

BALATON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



2019

NOTE FROM PASTOR LORI ~

Hello Everyone and Happy May! As I write today IS the FIRST day of May = “May Day”. You might associate this day with sharing a basket full of greetings with a friend, I can remember my Grandma “Chubby” would give May baskets to her friends, and they to her. Maybe, you are one of those who leave a May basket with no name .. ha. May is also associated with the beginning of Summer.

Another May 1st significance: On May 1st, 1886, workers participated in a Nationwide labor strike to demand an eight-hour workday. At the time, it was common to work anywhere from 10-16 hour days. The uprising, in Chicago became violent. With both law enforcement and public citizens being killed. In this respect, this day is similar to Labor Day.

For a few of our church families ... this month is filled with Graduation preparation. Ellie Crumrine, Kalley Hoek, Nick Mitchell, and Jaxon Yearous will all be graduating from High School. On Sunday, May 19th, we will recognize them during worship.

May ... also brings yard work. I had several large branches break during the ice storm. A huge THANK YOU to Dave and Ruth Lehnhoff for trimming, raking, hauling away the branches at the Parsonage. They also cleaned up around the peonies. Thank you to Joel Marron for cleaning up the lawn at the church. As well as the many other hands and feet I may have missed.

In terms of Church Calendar May, brings both endings and beginnings. We ended Year 9 of JAM (April 24th) and although we don't meet Wednesday nights during the Summer ... J.A.M. activities just “shift” – four parades (Russell, Ruthton, Balaton, Tyler) ... Monday Night Church Softball Concessions Shetek Day Camp. Pastor Steve, Carrie and I just talked about trying to do some things with our older youth over the Summer. J.A.M. Just keeps “JAMin” .. differently.

In terms of Summer Worship I'm excited! And, I hope you will be too! The Summer months gives me, as Pastor, a little more freedom to create some sermon series for Sunday worship. I spent most of the day this past Monday mapping out from now until we go back on Narrative Lectionary after Labor Day. So, from now (May 5th) until at least part of June, we will take a look at some Psalms “Songs of Summer” as follows:

Today May 5th – Psalm 119 “A Really L-O-N-G Song”

May 12th Mother's Day – Psalm 5 “SHIELD” – Can U Hear Me Now?

May 19th – Senior Recognition – Psalm 25:1-15 “Follow the Leader”

May 26th – Memorial Day – Psalm 20 – “May He Remember”

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I'm still working on June But we celebrate PENTECOST on June 9th (wear RED) and Father's Day June 16th. We have Baptisms on June 2nd and 23rd.

July 7th is Balaton Community Worship with Rev, Chuck Anderson preaching. And, I may take a couple Sundays off ... largely due to Course of Study.

In August I'm working on a Sermon Series about "God and Space" that I think you'll enjoy. This year is the 50th Anniversary of Man walking on the Moon So, timely.

I'm in the process of working with three couples on wedding preparations. Now that the weather is cooperating, we need to get working on some premarital work and ceremony planning.

I have been working on papers for Course of Study, but this month needs to be rough draft writing. They are due June 24th. Please don't hesitate to call me when things come up, but also understand that if I am not quite as "visible", that I am in my cave ... writing.

And, oh my, I am ANXIOUS to go FISHING! Soon.

What are your Summer plans? I pray that it is filled with family and friends. With that being said ... please don't forget about worship attendance and giving. I do not expect you to be in attendance every Sunday. I understand things come up and that you can't be But attendance is valuable to you,, me, and our church as a whole. Don't forget about the online giving of our tithes and offerings on days when you can't be there in person.

Our Church Directories should also be available soon. A huge THANK YOU to Denise Hoek for all of her work, and to Ann Gifford and Nancy Iversen who also helped make some phone calls. I'm looking forward to viewing all of your beautiful photos and the updated information will be super helpful.

"MAY The LORD Bless you and Keep you" whether you are at home or away in this season.

PASTOR LORI (PL)

PL's MAY 2019 CALENDAR



Wednesday May 1st - 9-11am PL at Hospice Meeting/Slayton

Thursday May 2nd - 11-2pm PL in Springfield for Licensed Local Pastor Meeting

Saturday May 4th - UMW "Mother-Daughter-Friend" Event 2pm

Sunday May 5th - Communion at the rail

*possible movie outing with C+ Class afternoon

Monday May 6th - Delores Helling Funeral 1:30pm at Hartquist in Pipestone

Tuesday May 7th Tracy UMC Salad Luncheon 11-1pm cost is \$8.00

Wednesday May 8th Lake Benton UMW Ladies Evening Gathering 6pm

May 12th MOTHER'S DAY Worship (NO coffee after church)

Wednesday May 15th 9-11am PL at Hospice Meeting/Slayton

Sunday May 19th SENIOR RECOGNITION during Worship - Ellie Crumrine, Nick Mitchell, Kalley Hoek and Jaxon Yearous; 1pm PL and Peggy at Colonial Manor for worship.

Sunday May 26th Graduation for TMB-2:00 pm

Monday May 27th Memorial Day Program 10am (PL to lead Invocation)

Wednesday May 29th - 9-11am PL at Hospice Meeting/Slayton

Thursday, May 30th - 2:00 pm PL at Colonial Manor for Memorial Day Service

Sunday June 2nd Baptism in worship for Larae and Ryan Koenen Baby Girl

Saturday June 8th Devin Miranowski/Miranda Edmundson Wedding at Lake Shetek (PL Officiating) *Ruth Gernentz Granddaughter.

Sunday June 16th Blessing of the UMW Hospital Gowns

Annual Conference Session Tuesday June 18th-Thursday 20th (leave Monday)



Thank you to all who helped support me in the American Heart Association Fundraiser. We supported one kid named Finn.

Brayden Marron

May Coffee Servers:

May 5: Virginia and Penni

May 12: No Coffee

May 19: UMW

May 26: Lois & Stella



UMW Communications~

"Yes He Has Risen, Indeed He Has Risen"! "What a beautiful Sunday God gave us to rejoice".

So much fun to see all the kiddos dressed in their best for the day. Just as Spring brings us lots of beauty.

UMW continues on with their monthly meetings, trying to get them all in. So glad we are so flexible. On April 27th, we met with the Southern Prairie District UMW Spring Gathering at Slayton UMC. These are all good meetings, hearing from all our District Officers.

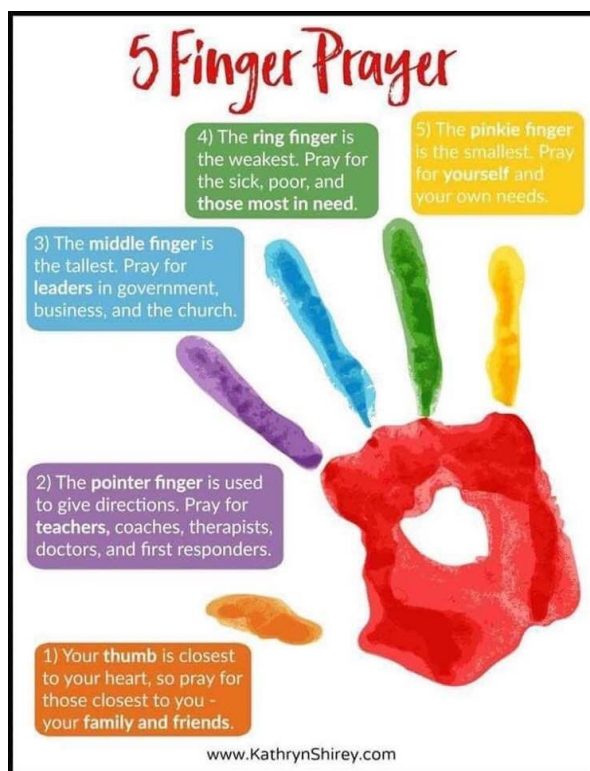
On Saturday, May 4th, at 2:00 p.m., we will be having our Mother's Day party at the Balaton Community Center. Each one to bring a guest. We will be serving refrigerator desserts after the program.

On May 8th at 6:00 p.m. we are invited to Lake Benton for their ladies night out.

Sunday, May 19th will be Senior Recognition during Worship service. We will be honoring four graduates: Kalley Hoek, Ellie Crumrine, Nick Mitchell and Jaxon Yearous with a gift from us. Prayer books will be presented. Congratulations Seniors!

Kalley, Ellie and Nick are graduates of Tracy Area and Graduation is Sunday, May 26th at 2:00 p.m. Jaxon is a graduate of Elkton SD and Graduation is Sunday, May 12th at 2:00 p.m.

Looking Ahead: June 11th - Day A Part -Fairfax UMC and June 16th - Blessings of the gowns



The prayer chain is busy and we are always ready to say a prayer for you. My number is (507)734-4151. Through these prayers you will begin to feel our Lord's gentle surroundings and support.

On Tuesday, May 7th from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm, the Tracy UMW is sponsoring their Spring Salad Luncheon - everyone is welcome.

We have so many functions we can attend; it's so wonderful to be invited to them.

Spend a few moments each day with our tender, wise and kind heavenly Father.

Betty Leversedge, President



Notes from Board Chair

Are you as tired of this cold weather as I am. I am so tired of the rain and gloom it is so very depressing. I would just like to see some sunshine and some warmer temps. According to the weather man it is supposed to be cool for the first two weeks in May yet. GRR!!

We have a ton of branches to be picked up but I am not going to stand out there when it is cold and rainy. We have the real big branches hauled out to the burn hole but a lot of medium sized branches and a lot of raking needs to be done.

I would like to thank Joel Marron for raking and cleaning the church lawn you did a fantastic job. Again thank you he was out in some pretty crappy weather, but it is all done. Thanks also to Ruth and Dave Lehnhoff for cleaning up the parsonage lawn, also to Craig Gifford for coming and a hauling away the big branches. A big thank also goes out to Greg Taverine for taking down the railing at church for Easter Sunday and then putting it back up. It was very much appreciated. The Altar looked so beautiful Easter morning.

Thanks to the youth and Pastor Lori for the sunrise service, and also all who provided egg bake and were able to help clean up. We had a smaller crowd this year but still very good. Hopefully Lori will be able to get a little rest as holy week is over.

Thanks to Denise for organizing everything for church picture directory and also for getting all the other pictures that people sent in to where they have to be, don't know what we would do without you.

As for our basement floor is still a work in progress, Greg is still working on options for our floor. We hope to have it completed before JAM starts next fall.

Again we take on a new look with JAM as Deb Smith is stepping down. We thank her for her years of service.

Please take a look at the coffee sign up sheet in the entry there are a few spots that need to be filled in. We all enjoy having coffee after church. There will be no coffee after church on Mother's Day.

It is only 8:00 o'clock and I am tired have to work tomorrow so should go to bed soon.

Please pray for our nursing home, there are some decisions to be made. Let's pray they come up with a good one.

That is all for this month until next time.

Lois





LOOKING FOR TALENT ENTRIES FOR THE VARIETY SHOW AT THIS YEAR'S FUN FEST - BE SURE TO SPREAD THE WORD AND LET THEM KNOW HOW TO ENTER - MAYBE THE ENTRY IS YOU!

THANK YOU!

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There are many important decisions that need to be made when you become eligible for Medicare. Making the wrong decision can lead to not having any or enough health coverage and financial penalties. Participants will learn the basics of Medicare and their coverage options in Minnesota.

Class size is kept small in order to allow plenty of time for personal attention. Sign up early in order to get a spot by calling 1-800-333-2433.

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 or by appointment by calling the Senior LinkAge Line® at 1-800-333-2433'



The Senior LinkAge Line® is a service of Minnesota Board on Aging and Minnesota River Area Agency on Aging®

Picture Directory Update - It will be sometime this summer when the directory will arrive.

RECIPE CORNER: 5 i bhBcfa Ufg'F\ i VUfV'A i Zjbg

"These fabulous muffins have a crunchy sweet sugar topping and are great with no extra added butter or jam."

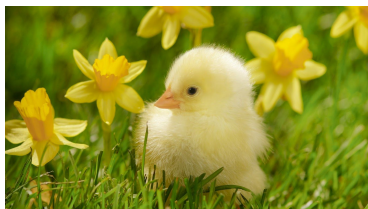


Ingredients

- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/4 cups brown sugar
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1 1/2 cups diced rhubarb
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
- 1 tablespoon melted butter
- 1/3 cup white sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon




Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease two 12 cup muffin pans or line with paper cups.
2. In a medium bowl, stir together the flour, baking soda, baking powder and salt. In a separate bowl, beat the brown sugar, oil, egg, vanilla and buttermilk with an electric mixer until smooth. Pour in the dry ingredients and mix by hand just until blended. Stir in the rhubarb and walnuts. Spoon the batter into the prepared cups, filling almost to the top. In a small bowl, stir together the melted butter, white sugar and cinnamon; sprinkle about 1 teaspoon of this mixture on top of each muffin.
3. Bake in the preheated oven until the tops of the muffins spring back when lightly pressed, about 25 minutes. Cool in the pans for at least 10 minutes before removing.





2019 Balaton United Methodist Church Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9-11 Hospice Meeting Slayton Mike & Lois Swanson Anniv	2 11-2 PL Licensed Local Pastor Mtg Springfield Julie Wieme B-day	3 Darrell & Linda Williams Anniv Kevin & Deb Stibbe Anniv	4 UMW Mother-Daughter- Friend Event 2pm Anthony Jandl B-day
5 9:00 Worship Communion @ rail	6 Delores Helling Funeral 1:30 Hartquist Pipestone Greg Taveirne B-day Annette Swanson B-day	7 Tracy UMW Salad Luncheon 11-1 Hilary Kesteloot B-day Darrell Williams B-day	8 Lake Benton UMW Ladies Evening Gathering 6pm	9 Kalvin Crumrine B-day	10 Phil & Sue Skramstad Anniv Corbin Benson B-day	11 
12 9:00 Worship Mother's Day (NO coffee) Kingston Hunt B-day	13 McKenzie Swanson B-day Brian Chandler B-day	14	15 PL Hospice Meeting-Slayton 9-11	16 Nick Mitchell B-day Jane Pickering B-day	17 Bonnie Ewing B-day Keith Scherbart B-day	18
19 9:00 Worship Senior Recognition 1:00 PL & Peggy Colonial Worship John & Amy Ross Anniv	20 	21	22 Lora Johnson B-day	23	24 Kasey Golbirsh B-day	25
26 9:00 Worship TMB Graduation Kathy Karsten B-day June Terhark B-day	27 Memorial Day Program 10am	28 NewsLetter Articles Due	29 PL Hospice Meeting-Slayton 9-11	30 2:00 pm Colonial Manor Memorial Service	31	

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stay tune for more info—no details at this time!

FYa Ya VYf`ci f`Bi fg]b[`<ca YFYg]XYbfg.] 7 c`cb]U`A Ubcf. Mert Holm and Neva Manguson Remembering & praying for Brandon Swanson..... missing from his family since May 2008