



Wesley Park Weekly

June 3, 2018

Pastor's Page

I am so thankful that Master Arts Theatre has joined us this morning to share their gifts as they portray the story of the Gospel of John. It is in John 1:26-34 where we get an account of the baptism of Jesus from the perspective of John the Baptist:

John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing. The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

Today at 11 am you have an opportunity to witness the Spirit at work in the Sacrament of Holy Communion for all, and in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism of Luke Jahncke. I love what the United Methodist Book of Worship says regarding baptism:

Regardless of the age of the candidate, the Christian community responds in faith to God's grace by claiming and incorporating this new member of Christ's holy Church. The congregation corporately sponsors each candidate and takes vows at each baptism that are to be taken just as seriously as the vows of parents or individual sponsors. When someone is baptized, it is a crucial event in the life both of that person and of the Church. What happens to that member of the body of Christ will make a difference to every other member, and the rest of the Church can never again be the same. By the Sacrament of Baptism the Church pledges to that member: "Your joy, your pain, your gain, your loss, are ours, for you are one of us."

Rejoice and celebrate this day for the Lamb of God has blessed you again and again and again.

Randee Martin

Date	Event	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Monday, June 4	Trustees, 6:30 pm Young Adults, 7 pm		
Tuesday, June 5		Jan McCreery Heather Vander Woude	
Wednesday, June 6	Women's Prayer, 10 am Internal Readiness, 6:00 pm Kitchen Team, 6:30 pm Square Dance, 6:45 pm Faith Development, 7:45 pm	Jason Johnson	
Thursday, June 7	Knitting Goup, 10 am Food Truck, 5 pm Praise Team!, 5 pm Softball Game, 6:15 pm Softball Game, 7:30 pm		
Friday, June 8	Freddi's Angels, 1 pm		Frank & Virginia Sigala
Saturday, June 9	Rock & Mineral, 8 am Youth Spring Potluck, 6 pm		Tom & Loretta Jahncke
Sunday, June 10	Foundations Service, 9:15 am Youth Group, 9:30 am Blood Pressure Check, 10:30 am Fellowship, 10:30 am IMPACT, 11 am Staff Meeting, noon		

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The Prayers of Our Hearts

Shelly Timmer - Pray that parents may raise their children on the right path.

Karen McCarty - Thank you for the prayers for Joyce Douglas. She is recovering very well.

Esther Fernandez - Thank you for all your prayers for Frank. He needs shoulder surgery but he is doing well. Beautiful service. Thank you Veterans for all you did and do. I am so thankful to live in the USA. The USA helps a lot of countries. I hope they appreciate us.

Gordon & Nancy Spalenka - A very touching and meaningful service. Thank you.

Ken & Linda McKenney - Thankful all went well for Ken's heart procedure. Prayers for the family of Jane McConnell, our neighbor, who passed away at the age of 90. Thanks Dean for a great service honoring Veterans. Believe in the power of God. Prayers for others.

Anonymous - Please pray for healing for Joanne Gustafson. She has intense pain following knee surgery.

Barb DeCan - Many thanks to Virginia and Myrtle from the women's knitting and crocheting group. They finished an afghan my mom started before she died and gave it to me today for our memorial day service. I never expected this. What a treasure. Thank you so much!

Kathy DenHollander - My sister's surgery went ok. So far so good. My brother is still struggling with pneumonia. Please continue prayers for them. Praise God for this wonderful country. Bless all the veterans. We are all so grateful.

Freddi Angus - So thankful for all our service people. God will take care of us.

Damary Lofgen - Thank you Pastor Dean for your kind words at my father-in-law's memorial. The Lofgren family is very grateful for your presence during this difficult time.

David Fisher - Thank you Dean.

Family and Youth Camp

Save the date for this summer's family camp at Lakeview United Methodist Camp in Lakeview, MI. Dates are August 17-19, 2018. 12 sites available. Please see Val (wearing the Lakeview t-shirt) at the Information Desk for more information or to make your reservations.

Family Promise

Our next opportunity to serve guests from Family Promise will be the week of June 10, 2018. It takes many hands, hearts, and much prayer to make each Family Promise week successful. Please prayerfully consider donating some time to our guests. The Signup Genius site is now up and running. To sign up online, please use the following link: <https://bit.ly/2llkm5W>. Kelly Olsen and Mary Ann Keyes will be in the Welcome Center between services today if you need assistance.

Cinch Sac

Stop by the Information desk to purchase a cinch sac for the youth group to take on their mission trip to South Dakota.

Raised Flower Beds

We have several ways for you to donate to the flower beds. You can put money in a pew envelope and mark it "flower bed", put your loose change in the flower pot at the information desk, or bring your pop cans this week or next and put them in the trailer outside.

Blue Bags Ministry Share Offering

100% Ministry Shares Challenge

Received To Date:

\$11,620
(21 Weeks Completed)

Remaining Balance Needed:

\$39,716
(31 Weeks Remaining)

Offered last week: **\$596**

