Sugar Creek, a longtime outdoor extension of St Paul's, is both a blessing and a responsibility. Sugar Creek is a resource for young and old. Sugar Creek Bible Camp is where all generations encounter Christ through God's people and creation.

Again this year, we, our families and friends, are invited to participate in Sugar Creek's many program opportunities. We will also be asked to support this vibrant outdoor ministry with our time, talents and treasure. Be prepared to buy part of a Horse and to make a contribution to the ongoing Flood Repair and Cleanup Project.

40 DAYS LOGO: Thanks for being a participant in ELCA's 2017, 40 DAY'S of Giving. Each and every gift made a difference in meeting the worldwide challenge of feeding the hungry. However, the challenge continues at home and abroad. There is no time limit on giving to World Hunger. Thank you for your Generous Love.



Washburn Neighborhood Association Potluck Dinner is May 23rd @ 6 pm, here at St. Paul's. We are in-

involved with the Washburn Association and have supported them monetarily. This is a perfect outreach for our church. Bring your favorite dish and share and some spend the evening with them. All are invited to attend.



Remember no second service from Memorial Day through Labor Day.



Altar Flowers and CD Ministry—We are in need of sponsors for both the flowers and CD. If you would like to sponsor a Sunday for either one or both, please sign up on the sheets in the narthex. Thank you!

GOD IS MY FOUNTAIN

God is the fountain whence ten thousand blessings flow; to him my life, my health and friends, and every good, I owe.

The comforts he affords are neither few nor small; he is the source of fresh delights, my portion and my all.

He fills my heart with joy, my lips attunes for praise; and to his glory I'll devote the remnant of my days.



Worship Volunteers for May 2017

Ministries	May 7	May 14	May 21	May 28
Reader	Curt Everson	Cheryl Peters	Ellen Klemp	John Heim
Communion Assistants	Julie Schroeder Shannon Craig	Shane Craig John Heim	Ed Keuper Amber Tomten	Roger & Lori Beckstrom
Chancel Care	Chris Everson	Norma Schuster Jan Ostreng	Norma Schuster Jan Ostreng	Fran Ellefson Beverly Scott
Ushers	John Heim Team	John Heim Team	John Heim Team	Roger Johnson Team

Sponsors—Flowers for May 2017

May 07 Joan Everson
 May 14
 May 21
 May 28 Curt & Chris Everson

Sponsors—CD Ministry for May 2017

May 07
 May 14
 May 21
 May 28

FLOWERS—\$24

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ST. PAUL'S
 Please notify the church office if you will be taking the flowers or if you would like them delivered to our homebound.

CD MINISTRY—\$30

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