



Balaton United Methodist Church May 2022 Newsletter

MAY 2022

If the old saying “April Showers Bring May Flowers” ... then we should have some pretty colorful landscapes because we have had the rain ... but that WIND ... Wowza. I recently officiated a burial at the Ruthton Cemetery and the wind was 50mph (no joke). We weren't out there very long and I offered a few more words at the lunch afterwards because no one could hear anything that I said with the wind. I can't remember ever having the wind be quite that bad.

MAY Always brings some “End of the Year” celebrations. We just wrapped up the last session of J.A.M. Year 12 last night with Lingen Diary on hand to provide burgers, fries, cheese curds and of course ICE CREAM. Lots of SMILES! And, so nice to see some multi-generations ... even Great-Grandmas/Great-Grands Pretty special. Larry Sloane from Sillerud Lutheran recently donated a whole bunch of baseball cards to the kids. Vicar Rick has been sorting them out into some piles each Wednesday and the kids have LOVED them! We still have a bunch left for next year and some fun ideas on how to “earn” the cards. As I was sharing with Larry, many of these kids have never purchased baseball cards probably, so just an extra special thing. We thank Larry for sharing them. Thank you to all the custodians at each Church: Lois Swanson (UMC), Jeremy & Brit Luckahardt (Trinity), Russ & Hope Edwards (Sillerud) – JAM gave each a card and some “pig money” as a Thank You for all the extra cleanup it takes after JAM has been “In House”. We give Thanks for all of the Littles among us, but also understand that Littles, and Bigs in that amount make for extra work too.

Greg has informed me that the Russell Parade is on a Sunday Night this year. It's our first Parade of the season (June 5th). The “Green Fringe” on the JAM Float has seen some wear and tear. We may want to replace it. I think Greg and Kathy are looking into it. If you'd like to contribute to that either financially or some help with it ... please visit with them. We'll need kiddos and adults to ride the float .. Please “Represent”.

We celebrate our SENIORS graduating from High School. Lois and Gayle went “Fabric Shopping” and Pam Ray graciously puts together the blankets for each Graduate “Wrapped in God's Love from your Church Family at Balaton UMC” such nice keepsakes! With all of the JAMers included, I think that I have about 13 graduations to attend ... I have my “List” and dates started for parties. These kids grow up so fast! I always love to see that at JAM – They are ALL taller than me. It was SO fun to see the new batch of Littles at Easter Second generation.

We will have a couple Baptisms this month which is always a celebration! We celebrate all of the Women in our Church and their lives on Mother's Day. A little harder for me this year ... but I will still celebrate my Mom(s) ... just differently. Then, Memorial Day brings remembering and honoring our military that have died as well as loved ones in Heaven too.

Sue and I will be attending the Annual Conference Session in St. Cloud this month. Unless COVID cases spike again, it will be in-person. My Clergy Session is a one day Online event though prior to this. It will be an intense time as we'll be learning about the upcoming General

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Conference in 2024 with much discussion about those churches who may choose “disaffiliation” from the Minnesota Annual Conference and joining the Global United Methodist Church. Nothing Will need to be decided in our local congregations until after GC2024 However, there have been a few of our Conference congregations who have already disaffiliated and chosen to join the Global Methodist Church. It’s a complicated issue ... and a financial one if a church chooses to leave the umbrella of Minnesota Annual Conference. I don’t have much to share yet, honestly. Our DS Fred has advised congregations to “stay the course” and we will have more clarity after the Annual Conference and General Conference. But, I want you to be aware as I get information.

I will be taking what is called “Renewal Leave” sometime this Summer. I haven’t pinpointed dates yet. Each Clergy is to take a month off every five years. I haven’t. I need too after all that has happened these past two years – both with the pandemic and in my family – I’m tired. The time off will be “paid leave” and does not include my vacation time. I will work with Sue on covering the Sunday Pulpit fills and emergency contacts. I have four upcoming Weddings to work around ... and couples who have patiently been waiting on the Pastor to connect.

FISHING – I plan too! With Dad. Which will be different without Mom at the Lake. But, both Dad and I are looking forward to some time by the water. Again, Thank You for being SO kind to me and my family as we navigate grief and missing her.

WORSHIP – I’m still working on some ideas ... but we’ll have some “FUN Sermon Series” over the Summer months when I’m in the Pulpit. SOUND SYSTEM – We are having to replace the motor on the screen (wear and tear after about ten years). I would like to look into some updates on the sound system in general – it’s time. One thing that needs to be done is to wire the microphones in directly. It will help with sound quality on video recordings such as the Confirmation Videos and hearing better as well as Online Sermons. I’ll try and get some quotes and thoughts, but we need to update as the technology does.

Have a great MAY!

In Jesus –

Pastor Lori (PL)



MAY 2022 CALENDAR – PL

Sunday, May 1st – Senior Celebration in Worship; 10am-2pm Open House Baby Shower in Fellowship Hall for Casum John Taverine – Baby of Dan & Ashley Taverine, Grandson of Greg & Kathy Taverine.

Tuesday, May 3rd – PL at Windom UMC for Licensed Local Pastor Renewal Retreat (all day); Tuesday Evening – 6:30pm-8pm “Discussion Group”

Wednesday, May 4th – PL heading to Buffalo in afternoon

Thursday-Friday May 5th-6th – PL in Buffalo for Clergy Leadership Academy until Friday Noon; Thursday Evening – PL & Sue online via ZOOM for Southern Prairie Pre-Conference 6:30pm

Friday-Saturday – PL in Chanhassen with Karla & Kathy (home later Saturday)

Sunday, May 8th – Worship/Mother’s Day

Tuesday, May 10th – Discussion Group TBD

Wednesday, May 11th – PL in Slayton for Hospice 9am-Noon

Sunday, May 15th – Baptism of Jocelyn and Everlee

Tuesday, May 17th “Discussion Group” TBD

Thursday, May 19th – PL online for Clergy Session 9:30am-4:30pm

Sunday, May 22nd – Worship

Monday, May 23rd – PL and Sue leave for Annual Conference in St Cloud

Tuesday-Thursday May 24th-26th Annual Conference Session in St Cloud

Sunday, May 29th – Worship

Monday, May 30th = Memorial Day. PL to offer Invocation at Memorial Day Program in Balaton.

Sunday, June 5th – Russell Parade (JAM Float)



Notes from Board Chair

We had our last JAM session on Wednesday. We had a great turnout. It was great to see all the people there. Lingen Dairy did an awesome job. The burgers, cheese curds and fries were so good. The most favorite I think for kids and adults alike was the ice cream. They ended up serving 132 burgers. It was a great night for all. I was surprised to receive some extra cash from the pig money for the extra work it takes to clean up after JAM. Each of the custodians got some extra cash, what a wonderful gesture. Thank you so much. Thanks to Pastor Lori and Vicar Rick for devoting their Wednesday nights to JAM. It will be nice for them to have a break.

We are still waiting for some warmer weather; every week I say next week will be better but so far that has not held true. It does sound like after the weekend it will warm up. It also sounds like we will get rain for a couple of days. Some places are really struggling for moisture. I have seen a few fields being worked up.

Jill is coming home on Saturday after she gets done working so we will be doing some yard work and other things. It is always nice to have help with that. The way the wind has been blowing so much so there is never a lack of branches to be picked up. I haven't started yet. Have my garden seeds ordered and will pick up some plants when it gets a little warmer.

May will be a busy month. There are so many celebrations going on in May. Congratulations to Jase and Carter who were confirmed last Sunday.

I am still looking for ushers and coffee servers. Please let me know if you can help out in any way.

I have an appointment this morning so better get a move on. Until next time.

God Bless.

Lois



Greetings from U.M.W.

Hello from the U.M.W. We don't have much news to report on as we didn't have a meeting in April due to a busy month with other church activities. We will have some important things to discuss in May, so I hope that everyone can come to the meeting on May 12th at 1:30 at the church. I am down to serve lunch and Verlaine is down for devotions. Nancy will give the lesson.

Even though we don't have a lot of news this time please keep up with the prayer for the many that are fighting with so many different illnesses.

Take Care and God Bless!

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



Two Event Opportunities Close By:

Emerge Conference 2022

Equipping Women for Vocational Ministry



Center Point Church

Friday, May 13th

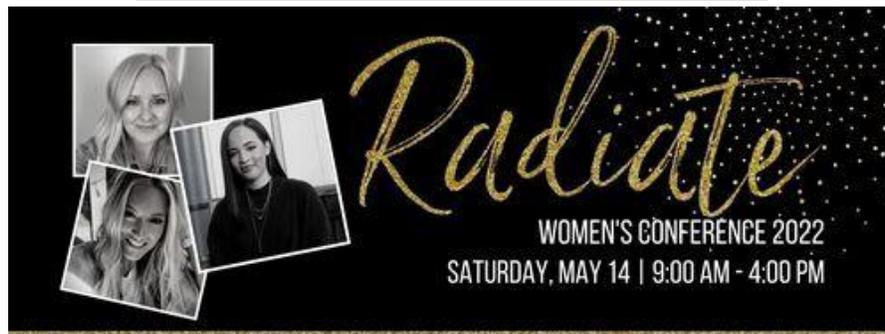
4PM to 8:30PM

Emerge is a conference for any woman who feels a desire to serve in vocational ministry of any kind. From a panel discussion with women who are currently serving in the ministry field in a variety of areas, to an anointed speaker and time of worship; we believe Christ will minister to you in a powerful way as you seek His direction for your life.

Supper is also included.

[Register Here](#)

Radiate Conference 2022



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Center Point Church

Saturday, May 14th

9AM to 4PM

Radiate Conference is an opportunity for women of all ages and stages of life to come together, connect with Jesus, and be encouraged in their God given purpose. From anointed speakers and worship, amazing testimonies, shopping, food, coffee, and amazing giveaways; we believe this conference will equip, empower, and energize you in your walk with Christ.

[Register Here](#)

J.A.M. CELEBRATION NIGHT



Come and enjoy the "Wizard of Oz" at the new RTR Performing Arts Center in the RTR school in Tyler. Cost of tickets are: \$8.00 for adults and \$6.00 for students. It will be a fantastic show!!!

RTR Theater
~ Presents ~

Show Dates:
Show Times:
May 6th - 9:30, 12:30, 7:00
May 7th - 2:30, 7:00
May 8th - 2:30

*Location: RTR High school
Performing Arts Center*

*The Wizard
of
OZ*

By: L. Frank Baum



Balaton United Methodist Church Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 9:00 Worship Senior Celebration Baby Shower for Casum Taveirme 10-2 Mike & Lois Swanson Anniv Paul & Nellie Bernardy Anniv.</p>	<p>2 Julie Wieme B-day</p>	<p>3 PL @ Windom Licensed Local Pastor Retreat 6:30-8 Discussion Group Kevin & Deb Stibbe Anniv Darrrell & Linda Williams Anniv</p>	<p>4 PL to Buffalo Anthony Jandl B-day</p>	<p>5 PL @ Clergy Leadership Academy in Buffalo PL & Sue Southern Prairie Pre-Conference via ZOOM 6:30pm</p>	<p>6 PL @ Clergy Leadership Academy in Buffalo PL in Chanhassen Greg Taveirme & Annette Swanson B-days</p>	<p>7 PL in Chanhassen Hilary Kesteloot & Darrell Williams B-days</p>
<p>8 9:00 Worship Happy Mother's Day</p>	<p>9 Kalvin Crumrine B-day</p>	<p>10 Discussion Group Phil & Sue Skramstad Anniv</p>	<p>11 PL in Slayton for Hospice 9-12</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	
<p>15 9:00 Worship Baptism & Ev</p>	<p>16 Nick Mitchell & Jane Pickering B-days</p>	<p>17 Discussion Group Keith Scherbart & Bonnie Ewing B-days</p>	<p>18 19</p>	<p>19 PL online for Clergy Session 9:30-4:30</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Kasey Goblrirsch baby shower 10 a.m. at Community Center</p>
<p>22 9:00 Worship Lora Johnson B-day</p>	<p>23 PL & Sue leave for Annual Conference in St.Cloud</p>	<p>24 Annual Conference in St.Cloud Kasey Goblrirsch B-day</p>	<p>25 Annual Conference in St.Cloud</p>	<p>26 Annual Conference in St.Cloud June Terhark & Kathy Karsten B-days</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 9:00 Worship</p>	<p>30 Memorial Day</p>	<p>31</p>				

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Remember our Nursing Home/Care Center Residents:

Avera Morningside Heights Care Center-Marshall - Neva Manguson

Remembering & Praying for Brandon Swanson..... missing from his family since May 2008