



Balaton United Methodist Church October 2021 Newsletter

Hello Everyone and welcome to October! As I was driving back to home after being on Vacation, I noticed just how rapidly the crops had changed in a short period of time. Combines were rolling in the field and the colors of Fall were apparent. I love this time of year. I am such a “Prairie Girl!”

The Girls and I had a wonderful trip. Kathy is our tour guide and arranges both our travel and our outings. It was the first time for Karla and I to be able to be in a “Sky-Club” before we flew out (and back). Kathy also was able to get the three of us in First Class on the way out (something neither of us had ever done) We felt pretty special. One of the highlights of the trip was jet-skiing in the Atlantic Ocean/Gulf of Mexico. I had never jet-skied before So I was really nervous. The girls put me behind the “Teacher”. It was a 90 minute tour around Key West. My body was sore after. The thing I loved about the tour was that the guide took us into the “Submarine Pits” on the Boca Chica canal. This is where the US had submarines at ready during the Cuban Missile Crisis. The area was so peaceful when we were in it. The water so blue. If you have seen the movie *Thirteen Days* (Kevin Costner as JFK) it will speak of this place. JFK/Bobby Kennedy were in Key West during the Cuban Missile Crisis (We also saw where they stayed during this time). By the way ... it’s a great movie available on Amazon Prime.

We were sure to get to the Pier every evening to watch the sunset over the Gulf of Mexico. Breathtaking to say the least. Lots of walking around the city. Lots of laughs, conversation, and just “being together”. I Love these two gals so much ... and we never failed to say those words .. they flowed freely and often on our trip. Our plans for our 60th Birthday is a CRUISE ... so .. my assignment is a PASSPORT. Thank You for allowing me this space. It did my body and Spirit good!

JAM ... is underway. Different ... but we are doing! Thanks to Denise, Lois, Julie, Stacy, others who are making it work. We do what we can. It always amazes me how much, and how fast kids grow Some, I almost didn’t recognize. Vicar Rick and I are looking forward to Confirmation with the C-Plus group. We navigated Confirmation well last year and had great discussions with our teenagers. The plan and format will be similar to last year with a few movies to get discussion flowing. Both JAM and Confirmation will be at SILLERUD in October.

WORSHIP – we kick off October in the Park! 10am ... bring a lawn chair (and a jacket) and we’ll support the Balaton Fire and Rescue Pancake Breakfast after. October is about “Call” and “Provision” – Moses, Manna, Samuel, David, Solomon’s Temple. October 31st is Halloween – Vicar Rick & I will be handing out treats ... somewhere. Stay tuned.

My Fall schedule is filling up. Some meetings in person, some via ZOOM. I was recently on a ZOOM call in regard to Annual Conference 2022 ... which will more than likely be a “Hybrid” with part online, and part small group in person clusters. I think this will be the case for awhile.

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I continue to be busy with Hospice and Mentoring of Clergy. Both are things that I enjoy.

Please continue to be in prayer for all of those who are dealing with cancer, treatments, health concerns, grief. As you know, the list is long. I spent some time with Lanny and Nancy on Sunday afternoon after I got back. And ... I sent Pastor Daryl to surprise them on Saturday as he was in town for Dezi Sherman's wedding. Both PD and I talked with Lanny and Nancy about how God connected us all. Even though this is "Oh so hard" with losing Lanny in this life, we give God thanks for his faith And how God interceded and wove us all together through JAM. I am certainly going to miss him ... for so many reasons. Friends ... this is our Christian journey ... Life, Death, and the Promise of the Resurrection. Because of JESUS. Amen.



Love you all. Thanks for being you And for being "My Sheepies"

Pastor Lori (PL)

Notes from Board Chair

In one more day it will be the first of October it seems like September just started and now it is over already. We have had some beautiful days in September and also some well needed rains. The leaves are turning and it is just a beautiful time of year. Time goes by so fast can hardly keep track of what day it. My garden is starting to slow down and will soon be done for the year. I just have a few cucumbers, tomatoes and carrots that have to be dug at some point. Even without much rain it still produced pretty well. Something I have noticed this year is how small the apples are. Jocelyn and I went to Holmberg Orchard on Sunday and the honey crisps are way smaller than they usually are. They still taste good, we also got some caramel apples. They were so awesome.



JAM is up and running again and things have been going real well. We have some new families - that is good to see. Thanks to Denise, Deb, and the Pagel family for helping to get the road ditch picked up along highway 91. Hoping we will be able to continue as normal. Schools so far have been normal again, it is so good to see all the fans at sporting events. I hope the students will be able to stay in school and not have to go to distance learning.

Thanks to Paul and Greg for putting the LED bulbs in our lights way up high. It is so much brighter in our church now. Thanks to Sue for filling in for Pastor Lori when she was in Florida for a much needed few days off. I know she has been busy ever since she has been home.

It is late and my brain is starting to shut down so I guess I had better get to bed. Please remember to pray for Nancy and Lanny and family. Julie Weime and family. We have so many going through cancer and other health problems. Lord hear our prayers. Also remember to pray for our farmers for a safe harvest.

Until next time.

Lois

U.M.W. Update:

Hi from the U.M.W. Ladies.

At this time we are planning to meet on Thursday, October 14th at 1:30 in the church basement. Hopefully all of us can be there that day as we have some decisions to be made and business to talk about so really try to make it.



Verlane will be serving lunch for the meeting and will also be doing devotions.

I am so happy that the prayer chain is still active--we are holding several people in prayer.

If anyone would like to join us on the 14th, please feel free; we would love to have you!

God Bless each of you and stay safe and healthy!

Yours in Christ,

**U.M.W. President,
June Terhark**



RTR PUBLIC SCHOOL GRAND OPENING & HOMECOMING CELEBRATION

111 COUNTY ROAD 8, TYLER, MN 56178



Friday, October 8, 2021

Self-Guided Tours of the New School: 4 – 7 PM

RTR Educational Foundation Silent Auction: 4 – 7 PM*

Free Will Offering Meal from 5 – 7 PM

Menu:

Pork Burger - Beans - Potato Salad - Chips
Ice Cream from Lingen's Dairy
Cookies provided by the RTR Educational Foundation
Water - Coffee

Homecoming Football Game vs. Dawson/Boyd – 7 PM

RTR Booster Club Apparel will be available for purchase

*To donate a silent auction item, please bring it to the School Commons Area
between 1:30 – 4 PM on October 8th



2021 Balaton United Methodist Church Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 10:00 Worship-Lions/ Legion Park	4 PL & Velda in Mankato overnight	5 6:30 Discussion Group @ UMC Colleen Wreath B-day	6 6:00 JAM @ Sillerud; 7:00 Confirmation @ Sillerud Becca Christian B-day	7	8 4-7 pm RTR Celebration/ Homecoming Night-New Building- Free will supper available	9 Penni Jandi B-day Robin & Jeff McMath Anniv
10 9:00 Worship Brad Chandler & Jim VonHoltum B-days	11 Keith & Dianne Scherbart Anniv	12 6:30 Discussion Group @ UMC	13 9-4:30 PL online BOM Retreat 6:00 JAM @ Sillerud 7:00 Confirmation @ Sillerud	14 Amy VonHoltum B-day	15 Margaret Kirk B-day	16 Dave & Ruth Lehnhoff Anniv
17 9:00 Worship 1:00 Phyllis Rasmussen Funeral @ UMC Duane & Joyce Mulder Anniv Kevin Stibbe B-day	18	19 6:30 Discussion Group John Scharfe B-day	20 NO JAM--MEA Break	21 Pat Hunt, Riley Kesteloot, Linda Stibbe B-days Brad & Stacy Chandler Anniv	22 Peggy Bundy B-day	23
24 9:00 Worship Lanny & Nancy Iversen Anniv	25	26 6:30 Discussion Group	27 9-12 PL @ Hospice 6:00 JAM @ Sillerud 7:00 Confirmation @ Sillerud	28	29	30 Jaxon Yearous, Ashley Peters & Kathy Mitchell B-days
31 9:00 Worship Vicar Rick & PL h out candy						

BONE-IN HAM DINNER— DRIVE THRU MEAL

(Back alley of Center—follow signs)

NOVEMBER 14, 2021

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

BALATON COMMUNITY CENTER

Come one come all!!! No tickets needed, just drive thru!

Cost:

Adults – \$10.00

Children (4–7) – \$4.00

Under 4 – Free



MENU:

**Ham, Scalloped Potatoes,
Corn, Squash, Coleslaw,
Relish, Rolls, and Dessert
(Gluten free meals available)**

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Avera Morningside Heights Care Center-Marshall - Neva Manguson
Remembering & Praying for Brandon Swanson..... missing from his family since May 2008