



TIDINGS

May 2023

ARTS, CRAFT AND BAKED GOODS FUNDRAISER

Sunday, May 7 following worship until 11:30

Following worship on May 7, a variety of arts, craft and bake sale items will be for sale in the fellowship hall. Proceeds will be used towards the Foundation's matching funds grant.

The craft and bake sale items will be a one day only sale. Art—including paintings and framed or matted photos—will continue to be on display and for sale throughout May. Check the hallways, enjoy the art and make a purchase if you like.

If you plan to bring items for the sale:

- Attach a label including a price on items before you drop them off.
- Bring your items to the fellowship hall, either Saturday afternoon between 2-5 p.m., or between 8-9:15 a.m. on Sunday morning. For those choosing a Saturday afternoon drop off, the 31st Ave. entrance by the kitchen will be open, and volunteers inside to help with drop off.
- Baked items should be plated and/or wrapped, priced and ready to sell when you drop them off.
- If you have art that could be displayed for sale in hallways throughout the month, please connect with Leona to arrange a drop off earlier in the week, and perhaps help with set up and hanging items.
- Any items not sold will be returned to the contributor.

We also need a few volunteers to help with taking payments, set up and clean up that morning. Contact Leona Olson at onondave@yahoo.com if you can help.

GROUP OF JOY

Thursday, May 18 at 11:30 a.m.

It seems like ages since we have been together so we will gather on Thursday, May 18 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please NO SNOW! (Right Ralph?!) We will have a light lunch and some type of program, although at this writing, I'm not sure what it will be. The best part is that we will be together again. If you plan on attending, please let Karen Moeller know no later than Sunday, May 14. Hope to see you there.

DON'T FORGET! The June/July issue of the Tidings is a combined issue. Submit your summer articles by May 16.

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OFFERING OPPORTUNITIES

Please continue to support our congregation with your faithful financial contributions to Mt. Carmel as you are able. There are several ways to give:

- Online by credit card or bank account. Visit mountcarmelmpls.org to give online.
- Mail or drop off your check to the church office.

Your generous support for Mt. Carmel and our ministry is truly appreciated.



MT. CARMEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

We are a faith community participating in the life of God, both as sheer gift to us and as a calling to the neighborhoods of Northeast Minneapolis. We are a multigenerational community that proudly celebrates our history while joining together with younger generations to follow where God is leading. We build our community through faith practices like prayer, dwelling in the Word and hospitality.

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**The mission of Mt. Carmel
Lutheran Church and its members
is to learn, live and share
God's Word.**

Ministry Affiliates: Minneapolis Area
Synod/ELCA; Northeast Senior Services,
Inc.; Little Kitchen Food Shelf; Every Meal;
Eastside Meals on Wheels; Plymouth
Christian Youth Center;
Mission Northeast and
Casa de Oracion a las Naciones.

The Mt. Carmel facility is shared with the
following community groups:
Scout Troop 132, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts
and Alcoholics Anonymous.

We are an ELCA congregation. All are
welcome. Learn more about the ELCA at
www.elca.org/About.



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FROM THE PASTOR

It's the Easter season. From the early days of the Church, those baptized on Easter were prepared (catechesis "to whisper in the ear") during the season of Lent, but not overly instructed about what the rites meant and about what to expect at their baptism. Sacraments are symbolic, after all, with many levels of meaning for all. The saying goes that "experience is a hard teacher because she gives the test first and the lesson afterward." In that spirit the baptized received the experience of Easter baptism first, and in these seven weeks that followed they were to be at the foot of the pulpit (at the foot of the bishop, actually) and these Sunday gospel stories were (and still are) specially chosen to teach them about their new life in Christ. They were taught about "the mysteries" that before baptism were withheld from them. Now they have participated in the mysteries of Easter, of dying and rising, of holy baptism and holy communion. Now was the time for "mystical catechesis" to use its fancy word.

So we'll spend these seven Easter weeks exploring the mysteries of the faith and remembering what it means to be baptized, initiated, as God's co-workers in bringing in the reign of God.

- EASTER 1—The resurrection is announced
- EASTER 2—Jesus is merciful with doubters and those who struggle to understand (Thomas)
- EASTER 3—Jesus appears on the journey/road and in the breaking of the bread (Emmaus)
- EASTER 4—Jesus is the good shepherd
- EASTER 5—Jesus is the way, truth and life, going before us to prepare to receive us
- EASTER 6—Jesus is our advocate
- EASTER 7—Jesus is our high priest and prays and cares for us—or—Jesus is present in all times and places (Ascension)
- PENTECOST—Jesus sends the Holy Spirit of his resurrection upon us

One way we'll do that is to invite families and anyone who wishes to join us in a Holy Communion workshop for those children in our community who have been invited into the mystery, but now with that "experience," would benefit from a "lesson" about this sacrament. See the faith formation announcements for more about this opportunity.

Our Old Testament "first readings" on Sundays are replaced with "Readings from the Early Church" all coming from the second volume of Luke's gospel, Acts of the Apostles. Only in the Easter season do we replace our history stories from the old covenant with those of the new covenant.

And did you ever wonder what the difference is between a disciple and an apostle? *Disciple* means follower. But *apostle* means sent ones. The Easter weeks are for learning, relearning or discovering what it means that we are no longer followers but sent ones... sent out from the Easter mysteries into a world desperately in need of resurrection.

So that's what I think we're up to in the next few weeks. Read on to see what else we're up to this spring in our corner of the Kingdom of God on St. Anthony Parkway.

Pastor C

CHILD CARE CENTER



Happy spring! We enjoyed the gorgeous weather, and the children were able to play outside and go for short walks. We had an in-center field trip in April. The Reptile Zoo from Owatonna came and showed us all kinds of reptiles in the fellowship hall.

Please remember that our May fundraiser is from May 1–29. We sent flyers in our April Tidings, and you can also find some in the Narthex. Order online at simpls.com and use the code: MCCC. Please reach out with any questions and thank you for your continued support.

Above is a fun pic of our toddler teacher Rani with two of our MCCC toddlers!

*Have a wonderful spring.
Brenda Wetzel, Director*

NEW MEMBERS

Inquirers coffee/new member orientation—May 7

New members received—May 21

Are you new to Mt. Carmel? Are you considering joining our community or being baptized? On the first Sunday of each month (generally) you are invited to coffee with Pastor C in the narthex immediately following worship. No preparation required. We'll share informally to get to know one another. Sunday, May 7 grab a cup of coffee and gather with Pastor C. If you're ready to join Mt. Carmel, new members will be received Sunday, May 21 or when you are available. We'll need those who intend to join to complete a short form. Please contact the office.

GIFTS RECEIVED

TO THE FOUNDATION

**In memory of my mother,
Marion Harris. Happy
Mother's Day: Marlys J.
Hegstrom**

SCOUTS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, May 21 from 8:30
a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in the
Fellowship Hall.

OF NOTE

Wishing you a blessed
Easter from Julie Craig. She
wanted to let you know that
she misses her friends at Mt.
Carmel, but is happy in her
new assisted living home.
May God bless you.

DINNER AND A MOVIE

Hey youth! Join us for Dinner
and a Movie. Thursday, May
18 at 6 p.m. Friends are
welcome, but we need to
have RSVPs for food! Contact
Jenni Lathrop if you have any
questions.

FUNDRAISING REQUESTS

A short new form will be available soon for all proposed activities that include fundraising. Complete this form along with your event request from. The fundraising request will be sent along to the Exec. Committee as we work on our strategic focus of our life together and congregation activities.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENDS MAY 7

Final Sunday School session for the program year will be May 7. We'll bless and thank our Sunday School teachers and learners in worship that day.

PRAYER CHAIN

To to lift up a prayer concern for the prayer chain, please contact Leona Olson at 612-859-7075.

MT. CARMELITES SOFTBALL IS BACK

Opening night is here

When: Tuesday, May 2 at 8:30 p.m.

Where: Lions Park Softball Field at Long Lake Regional Park in New Brighton, 1500 Old Highway 8, New Brighton, MN 55112

Come see the team and join in fellowship or join in to play. You can still get on the roster.

Reminder: Co-Ed Adults

If you're interested in playing, contact Karen Matthes at 612-716-7395 or kmatthes@gmail.com or contact Diane Langer at 612-718-4229 or ddl2@aol.com.

2023 Schedule (all games are on Tuesday evenings)

May 2—8:30 PM. Mt. Carmelites vs. Straight outa Quarantine

May 9—8:30 p.m. Mt. Carmelites vs. Federal Balistic Tips

May 16—No game – Bye

May 23—6:30 p.m. Mt. Carmelites vs. McDonalds

May 30—7:30 p.m. Mt. Carmelites vs Swingers

June 6—7:30 p.m. Mt. Carmelites vs. Booze it or Lose It

June 13—8:30 p.m. Mt. Carmelites vs. The Eagles

June 20—No game. Bye

June 2—Double Header

7 p.m. Mt. Carmelites vs. Federal Balistic Tips

8 p.m. Mt. Carmelites vs. Swingers

July 4—No Game

July 1—6 p.m. – Mt. Carmelites vs. Straight outa Quarantine

Play-offs to follow July 18, July 25 and August 1

HOLY COMMUNION WORKSHOP WITH PASTOR C

May 18 and/or May 20

Families and anyone who wishes to join us are invited to a Holy Communion workshop for those children in our community who have been invited to receive Communion but now would benefit from a time with Pastor C to discover more about this sacrament. We'll tell bible stories, look at communion practice, explore the sacristy and the chancel; talk about receiving communion, and/or bake communion bread or go kite flying in celebration of Ascension day (May 18).

Offered either/or:

- Thursday evening, May 18. Does 6 p.m. work or earlier?
- Saturday morning, May 20. Does 9 a.m. work or later?

RSVP to the church office and we'll gather up the preferences of those interested.

FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

KAREN'S KORNER

From a balmy 88 degrees to more snow and freezing temps...Minnesota has once again delivered! May this find us finally entering the beauty of spring and enjoying the new birth of nature around us. Easter Sunday was truly a joyous occasion at Mt. Carmel. With over 100 in attendance the "Christ is Risen" refrain grew louder as the service went along.

There are a few items that need to be addressed to keep everyone up to speed. They are as follows:

Locked doors

Please note the outside door by the kitchen and the outside education unit door will remain locked due to past theft during an event and service. If you have a key, you may use these doors but be sure to re-lock them after entering. If there is a scheduled event in the Fellowship Hall the outside kitchen door will be open.

Kitchen

If you bring food or any other items to the kitchen, please remove them when done. This includes anything left in the refrigerator or freezer or items put on the counters. Also, please put your name on the item and what it is for. Too often, things are left sitting out or food has spoiled in the refrigerator.

Coffee fellowship sign-up

The new coffee fellowship sign-up is located by the serving window. Some of the spots have been filled but there are still openings. We have had a great response so let's keep it up!

Please check Pastor C.'s email and the April council highlights for dates of upcoming special events. From a bake/craft sale, a birthday party, an installation and luncheon, celebrating graduating seniors, a parade and who knows what in-between, Mt. Carmel is alive in our northeast community.

*Cheerfully in Christ,
Karen Moeller, Council President*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Thank you for your generous support of the Food Basket Outreach Program. In addition to some of the families we have served in the past, we also received the names of several new families; people who are your friends and neighbors. Thank you for reaching out to them. As we have done for a couple of years now, we sent Cub gift cards to the families allowing them to purchase what they would like for their Easter dinner.

This program has been ongoing for many years and it continues because of all of you. Your generosity and kindness are very much appreciated by the families who receive the gift cards. And your support of this program is very much appreciated by Kathy and me. Thank you!

*God's blessings to all
Kathy Halverson and Barb Hollister*

PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Thanks to members and visitors, the return of the Youth Palm Sunday Breakfast was a success. The youth were able to raise \$380 which was donated to Feed My Starving Children.

A huge thanks to everyone who donated food and funds. Mt. Carmel's support of the youth group is a true blessing!

Volunteer leader needed

After many years of planning and organizing the youth breakfast, Paul and Jenni Lathrop have decided to hand off running of this annual event to new leadership. If you are willing to step in, please contact Jenni at jennifer.lathrop@gmail.com so we can get you all the information you need to run the 2024 event.

NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH?

The mini-bus is revved up and ready to go. Call the church office at 612-781-2796 by noon Friday to let us know you need a ride for Sunday.

PENTECOST BIRTHDAY GIFT FOR THE CHURCH

May 28

May 28 is Pentecost, the Church's birthday. Our congregation council has earmarked this year's birthday gift "special offering" for the "Close the Gap" project (One-for-Two Matching Challenge) as we work to begin strong in our ministry together with Pastor C. Plan today for a special birthday gift to the Church on May 28. We'll have birthday cake to celebrate. Red is the color for your party clothes!

NEIGHBORHOOD WALKS WITH PASTOR C

Pastor C is building a calendar of mornings when he would welcome company on neighborhood walks, usually around 10,000 steps. Most likely times will be occasional Wednesday mornings around 9 a.m. Meet at church. If you think you might be interested, put your name on a list to receive a message about details, weather and schedule permitting. Contact the office.

TREASURER UPDATE YTD: APRIL 15

Mt. Carmel continues on a positive road towards our goal to erase our faithfully passed deficit budget of (\$43,368.00)

A reminder that we again have opportunities available as an avenue to recover. The Mt. Carmel Foundation has pledged an initial gift of \$6,100 for specified areas of the budget. In addition, they will gift up to an additional \$5,000 in a \$1 for \$2 matching fund challenge for all special gifts above pledged giving by June 30. This means if we raise \$10,000 in additional special gifts, the Foundation is gifting an additional \$5,000.

With the Mt. Carmel Foundation gifts, we potentially could erase \$21,100 of the deficit by June 30.

Special Gifts raised year to date are \$3840. The balance remaining to reach \$10,000 to receive the Foundation match \$6160. Challenges bring answers! Join in the excitement to help reach the 2023 1 for 2 Challenge .

March

Actual Contributions/ Income
\$70,511.70

Budgeted Contributions/ Income
\$65,077.78

Actual Expense
\$22,644.22

Budgeted Expense
\$25,306.57

Actual Income/Expense (\$4,519.03)
Budgeted Income/Expense: (3,613.99)

Year-to-Date

Actual Income/Expense \$12,496.65
Budgeted Income/Expense: (\$10,842.09)

Please prayerfully consider increasing your giving and planned pledging with a special gift towards the 1 for 2 match with Foundation funds. We pray pledges and giving proceeds continue on this healthy trend.

Diane Davis Langer
Mt. Carmel Church Treasurer

FOUR-PART MODEL FOR LIFE-LONG FAITH FORMATION

The congregation council is considering adopting the ELCA's Recommended Practices for Lifelong Faith Formation. This will help us shape our faith formation ministries as we begin our work with Pastor C. The council invites your feedback before their next meeting when they will take action on this proposal. Here's the summary: Our goal would be that faith formation for all ages (cradle to grave) would include these four components: Spiritual Practices, Respectful Relationships, Guided Learning and Faith-filled Service. Where does your ministry fit?

WE'RE BUILDING THE SUMMER CALENDAR

If your team or group has proposals or plans for summer church activities, get them to the office or a member of the Exec Committee soon. Ask these questions first: Is it intergenerational? How can your activity better welcome those not yet a part of our community? In other words, is there an on ramp for guests and all ages?

PARADE ENTRY COORDINATOR

June 20

We love a parade! Do you? The congregation council is looking for a coordinator for this summer's Northeast Community parade entry. Contact a member of the Exec. Committee. A short ministry description with a few bullet points will be available at the office from last year's coordinator.

APRIL COUNCIL NOTES

- Council is reviewing the ELCA's four-part model for Lifelong Faith Formation. It is a way to broaden our tradition beyond goals for confirmation youth but for people of all ages. The four areas within this model are Spiritual Practices, Respectful Relationships, Guided Learning and Faith-filled Service. The pastor will include information on this model in his weekly email. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact a council member. Action will be taken at the May 9 council meeting.
- A motion passed to put a process in place for fundraising. To hold an event or fundraiser, you'd fill out a simple form(s) to run past the Exec Committee. We are seeking to put in systems to help us align congregational activities and mission priorities.
- Pentecost/birthday gift: Pentecost Sunday, May 28, is the Church's birthday. We encourage you to give a special birthday gift toward the 1 for 2 Foundation match to help close the budget gap.
- Mt Carmel will again be participating in the NE Parade on Tuesday, June 20. Let us know if you're interested in coordinating this event, riding the bus or handing out candy!
- We will be celebrating the Installation of Pastor C on Sunday, June 4 and a lunch will follow in Fellowship Hall. Plan on coming to this joyous occasion!
- A council retreat is planned for August 19.

Upcoming events:

- Synod Assembly on April 28-29—Karen Moeller and Janell Partyka are delegates.
- May 7—Craft/bake sale: Contact Leona Olson with questions.
- June 11—Blessing of all graduates with quilt presentations to our two high school grads.

Council members: Karen Moeller, Al Erickson, Lory Dubbels, Patrick Kutzer, Doug Jones, Kathy Halverson, Dave Larson, and Pastor C.

FORGET-ME-NOT

Birthday greetings to those listed below who reach or surpass the 80th milestone this month. May God bless you on your special day and in the year to come.

May 1: Kay McReavy

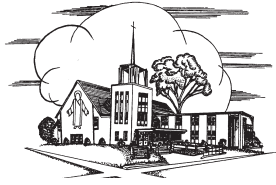
MT. CARMEL COUNCIL

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Al Erickson, Vice President
Lory Dubbels, Secretary
Kathy Halvorsen
Doug Jones
Patrick Kutzer
Dave Larson

CALLING ALL GRADUATES

June 11

We have two high school graduates to celebrate this spring (June 11). Let the office know if there are college, graduate school or even pre-school graduates in your family that we should celebrate on June 11.



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**NEXT TIDINGS
DEADLINE**
Tuesday, May 16

Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church

Pastor

D Foy Christopherson

Office hours

Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Sunday worship

9:30 a.m.—Worship in person or
online on Facebook or YouTube.

10:30 a.m.—Coffee Fellowship

10:45 a.m.—Faith Formation

Mini-bus Transportation

Call 612-781-2796 to be added to
Sunday's list.

Mt. Carmel Child Care

Brenda Wetzel, Director
612-781-2798



WORSHIP WITH US

**Join the Mt. Carmel faith community for worship in person or
live on Facebook and YouTube, Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.**

Worship with us in person or live online. For those unable to worship with us
in person, **we also broadcasting worship live on Facebook and YouTube.**
Videos are available to watch at any time after live worship on YouTube.



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