Weekly Announcements for the week July 12th, 2020

This Week's Readings

Below are the readings for this upcoming Sunday, July 12th, 2020

- **Exodus 14:13-31**
- **Titus 3:4-8**

Welcome Back Church

- Join us online or in person as we kick off this new teaching series! We will explore how in God's love and mercy He brings the church back to the building to send her back out again.

New sign-up for Worship Services

Due to limited seating during this time of social distancing, we will be offering 3 worship services. We ask that you sign-up for a worship service to mitigate disappointment if a service is full. The sign up is available on the homepage https://www.lmcrf.org/ . There is a button on the top left corner in bright yellow that says "Sign-up for a Worship Service." If you click that button, you will be able to choose which date & time you would like to attend. When you click that date, the google sign-up will appear. If you have difficulty navigating this, please call the LMC office and we will add you to a list. Thank you!

We're coming back to the Church!

(Click on the links below to go to on the online schedule)

July 11th: 6:00 PM
July 12th: 8:00 AM
July 12th: 10:30 AM

YOUTHeran news:

YOUTHerans will be meeting bi-weekly during the summer. Next meeting will be:

- **July 8th**
- **6:30 PM-8:00 PM**

Additional YOUTHeran dates for your calendar:

- **July 8**- Welcome incoming 6th graders!
- **July 22**
- **Aug 5**
- **Aug 19**- Family Potluck at Martin's home, Maple Ridge W8045 350th Ave, Hager City.

New LMC YouTube Channel and Virtual Worship access:

Now that we are back to worshiping in person, we will not be sending out the email with the virtual worship link every Saturday night. HOWEVER, we will be filming the Saturday night service, and will have it available for you! We have a new channel for you to connect to virtual worship: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJXT4KhZVhL4wzbxHI4y98A/?disable_polymer=true

Be a subscriber today!

You can also access the virtual worship YouTube page by clicking on the "Virtual Worship" button on the website.

Second quarter giving statements

were emailed on Mon. July 6. Please check your statement for accuracy. If there are any discrepancies with your records, or if you did not receive a statement, please let Sally know. BusinessAdmin@LMCRF.org

VBS Packet Pickup

Beginning Wednesday July 15th, participants that registered for Virtual Bible School can pick up their packets in the church entryway. Packets will be labeled by family name. If you have not registered for VBS, you can do so at www.lmcrf.org

Rocky Railway VBS- Come on along! All aboard! It's time to sign up for Virtual VBS. The Rocky Railway VBS program will be released

- **July 20th- 24th**
- **8:00 am**

Follow the link below to watch preview videos for Rocky Railway and to sign-up. We would love to have you join us!
https://www.lmcrf.org/vbs

Contactless Scrip Card purchases: If you would like to purchase Scrip cards please email Sally BusinessAdmin@LMCRF.org with your order, or to request to be placed on the email list to receive updates on cards in stock. When you email your order to Sally, the cards will be placed in your box along with an order form. You may pick up the cards at your convenience Mon – Fri, from 8 am – 4 pm. Please sign the order form to show you received the cards and place it, along with payment in the Offering Drop Box by the office window in the front entry way. Email orders will be fulfilled Mon through Wed. Email orders received after 3 pm Wed will be fulfilled the following week.

Scrip Special Order: If you wish to order cards not usually kept in stock, please email Sally at BusinessAdmin@LMCRF.org no later than 10 am Mon. June 29.

Missional Community Hosts:

- ***Jensen*** **Missional Community**- Sunday's 6:30-8:00pm (@ Bylanders)
- ***Brace*** **Missional Community**- Monday's 6:00-7:30pm
- ***Brian & Ellen Schultz Missional Community***- Monday's 6:30-8:00 PM
- ***Crystal Halverson*** **Missional Community**- Tuesday's 6:00-7:30pm
- ***Hallie Tasler*** **Missional Community**- Thursday's 6:30-8:00 PM

Tools for School

Tools for School is a local, non-profit organization that provides free school supplies and backpacks every August for kids in need in our RF community. For the past several years, First National Bank of RF has partnered with Tools for School providing tennis shoes at the event as well. During the event, kids enjoy a meal, activities and an opportunity to meet police officers, EMT's, firefighters and other community volunteers as they assist them in trying on shoes and filling their school supply lists. The smiles are priceless from both the kids and the community.

Due to the pandemic, this year the supply distribution will be unique as we adhere to the CDC's guidelines for social distancing. At the end of the current school year, Superintendent Jamie Benson helped facilitate sending home supply request registration forms to every child in the school district. Parents were asked to simply fill out the request form as needed and send it back to Tools for School. Instead of coming together with the kids at the church in August, volunteers will fill a backpack for each child, label it and help deliver to each school. The kids will have their backpack and supplies waiting for them in their classrooms the first day of school.

Last year we served 367 kids in need. In 2020 we project serving more students due to the hardships surrounding the pandemic; potentially as many as 500 kids. Your support is crucial to our efforts as we continue serving our community. If you're able, we'd love it if you could make a donation to help us achieve our mission in helping every kid get off to a great school year. Your donation will go directly towards purchasing backpacks and school supplies. Please consider:

_____$50 Serves 2 children's needs
_____$100 Serves 4 children's needs
_____$150 Serves 6 children's needs
_____$200 Serves 8 children's needs
_____$300 Serves 12 children's needs
_____Host a supply drive in July or August. We will drop a bin off at your request on July 24th and pick it up on August 21st.

Thank you in advance for your contribution and your volunteerism. You have no idea how much it means to have your support! Donations may be made payable to **Tools for School** and mailed to:

(Attn: Kim Masanz)
Tools for School
1672 Rodao Drive
River Falls, WI 54022

Attention Golfers!

Servant of the Shepherd Church presents:

- 13th Annual Best Ball Classic
- August 7th, 2020
- 8:00 AM (Shotgun Scramble tee off)
- Four Person Teams

Entry fee and registration deadline:

- $70 per person by July 29th
- $75 per person AFTER July 29th

Entry Includes:

- 18 Holes at River Falls Golf Club
- Golf Cart
- Door Prizes
- Closest to the Pin contest
- Longest Drive contest
- Longest Putt contest

Enter raffles for a chance to win great prizes. With questions contact: Frank Lukasiewicz (715) 222-8922 flukasiewicz@aol.com;
Kelly Brellenthin (715) 864-9613
kelly.brellenthin@gmail.com

Neighboring 101: Try to purchase gift cards from local businesses to help stimulate the local economy during this time. Maybe even give one of those gift cards to a health care worker that you know.

Altar Flower Price Update

We have been informed by our altar flower provider that the price for our altar flowers has gone up to $60 (from $50). For all of you who generously donate altar flowers, thank you for making this update.

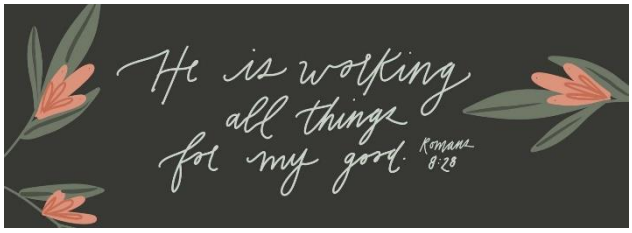
grow to share
growing community, weeding out hunger

Grow to Share needs your help

"Grow to Share" provides fresh produce for the River Falls Food Pantry and nearby senior living centers. **We need volunteer assistance in the garden and I'm reaching out for help.** You may walk up and volunteer at the garden in **Hoffman Park on Tuesdays, Wednesday, and Saturdays anytime between 9:00 AM and Noon.**
We seek people to help plant, maintain the garden, and harvest berries and vegetables. Master gardener John Ramstad coordinates the activities of our volunteers and he's ready to give participants tasks that request no gardening experience.
During the pandemic it's difficult for church communities to get together. Grow to Share in the summer is a place where small groups can get together and help the community (social distancing is practiced). **For more information, please contact Mike Woolsey (715) 307-4819 or John Ramstad at (608) 201-6869. Info at www.growtoshare.org**

We will be retraining volunteers!

With coming back to the building we will have some changes in how things are structured to comply with safety standards. Watch for an email with links to training videos for Greeters, Ushers, Audio Visual volunteers etc. Thank you for helping us to make coming back to the church a reality! We can't do it without you!



Mission Trip Corner

I am saddened to inform you that our August 1 mission trip to Biblica Unción y Fuego, in Siquirres, Costa Rica was canceled by Praying Pelican Missions (PPM) last Friday, June 26. Because of a significant increase in the rate of new Corona virus cases/day, the Costa Rican government extended its closed boarders to foreigners' policy until at least July 31, 2020. As a consequence, PPM deemed our trip impossible to conduct do to the many unanswered questions around social distancing and in-country travel policies related to the Corona virus pandemic. We are currently in the process of selecting an alternative date for our trip. Right now, we are considering RF spring break in March and next August. I want to thank all of you who have been supporting our team through prayer, gift projects, fund raising projects, and financial gifts.

I have been informed that over $16,000 has been contributed to the mission at Biblica Unción y Fuego. It is my intention to forward those donations to Pastor Luis in the near future. While our trip has been postponed, the financial need and ministry continue there. Normally most of the money we have sent was used for building projects in the church compound or to provide supplies and food items for their children's program. Those of us who have been there know that for many of the families that live in the area around the church, having food to eat on any given day was a concern in the best of times. The pandemic has made this situation worse. I am not sure how Pastor Luis will choose to use these funds, but I do know that he has proven himself to be a very good steward of all monies we have sent, and has provided a receipt by receipt accounting of how all money was spent.

I want to provide a short update on what has been happening at Biblica Unción y Fuego. In late March the Costa Rican government required that all schools close and churches could no longer have in-church services. This occurred just shortly after they had launched their Kids Club. Pastor Luis now has 4 small group services in various member homes each week. Attendance at each meeting must be less than 10 people. In addition, Pastor Luis goes out into the neighborhood most days, witnessing for the gospel and ministering to the needs of those who meet with him. He received a special donation from source in Texas for food distribution. Luther Memorial also sent a special $2,000 donation for food distribution. That money was used in a manner similar to our food distribution project on our mission trips. They were able to distribute around 100 bags of food to the desperately needy in that neighborhood. He has indicated that even in these trying times, he is receiving new members to his fellowship. He has just informed me that the government has allowed him to open his church again, with many safety measure requirements. He is excited to be gathering his flock again at the church.

I have the pleasure of being in communication with Pastor Luis almost every day. He continuously tells me how great a blessing our church has been to him and his church. He sends his heart-felt thank you for all you have done for his church and the people in his neighborhood.

I also thank you for your tremendous support. I ask that you continue to pray for our mission team, that God would lead us to His plan for our mission team. Since we will be going on a different date, you now have an opportunity to join our team. Please contact me if you have any questions.

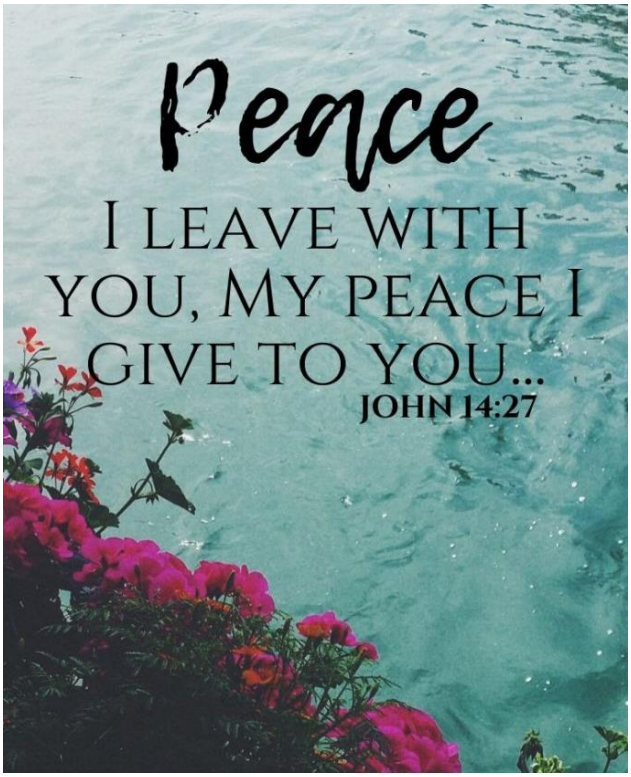
Quentin Schultz-Mission Coordinator
(schultzquentin50@gmail.com)

This Week at Luther Memorial:

Sunday 7/12	8:00 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Worship Service 6:30 PM Jensen Family MC
Monday 7/13	6:00 PM Brace MC 6:30 PM Brian & Ellen Schultz MC
Tuesday 7/14	6:00 PM Crystal Halverson MC
Thursday 7/16	6:30 PM Hali Tasler MC
Saturday 7/17	7:30 AM Men's Journey Team 9:00 AM Quilting Life Group 6:00 PM Devotional Worship Service
Sunday 7/18	8:00 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Worship Service 6:30 PM Jensen Family MC

Worship Assistants Scheduled: July 11 & 12

July 11 & 12	Saturday 6:00 PM	8:00am	10:30am
MUSICIANS		Praise Team	Praise Team
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE		Pastor Scott	Pastor Scott
USHER	?? Need Volunteer	Glenn Badje	Todd & Brian Schultz
GREETER	?? Need Volunteer	Gene & Linda Kirk	Quentin & Marilyn Schultz
AUDIO & PROJECTION	Mark Kovatch	Jeff Meyer	Curt Leighty
ALTAR FLOWERS		Volunteer	
ATOMIZER		Clint Riese	
FOOD SHELF		Julie Swenson	

Worship Assistants Scheduled: July 18 & 19

July 18 & 19	Saturday 6:00 PM	8:00am	10:30am
MUSICIANS		Sandi Kovatch	Sandi Kovatch
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE		Chad Schuermann	Chad Schuermann
USHER	?? Need Volunteer	Dave & Ruthann Frank	Bob & Sandy Burke
GREETER	Diana Wedell	Jeff Meyer Family	Candy Bettendorf
AUDIO & PROJECTION	Pat Armstrong	Monica Bylander	Grady Jensen
ALTAR FLOWERS		Volunteer	
ATOMIZER		Cheryl Carter	
FOOD SHELF		Julie Swenson