

ETERNAL LOVE NEWSLETTER

Church & Wee Love Learning Center

Our Mission is to Glorify God, Grow in God's Word, and Go with the Word into the World.



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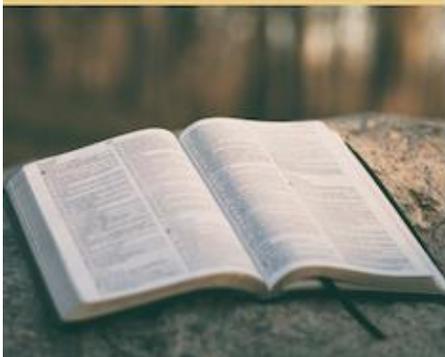
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CURRENT SERVICE TIMES
Sundays at 8:00am & 10:45am



Our Good Shepherd

The primary instrument a shepherd used in Jesus' day for protecting sheep was a "rod." It was a short club the shepherd made by pulling a small tree from the ground, cutting off the roots and leaving a knob on the end. He then fitted it to his hand and trained himself to use it with great skill. Shepherds were known to have been very accurate in throwing these weapons, and powerful in beating off predators such as wolves, bears, lions, snakes or even eagles.

As sheep belonging to our Good Shepherd, we must admit that we are basically defenseless creatures who do not come equipped with camouflaging color, a poisonous bite, or blazing speed. We can easily become victims of the devil's sly strength, so we are told, *"Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour"* (1 Peter 5:8.) Yet we can be assured that we have the greatest protector of all in our Good Shepherd. He uses his almighty Word as a rod to fend off the forces of evil and protect us from harm. Just like he overcame the devil's temptations in the wilderness, he also overcomes them today for us with his mighty Word. We never even know how close we might have been or how many times the devil could have hurt us but Jesus and his double-edged sword protected us.

Better yet, our Good Shepherd, in his desire to protect us, will do so even if it means giving up his own life. *"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us"* (1 John 3:16). There is no greater loyalty and love than what our Good Shepherd did by giving up his life on the cross so we could live!

When the Good Shepherd noticed the wolf, the devil, coming he didn't run, but he counter attacked. Your life was being threatened by a powerful enemy who could have easily snatched you up and separated you from your green pastures forever; but your Good Shepherd would not let it happen. He faced the enemy and went to battle for you. In the end, however, the only way he could protect you and spare your life was by giving up his own. He died to protect you. Imagine what that evil wolf, the devil, was thinking when Jesus died. Just picture him, boasting in his apparent victory, stalking around the dead Shepherd, licking his chops as he looks over the shepherdless sheep. The scared sheep scatter. The wolf plans his attack. The dead shepherd comes to life! He steps between the surprised wolf and the scared sheep with a presence unequalled in authority and power, a glory neither fully used nor displayed since the creation of the world, a victory for heaven overpowering all the spiritual forces of evil! "I lay down my life - only to take it up again," our Good Shepherd assures us. Yes, the risen Lord Jesus rules the earth in full glory and protects his sheep, keeping us safe on the path to heaven. *"I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand."* (John 10:27) Take comfort, then, that you are Jesus' little lamb. You are a lamb he always protects.

PRAYER: In death's dark vale I fear no ill with you, dear Lord beside me;
Your rod and staff my comfort still, your cross before to guide me.
And so through all the length of days your goodness fails me never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise within your house forever! Amen.

Written by Pastor Dave Pries

May Worship Notes

Pastor Pries



Easter 2019 series

This Easter season, we join Jesus as he prepares to return home to heaven. Jesus entered our world to carry our sins to the cross and open heaven by rising from the dead. On Easter morning, he accomplished his mission. By his resurrection, he brought us into a new family and promised us a forever home through faith in him. Listen to Jesus as he tells us about this new home, this new family, this new life. Jesus gives us the keys to the house, teaches us everything we need to know about how to operate in this household, and promises to keep us safe until we make it home. Whether you have a happy home life now, or are desperately longing for the day when you meet Jesus at the end of the journey, this series is for you. It's a long journey. Let's travel together. Join us, we're going home.

May 5 — Easter 3 - Family Meal: Breakfast on the Beach. The Lord's Supper will be included in our worship.

May 12 — Easter 4 – Simply Safe - Good Shepherd Sunday (Mother's Day). The Praise Ensemble will play and the Wee Love Learning Center children will be singing this Sunday.

May 19 — Easter 5 – Home is where the heart is - Confirmation Sunday. The rite of Lutheran Confirmation will be included in the late service. The Lord's Supper will be celebrated in all services this weekend.

May 26 — Easter 6 – Home School. Our summer worship schedule (8:00am and 9:45am) will begin this Sunday. The Cross Rhythms group will play for our services.

Summer Schedule Begins

Pastor Pries

We will change to our summer worship schedule on Sunday, May 26. Beginning that Sunday, our worship times will be 8:00am and 9:45am.

There will be NO Monday evening services this summer due to construction.

No Sunday School or Sunday Bible Classes will be held from May 20 until September.

Off-Site Worship

Pastor Pries

Our last Sunday Worship Service in our current chapel will take place on Sunday, May 26. Starting in June, we will conduct our worship services next door at Oak Park Place.

Here are a couple of details for you to keep in mind:

- Worship at Oak Park Place will take place at 8:00am and 9:45am on Sunday mornings.
- As you drive on to their campus, take an immediate left turn and follow the drive to their main entrance on the East side of their building. We will have someone there guiding you and letting you know where to park.
- We will be asking that many of you consider parking in our church parking lot and walking over to Oak Park Place using the trail we will prepare between our church and their facility.
- When you walk into their main entrance, you will be greeted by one of our greeters and directed into the worship area which is just to the right inside of their main doors.

We are grateful to Oak Park Place for allowing us to worship in their facility so close to our own. Please welcome any of their own residents who may join us for worship.

Worship



Confirmation: May 19, 2019

Pastor Backus

This year we have two young gentlemen who are completing 8th grade and coincidentally have spent two years beginning to learn the basics of Christian doctrine as summarized in Luther's Small Catechism. **Cooper Reichelt and Alex Scherschel** are two intelligent kids who have come to know the joy of salvation and have been peer leaders in the classroom.



The Bible doesn't prescribe for us Confirmation per se. Jesus didn't institute it like he did the sacraments. But Confirmation class and the rite those classes lead up to have become a pious tradition for many generations of Lutherans. We simply concentrate on teaching our young Christians about what the Bible says, so that they can use it and their catechism to continue to grow. We aim to teach them how much God loves them in Jesus Christ. We also want to teach them what the Bible says about Holy Communion so that they can be worthy partakers of the Lord's Supper along with our communicant members.

Come and worship on May 19 at 10:45am. Cooper and Alex will read a prepared essay demonstrating what they've learned and confessing their unity in doctrine with us. They will make promises to God to be faithful, and will be encouraged that God is always faithful to them.

Will you pray for them and thank God for them, as well as all our congregational children? What treasures we have in our youth! May God keep each of us faithful in our vows to serve him with our heart and soul, strength and mind.



Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Pastor Pries

Wednesday Evening Bible Class continues with a topic: The Glory Of The Lord. We meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm.

- May 1 – The Glory of the Lord *Appears to the Prophet Ezekiel*
- May 8 – The Glory of the Lord *Appears to the Prophets Isaiah and Daniel*
- May 15 – The Glory of the Lord *Appears in Jesus Christ*
- May 22 – The Glory of the Lord *Appears in Revelation*

Easter Breakfast: Savor the Flavor of God's Grace

Pastor Backus

No one can take away your Easter joy. Think about it: the devil's been defeated; death has no sting; and our sins are forgiven because Jesus was raised to life because of our justification! May you continue to savor the flavor of that Easter joy in your daily life.

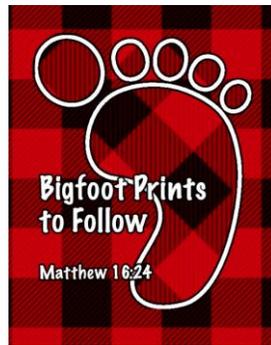
I ask you also to recall and savor the other Easter joy we shared on Sunday, April 21. Do you remember stepping into the hall and being drawn into that hot griddle smell of fresh buttermilk pancakes? How about the familiar aromatic blend of pastry sweets, family-famous egg bakes, and sausages? Although I failed to clearly mention it Easter morning, I want to pause to thank God for you in your attending that Easter breakfast and for your generous donations on that day to help our teens plan a mission trip this August. In fact, if you'd still like to give a gift in support of that trip, it would be a received with gratitude. As we savor the joy of Easter, the memories of fellowship, and the love expressed by our teens hosting this meal, may we continue to savor God's grace in all aspects of our ministry. This teen mission trip is just one special opportunity we have in our congregation to savor the flavor of God's grace for us and through us.



Worship

VBS in the Park 2019

Amy Monigal, VBS Coordinator



**Saturday, July 27 Noon – 4:30pm
Green Meadow Park, Appleton**

Bigfoot? What does Bigfoot have to do with Jesus? Come join us at Eternal Love's day in the park and find out! In Matthew 16:24, Jesus tells his disciples to deny themselves and follow him. And following Jesus--well, those are some BIG sandals to fill. Or big footprints to follow. Join us, and some friendly sasquatches and lumberjacks from Camp Philip and immerse yourself in following Jesus through our theme: **BIGFOOT PRINTS TO FOLLOW!**

We hope you can join us Saturday, July 27 from 12:00 - 4:30pm for a ½ day 'mini VBS in the Park.' Due to our summer construction, we will be scaling down VBS this year, and partnering with staff from Camp Phillip to offer a similar style ½ day VBS. Online registration will open in May.

With our assistance, Camp Phillip staff will lead a smaller scale version of a day camp program that they offer. Groups of children in "crews" similar to our VBS will participate in about 6 rotating activities. Camp Phillip staff will lead the opening and closing which includes songs and games with all children. In addition, Camp Phillip staff would lead 4 of the station activities, while Eternal Love would provide leaders for Story-time, Crafts, and snacks.

A tentative schedule for the day
11:45 - Check in / Register
12:00 - Opening and Welcome
12:30 - 3:30 - Rotate through 6 stations
 **Crafts **Snack
 **Story-Time **Recreation
 **Adventure **Theme Activity
3:30 - 4:00 - All Camp Game
4:00 - 4:30 - Closing Program

Please return the half-sheet volunteer form you found in your mailbox to the MONIGAL mailbox. This will help me begin to plan for our staffing needs. We will need a leader for each group of children, as well as a leader for crafts, story time, and snack. Please consider using your gifts and talents to help make this day a success.

Another way you can help our VBS is by donating items that children will use throughout the day such as craft materials and snack. We may be looking for a number of canopy tents to borrow to give some of our stations some shade. Watch the Love Notes for more details.

If you have any questions about Vacation Bible School, volunteering, donations, etc. please contact Pastor Backus, Pastor Pries, or Amy Monigal.



Youth Mission Trip in August

Pastor Backus

We are planning a youth mission trip for August 4-11 in Maryland. Our current 8th graders through seniors have been invited. As a congregation, we value training our youth, part of which is giving them opportunities to serve in God's kingdom on the front lines. This mission trip will consist in building friendships with one another, but also helping another congregation carry out its mission to nurture believers and reach out to make more disciples in Jesus' name.

Thank you for praying for our younger members, for encouraging them in their faith, and for supporting them through the Youth ministry fund to help defray the costs for a unique experience such as this mission trip.

FVL News

Steve Granberg, FVL Principal



SCHOOL NEWS

- Let the Children Come update - FVL is enjoying the blessings of our recent addition completed in August. Our supporters met the initial goal of \$1M, and now we have a commitment to make the \$475K bond payment each November 1 for the next 20 years. Gifts can always be sent directly to FVL. A special Giving Day is being planned for September 2019. May God bless our work of training future leaders in God's ways.
- Payton Dahlke (Emanuel-New London) is the valedictorian for the class of 2019, and Ryan Blobe (Riverview-Appleton) is the salutatorian. Class speakers, as voted on by the faculty, are Alaina Qualmann (Immanuel-Greenville) and Micah Thiesfeldt (Immanuel-Greenville).
- Kinderfest 2019 hosted over 220 kindergarten children and over 60 parents/chaperones. Over 50 FVL students led Activity Stations for this fun event under the theme: "I Can Do All Things Through Christ!" Thanks to Mrs. Vicki Boileau (St. Mark-Green Bay) for her partnership in leading this event.
- One hundred sixty-five 8th grade students have indicated they will attend FVL next year. Total enrollment could surpass 670 or more.
- Host families are still needed for our international program. Contact Mrs. Monica Uhlenbrauck at muhlenbrauck@fvlhs.org.

STAFFING NEWS

- Mr. Joel Kramer and Mr. Ben Stern recently returned calls to other Lutheran high schools.
- Principal Steve Granberg has accepted his call to Grace in Action and will conclude his service at FVL at the end of the school year. Rev. David Wenzel is still deliberating his call to Martin Luther College. Please remember these men and our leaders as plans for the future are laid out.

COCURRICULAR NEWS

- Spring weather is always tricky. The sports season is in full swing. Please consult FVL's online calendar or web page for the latest dates and times to support our Foxes' teams.
- Register online for FVL Summer Camps at fvlhs.org or fvlschools.org. Sports camps as well as camps for Art, STEM and Band are being offered.
- Bad weather and DNR permitting has put the fields repair project behind schedule. The girls soccer season will be played off-campus this spring. The goal is still to be able to play our football season at home this fall.

FINANCIAL NEWS

- Applications for FVL's Tuition Assistance Program were open until April 20. However, if families miss this deadline, applications are accepted until school begins in August. See fvlhs.org for details.
- Over the first nine months of the fiscal year, congregations have contributed \$653K for school operations; \$330K needs to be received by June 30 to meet the Federation commitment for 2018-19.
- Thanks to the Bargain Garden Thrift Shop and congratulations on their 27th anniversary of supporting FVL and other WELS projects. Their anniversary gift of \$50K is funding the needed redesign of FVL's website and its first year of annual fees plus new speakers in the classroom to enhance instruction options.
- The assets of the FVL Foundation stand at just over \$4M. The Foundation is key in supporting tuition assistance and FVL's other needs. A more concerted effort to build up the Foundation is being undertaken with the goal of steadying tuition increases in future years. The Foundation's annual goal is \$300K with the long range focus to be at \$6.5M by the year 2025. Please consider a gift to bolster the Foundation's support of FVL for future generations.
- FVL's Annual Golf Outing is set for Thursday, June 13. Registration is on fvlhs.org.



Christian Education & Youth

Wee Love Learning Center News

Kara Krull, Preschool Director/Teacher

Another year at Wee Love is coming to a close. The children are working hard to learn their last church song for the school year and also their end of the year program, "The Very Hungry Caterpillar." This year has flown by. For the most part, we had a younger group this school year. We have the opportunity to serve families who live in multiple cities because of our location. The children this year will be headed to a variety of schools and a couple of them will be returning next year for their 4K experience.

Our enrollment number for next year is currently at 9 students. We have been receiving calls off and on and people have come to tour our facility to see what we have to offer. It is still early and we knew that this year had the potential to be a lower number. We have also been receiving phone calls for the 2020-2021 school year. If all of the calls and potential families return, we are already looking at 5 students! The Holy Spirit is at work and we pray continually that we can reach as many families as he sees fit.

Thank you so much for your support as a congregation for our program.

The children will spend the month learning about the following curriculum items:

Bible Stories: Timothy Learns About Jesus, Lydia's Purple Cloth, The Teeny Tiny Seed, The Vine and the Branches

Music/Movement: Final Church Song & End of the Year Program

Math: Numbers 0-10, start basic addition

Language Arts: Zz and review

Theme: Gardening



C.L.I.C.K (Children Learning in Christ's Kingdom)

Our final C.L.I.C.K. program for the 2018-2019 school year was Friday, May 3 due to construction.



We are currently in need of someone in the congregation to head this program next school year as she is unable to run it herself due to her added teaching hours. Please talk with Mrs. Krull if you are interested.

Christian 3K & 4K

Building Committee Update

Pete Neuberger, Chairman

Here are the latest project updates:

- Site Work Began on Monday, April 22.
- Our Builders for Christ Project Manager, Paul LeBrun, and Assistant Project Manager, Ron Wolff, met with Keller and Building Committee representatives on April 24 to coordinate schedules. We were excited to meet Paul and Ron and look forward to working with them and the rest of the BFC crew!
- Our Food Volunteer Co-Coordinators are Joy Zeman, Louise Scheelk, and Kara Witthuhn met with Jan LeBrun and Barb Wolff of Builders for Christ on April 24 to coordinate BFC food needs during their stay, which begins Saturday, June 1. Many food volunteers will be needed!
- The A/V team has solicited proposals for a new A/V system and expects to select a vendor by early May.
- Relocation of church items that will be displaced by construction began on Spring Cleanup Day, May 4.
- A PODS unit will be onsite to allow us to temporarily store items at an offsite facility furnished by PODS. We will also begin storing church items in the west end of the fellowship hall after Sunday, May 19.
- From Sunday, May 26 through Sunday, June 2, our volunteers will demo interior walls.
- Many other volunteer opportunities exist including cleanup, carpentry, hanging/finishing drywall, painting, meals for volunteers, and landscaping. Check the volunteer schedule that was placed in member mailboxes for more detail.
- If you want to help but haven't filled out a volunteer form, contact Pete Neuberger or another Building Committee member.
- Scheduled project completion is Wednesday, August 28.



Summer Help Needed!

Hospitality Team

The hospitality team is organizing volunteers and supplies that will be needed to provide a morning snack break, lunch, and hydration for the 20-25 men & women of the Builder's for Christ volunteer crew during our building project this summer. Coffee/snack is available and lunch will be served Tuesday-Saturday each week beginning June 4.

We are looking for a LUNCH COORDINATOR and SERVERS each day:

Lunch Coordinator - A volunteer lunch coordinator will choose a day to coordinate a lunch menu for 20-25 people. You may choose to do this independently or invite some friends to help. Sign up on the day of your choice and note what you plan to serve so as to avoid duplication within the same week. Please plan to drop your food off in time to be served at Noon. If you will not be able to stay and serve, please communicate with the volunteers who have signed up to serve. Reimbursement for the cost of food is available. Please note that Friday lunches can be "lighter fare" (soup or sandwiches/salad, etc.).

Servers - Arrive at 11:15am. Work with other volunteers/BFC wives to warm/prep food for serving, set the tables, make drinks, serve meal, and clean up afterward.

There are sign-up sheets online at eternal-love.org/buildingproject.

We are also collecting:

- cases of bottled water
- powdered drink mixes (lemonade, iced tea, Gatorade)
- individually packaged snacks (granola bars, crackers, peanuts, trail mix, etc)
- coffee
- 16 oz plastic cups
- paper plates (dinner size and dessert plates)
- napkins
- paper towels
- food storage containers (ice cream buckets, sour cream/cool whip/etc)

If you can help with these items, please drop them in the kitchen at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your willingness to serve our BFK volunteers in this way! Questions? Ask Louise Scheelk, Joy Zeman, Sue Balza, or Kara Witthuhn.

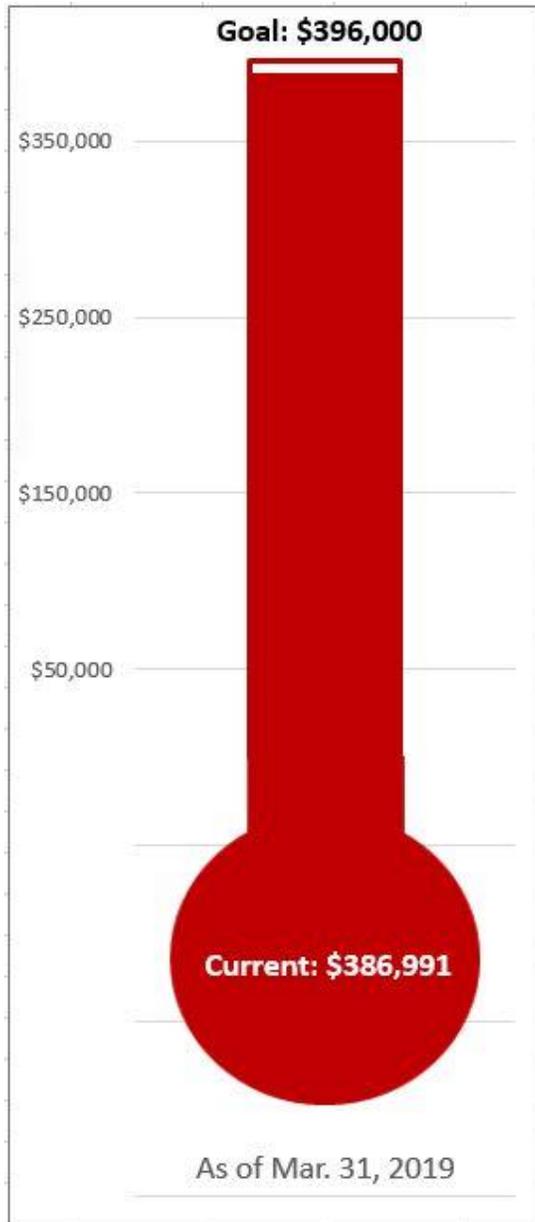


Expanding His Mission of Love

Building Fund Progress at a Glance

Pastor Pries

This thermometer is a tool we will use to allow us to see the status of our Building Fund at a glance. It is our goal to reach \$450,000. But since we have already paid out \$54,000 for various expenses and for Keller to move forward with creating workable blueprints, the top goal amount of this thermometer is set for \$396,000. Each month, we will show the building fund balance as stated on the previous months balance sheet. Every month we will rejoice as our God drives and motivates, through the Gospel, the progress of our building fund.



Land Purchase Progress

Pastor Pries

It is now official, Eternal Love owns the three plus acre parcel of land directly east of our parking lot that stretches from Midway Road down to Plank Road. The closing date was Wednesday, April 24. We thank Karen Jakubek for working with us to acquire this land for our future ministry needs. As for now, our goal is to maintain the land, the vegetation and trails, as it has been for many years.

Resources

Dave Huebner, Properties Director

Due to construction, we ask that ALL borrowed materials be returned to the church as soon as possible. This includes any library books, tables, chairs, kitchen supplies, etc.

If you would like to borrow something over the summer, PLEASE email office.manager@eternal-love.org or call Becky in the office. DO NOT take an item without approval as we need to make sure everything is accounted for. The master list of all church materials will be stored in office.

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Becky Atkinson, Office Manager

The Eternal Love website is the place to go for all information about our church. When you go to this address, you will be able to find the monthly calendar and volunteer schedule, view and print the current newsletter, and find information about our ministries and preschool.

SPECIAL NOTE: Go to eternal-love.org/buildingproject find all the Information related to the Building Project progress. This includes all newsletter and Love Note announcements plus links to volunteer schedules.

Members can sign into the Members area for the member directory, church cleaning schedule, building project updates and other various information related to our members. If you don't have the user id and password for getting into the Members Only area, call or email Becky (920-749-9744 or office.manager@eternal-love.org).

Opportunities to serve at Camp BASIC

Pastor Pries

Camp BASIC (Brothers And Sisters In Christ) will take place again this year at Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI, from Sunday afternoon, June 9, to Saturday, June 15. This camp for special needs people is similar to our week long VBS. From morning until night, each camper and counselor eat meals together and attend Bible lessons and activities together. We enjoy the various off-campus activities together like fishing, swimming and bowling. We sing and laugh and sometimes even cry together. Every year we grow closer to each other and closer to our Savior. Each week, about 40 campers, 40 counselors, and a staff of around 10 make up this wonderful group we call Camp BASIC.

My family has participated at camp since the year 2000. I serve as pastor at Week One, and I am a member of the Board of Directors. It was scary going to camp for the very first time. But it only took a few minutes to be surrounded by the joy and love of new friends. The love and dedication of the counselors and campers working together made this whole experience just awesome.

If I have tweaked your interest at all, let's talk about camp. For more information you are welcome to visit our web site at www.campbasic.com. Serving at camp is free. We feed your body and your soul. We even give you a free t-shirt. If you can only come for a part of the week, that would be great too. So if you are interested at all, please contact me at 920-285-1068. You will love it.

Cookies for Camp

Another way you can be of service to Camp BASIC is to make some cookies for us. We need hundreds of dozens of them. Please consider sharing your cookie craft and supporting our week with your delicious treats. We need your cookies delivered to church no later than 9:45 am on Sunday June 9, 2019. Please package them in a disposable container that you will not need returned. Please also label them and indicate if there are peanuts or peanut butter in your cookies.

LWMS Convention



The 56th Annual LWMS Convention will be held June 27-30, 2019 in Des Moines, Iowa at the Community Choice Credit Union Convention Center in the Iowa Events Center: 833 5th Avenue Des Moines, IA 50309.

Join us for a weekend of worship, workshops, speakers, displays, fellowship and fun.

More details at www.lwms.org

Apple Valley Food Pantry

Carrie Schmidt, Food Pantry Coordinator

The May collection date for the WELS Apple Valley Food Pantry at Eternal Love is Sunday, May 5.

The Spring Food Drive for the pantry will be Sunday, June 9, 2019. We are our Spring Food Drive! Grocery bags will be by the bin for you to use. If the bags are gone, you can use any other bags.

Suggested items are: **Boxed Potatoes, Rice, Helpers, Cookies, Crackers, Cereal, Jelly/Jam, Canned Fruit, Soups, Baked beans, Tomato Sauce/Paste, Laundry & Dish soap, Hygiene Products, Canned Meats & Stews, Paper towels/Facial Tissue, TP, Diapers & Wipes, Baby Food.** Monetary donations are also accepted. You can use your regular church envelopes by indicating how much you want to go to the Food Pantry.



Outreach & Mission



Family Story

Bob Broehm, Fellowship Director

Let me introduce John and Susan Gomoll.



They joined the Eternal Love family about 4 months ago. I asked what their favorite thing was about being a Christian at Eternal Love? John said, for him it was all about the fellowship with his brothers and sisters in Christ. They have only lived in the area for one year and enjoy being retired. When asked about their hobbies Susan said she enjoys gardening and John enjoys music. The answer to my next question may surprise many of you as it did me. When I asked what the family enjoys doing with their free time they responded with “splitting wood”.

Please join me in welcoming the Gomoll’s to the Eternal Love Family!

Graduations

Pastor Pries

The following young people from our congregation will celebrate spring graduations this year. We wish them God’s continued guidance and blessing in their chosen career or future educational endeavors.

- Joshua Hilker
- Sam Marzahl
- Jonah Krause
- Brianna Neuberger
- Matthew Richardson
- Kyle Nabbefeld

If there are other people graduating who have been inadvertently omitted from this list, please inform the church office about it. Congratulations, Graduates!

Book Club

Steve Schultz

Join us for a unique book discussion in a unique setting on Tuesday, June 4, at 6pm. Sue Balza will lead a discussion on the book “Brown Girl Dreaming” by Jacqueline Woodson. We will be meeting in Steve and Sandy Schultz’s backyard for a Book Club potluck at 6pm. Please bring your choice of food to share!

So what makes the book so unique? Here is what one reader wrote:

“Brown Girl Dreaming is Jacqueline Woodson’s autobiography and she tells it in a poetic prose and free-verse style. I read it in a couple of sittings and could not put it down until I got the whole story. She shares her rich legacy and her life which started in Ohio, moved to the sunny south landscape of South Carolina and later into New York’s Brooklyn. She acknowledges that her timely birth in 1963 put her in the midst of many historic events that affected our country and consequently, her life. She finds her voice through writing as she witnesses the loss of loved ones; separation of parents and moving from state to state. For lovers of Woodson’s works, this book offers great insight into what shaped this prolific writer, whose books span across several genres.”

We hope you join us for this interesting book, good food and great discussion!

