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by Pastor Blake Rohrer

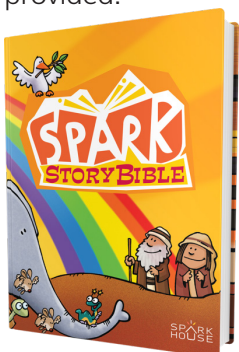
There is a passage in Matthew's Gospel that I didn't like until recently. It's in the middle of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount and reads, "Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matthew 5:48). It's the "be perfect" part that I struggled with. It always felt impossible, as if Jesus was setting me up to be a disappointment. God perfect? Of course. Me? Not so much. Then, this week, as I was reading a devotion, I discovered that the word translated as "perfect" is "telos." Telos is a Greek word that means "to reach one's intended purpose." The author says this understanding makes that verse mean something different: "Be the person you were created to be, just as God is who God is supposed to be." We are invited to become the people God created us to be, the people God wants us to be, and the people that God's world needs us to be. I believe this applies both to us as individuals, and to us as a congregation. Paul uses the metaphor of the church as "the body of Christ," a powerful image. We come together as individual members woven together into something larger, a community that celebrates together when things go well, rallies together when things are challenging, and uses our hands and feet to care for our neighbor in need. As we share ourselves with others – in fellowship, learning, service, and worship – we grow in ways simply not possible alone.

In the spring we celebrated 70 years of being the body of Christ at Midvale. 70 years of gathering in growth and grace. I love this theme, because it reminds us that, even as we have done some pretty amazing things with God's help over the last 70 years, we are not finished yet! We are still growing, still on this journey to becoming the people and congregation God hopes us to be. And each of us and our gifts are important on this journey!

Martin Luther, who accomplished incredible things but also struggled with major shortcomings and setbacks, put it beautifully when describing the Christian life. He placed deep trust in God's promise to draw us to the purpose and telos for which God created us. Luther writes, "This life therefore is not righteousness, but growth in righteousness, not health, but healing, not being but becoming, not rest but exercise. We are not yet what we shall be, but we are growing toward it, the process is not yet finished, but it is going on, this is not the end, but it is the road. All does not yet gleam in glory, but all is being purified." At Midvale, we are indeed a people who have received God's grace and who are committed to growing into the people and church God created us to be. Thank you for being a part of Midvale! I look forward to continuing the journey with you!

Blessing of the animals! October 4 at 6:00pm in the parking lot

From kittens to chickens, guppies to puppies, bring all pets great and small (and their humans) for a blessing by the pastor. This free event, on the day of commemoration for St. Francis, who exemplified a spirit of gratitude for all creation, is open to the entire community, so invite your friends and neighbors. A brief liturgy will be followed by individual pet blessings. Treats for pets will be provided.



Children's Gift Bibles - October 8

Gift picture Bibles will be presented to all 3 year olds and those new to Sunday School, and Gift reader Bibles (NRSV translation) will be presented to all 3rd graders in worship on October 8. All 3rd graders are invited to a Bible introduction class during Sunday School at 9:15 on October 8 with Pastor Katie. Please RSVP for the gift Bible presentation and class to Brenda Goble at brendag@midvalelutheran.org

PRAISE

October worship schedule

All worship is offered in-person in the Sanctuary

- Saturday at 5:00pm
- Sunday at 8:00am (*also on Facebook Live*)
- Sunday at 10:30am
- Sunday School and Adult Education at 9:15am

Candle lighting for mental illness awareness September 30 - October 1

In worship, we will light a candle and include special prayers for mental health. Approximately one in four adults in the U.S. experience some kind of mental health disorder in a given year. Nearly all of us are impacted, either directly or through someone we know. The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) was founded in Dane County and initially met at Midvale Community Lutheran Church, led by several of our congregation's members. NAMI is an important resource of education, support and advocacy for all impacted by mental illness. Visit their website at www.namidanecounty.org

Season of Creation October 7-8, 14-15, 21-22

We celebrate the liturgical Season of Creation in worship using portions of the Earthkeeping Liturgy created for Luther College by the musicians Dakota Road. This liturgical season is a recent addition to the fall of the church year, at the initiation of the World Council of Churches. Many Christian churches and denominations in the United States and around the world now mark this season. We celebrate God's creativity and abundance, we repent of the harm we cause to creation, and we commit to better care for the earth and all creatures.

Worship Hike at Picnic Point on October 22

Gather from 10:30-10:45am outside the Picnic Point entry for this month's hike (enough time to join after attending Sunday School or Adult Forum at Midvale). The worship hike will include prayer, Scripture, reflection and holy communion. All ages welcome. Regular worship will be offered in the Sanctuary at 10:30 as well.

Midvale Worship Band

The Midvale Worship Band will be playing for 10:30am worship once a month this fall. We are bringing together familiar songs with new arrangements (think guitars and percussion!) and new contemporary and praise music to our worship time. Join the worship band on the following dates:

- Sunday, October 15th
- Sunday, November 12th
- Sunday, December 3rd

We welcome all musicians! If you are interested in joining the worship band as a musician, just for one time or every month, contact Marita Herkert-Oakland at marita.herkert@gmail.com.

Just Bakery returns October 22

Just Bakery will be at Midvale on Sunday, October 22nd. Sales will be from 8:30-10:30am in the Gathering Space.

Just Bakery is a 12-week employment training initiative of JustDane that works with folks with barriers to employment. Thank you for supporting Just Bakery!

Hymn-sing Sunday, October 22, 9:15-9:45am

Mark your calendars! You're invited to attend a Hymn-sing between services at 9:15-9:45am on Sunday, October 22, during Midvale's Season of Creation. The ELW hymnal includes many beautiful hymns about harvest and God's creation. Which are your favorites? Requests will be taken for all types of hymns.

Reformation Weekend October 28-29

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. On this weekend, we celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

Adult Education Sundays at 9:15am -Join us in the Fellowship Hall on the lower level or online on Zoom

October 1 – Ministry Wing – Important Steps for Moving Forward with the Congregational Council and Ministry Wing Committee

Midvale has a vital ministry that welcomes all in Jesus' name and shares God's love with all ages. A vision of a Ministry Wing has been crafted by our church that provides a space that reflects God's love and welcome and that will allow us to continue to be a source of life and community for years to come. This vision is the result of years of planning, prayers, and volunteers dedicating their time and gifts. Come to this session to learn about the vision for the Ministry Wing renovation and the next steps to make it a reality. Hear about the recommendation to hire GSB Fundraising to facilitate a campaign in 2024 to support this vision.

A special Congregational Meeting will be held October 15 at 11:45 a.m. for the purpose of acting on the recommendation to hire GSB Fundraising and continue to move this vision ahead.

October 8 – Fifty Years of PACT (Program for Assertive Community Treatment) with Dr. Christine Ahrens, MD

The Program of Assertive Community Treatment (PACT) uses a team approach to provide comprehensive, community-based psychiatric treatment, rehabilitation, and support. The model of care is designed for people that have a very serious mental illness with symptoms that get in the way of everyday life. The goal of the program is to help clients maintain their health and safety in the community by helping them achieve their recovery goals. This program recently celebrated its 50-year anniversary and created a 20-minute video that will be part of the presentation.



October 15 – Music in the Shoah: Savagery and Survival with Teryl L. Dobbs, Ph.D., Professor Emerita, Music Education, University of Wisconsin

Throughout the Shoah (the Hebrew word for the Holocaust), music found its way into every crack and corner of the catastrophe, from the well-documented cultural life of Theresienstadt (a waystation

for Jews being moved to concentration camps, located in what is now Czechia) to singing prisoners in Sachsenhausen (concentration camp in Germany), children's choirs in Lodz (town in Poland where ghettos were established), and even recently discovered music written by a 12-year-old girl in the Warsaw Ghetto. Far from occupying only positive or neutral background

roles, historians have also documented uses of music as a means of violence by the Nazi SS.

Teryl Dobbs is Professor Emerita, Mosse/ Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies and the Mead Witter School of Music at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, who researches the musical experience during the Holocaust. Her work indicates that music was not only a means of violence but, more importantly, a way of expressing humanity and resistance.



October 22 – Dementia Demystified: Tools for the Journey with Britta Crisp

Dementia presents a world of unknowns, and to the person with dementia and their loved ones, it may appear that the only constants are

change and unpredictability, made worse by feelings of isolation because our society seems to avoid discussing the subject. As the Resident Programs Coordinator at Brookdale Middleton Stonefield memory care, Midvale member Britta Crisp runs residents' daily activities, emotional/behavioral support, and life enrichment, as well as dementia education for staff and families.

Britta will use her first-hand learnings and experiences to demystify the journey of dementia, share the ways we train family members and loved ones to interact and communicate with a person experiencing dementia, and talk about ways we can help find the blessings and joys along the way.



October 29 - The Gift of Pastoral Sabbatical with Pastor Blake Rohrer

Midvale has the privilege and practice of offering a periodic sabbatical time. The sabbatical is an opportunity to rest, reflect and recharge. Pastor Blake will share reflections and experiences from his sabbatical this summer and

how this time offered renewal as a person and a pastor.

Zoom link - You do not need to register to attend the Adult Forum. Reference our weekly newsletter, The Moments, for the Zoom link or contact the church office. The Zoom link will allow you to participate with video and audio using a computer or mobile device, or with audio only using a landline phone. The same link will be used for all sessions.

Feedback Welcome!

The Adult Education Committee welcomes all thoughts, feedback and ideas for future Adult Forum programming. If you have thoughts to share, please email adulteducation@midvalelutheran.org or reach out to a Committee member directly.

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Upcoming Special Music in October

Sunday, October 8th:

- 8:00 Adult Choir
- 10:30 Randy Snell, soloist

Sunday, October 15th:

- 8:00 Handbell Choir
- 10:30 Worship Band

Sunday, October 22nd:

- 10:30 Brass Ensemble

Sunday, October 29th:

- 8:00 & 10:30 Adult Choir

Holy Land trip information meetings - October 8 & 9

Pastor Blake is leading a tour to the Holy Land in March, 2024. This is the third group from Midvale to travel to the Holy Land. Past participants have shared how the experience inspired their faith and gave them new insights that were made possible by walking where Jesus walked. The experience will include authentic encounters with the people who live in the land today. If you would like to learn more or are interested in participating, Pastor Blake is hosting informational meetings Sunday, October 8 at 11:45am and Monday, October 9 at 7:00pm.

Holy Places: Where are yours? - Fall Bible Study

Tuesdays: October 10, 17, 24

Join me as we explore the theme "Holy Places" in our lives. Consider where you feel a sense of God's holy presence in your life. While I believe God is present with me in every place, pictured on the back page are two places I sense God's presence- at Midvale's worship and out on Lake Mendota. We will look at how we experience God's presence through the lens of three themes; home, sanctuary, and pilgrimage. The study will be offered at 11AM "Study and Lunch" or just "Study" or 7PM "Study". -Pastor Katie

Lunch option offered at 11AM "Study and Lunch". To sign up for the "Study" or the "Study and Lunch": a paper order form is available in the Gathering Space, an online form is linked in The Moments weekly email, or contact the church office to sign up - 608-238-7119.

October 10: 11AM or 7PM - Holy Places: Home

Home can be the place we lay our head and the people we call family. Home can be our community or homeland. Home is also found wherever we truly and fully belong. In this session, we consider the complexity and the promise of "home" through the stories of Israel's exile, the ministry of Jesus, and the promises of Revelation. Where are the places you feel "at home"?

October 17: 11AM or 7PM - Holy Places: Sanctuary

For thousands of years, physical places have been set apart for individual prayer and community worship. "Sanctuary" is one word for such spaces. Throughout history, "sanctuary" has also referred to places of safety and refuge. Where do you find "sanctuary"? What can Jesus' words teach us about what sanctuary looks like today?

October 24: 11AM or 7PM - Holy Places: Pilgrimage

Pilgrimage, a journey to a sacred place, is a spiritual practice with a long history in Christianity (and many other religions). In the Bible, pilgrimage is not only about the destination, but also about the holiness of the journey itself. Consider the journey of the Magi, the walk to Emmaus, and Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem. In what ways does pilgrimage inspire, challenge, and transform our life?

Special Congregational Meeting October 15 at 11:45am

The Congregational Council has called a special meeting of the congregation. The purpose of the meeting is to act on their recommendation that the church enter into a contract with GSB Fundraising for the purpose of facilitating a fundraising campaign in 2024 to support the vision of a renewed Ministry Wing. This recommendation is based on years of feedback from the congregation and planning. The Council hopes our building will become a space that reflects our welcome to all and enables the love of God to be experienced by generations to come. There is an Adult Forum on October 1 where information about these exciting plans will be shared. Further information is available on the church website under the "GROW" tab - Ministry Wing Renovation

Congratulations to these youth who confirm their faith on October 1

We celebrate the confirmation of faith for nine of our youth on Sunday, October 1 at 10:30 a.m. Join us to give thanks for their growth in learning and faith and for the work of the Holy Spirit continuing to act in their lives.

Sissel Anderson

Parents: Scott and Caroline Anderson

Sponsors: Jay & Teri Wians

Faith Mentor: Teri Wians

Bible Verse: John 14:1

James Berard

Parents: Dan Berard & Carolyn Michaelis Berard

Sponsors: Dave & Judy Berard, Bruce & Kay Michaelis

Faith Mentor: Adam Berndt

Bible Verse: Isaiah 41:10

Sophia Hirsch

Parents: Matt & Katie Hirsch

Sponsors: Andy Engel and Danielle Engel

Faith Mentor: Mindy Anderson

Bible verse: Joshua 1:9

Eli Miller

Parents: Jamie & Herschel Miller

Bible verse: Joshua 1:9

Katherine Mueller

Parents: Sam Mueller and Molly Krolczyk

Sponsors: Kevin Krolczyk and Michele Krolczyk

Faith Mentor: Rita Yanny

Bible verse: Proverbs 27:9

Tavia Schmidt

Parents: Laurie Stensland and Steven Schmidt

Sponsors: Julie and Patrick Blackaller

Mentor: Elise Uphoff

Bible verse: Colossians 3:12

Freya Sherer

Parents: Nathan Sherer and Jolynne Roorda

Sponsors: Jennifer Sherer and Ryan Downing

Faith Mentor: Laura Svaren

Bible verse: Proverbs 3:5-6

Jonah Tollefson

Parents: Dave Tollefson and Dawn Liska-Tollefson

Sponsors: Mandy Tollefson and Cole Stanek

Faith Mentor: Nick Harrison

Bible Verse: Philippians 4:13

Emerson Uphoff

Parents: Ben and Elise Uphoff

Sponsors: Philip and Corinna Wells

Bible Verse: Exodus 8:20

Midvale Music Groups

The Adult Choir, Handbell Choir, Worship Band, and Brass Ensemble have begun with fall rehearsals and are excited to share music with you during worship over the next year.

Directors for each group, their contact information, and rehearsal times are as follows:

- Adult Choir: Kathy Otterson, director (choir@midvalelutheran.org) - rehearses Thursday evenings 6:30-7:45pm
- Handbell Choir: Eleanor Mertzenich, director (handbells@midvalelutheran.org) - rehearses Wednesday evenings 6:30-7:45pm
- Worship Band: Marita Herkert-Oakland, director (childrensministry@midvalelutheran.org) - rehearses semi-regularly on Monday evenings 6:30-7:30pm
- Brass Ensemble: John Svaren, coordinator (jlsvaren@yahoo.com) - rehearses semi-regularly on Tuesday evenings (contact John to find out upcoming dates/times)

You are invited to consider joining any of these groups. To find out more about what is involved, please reach out to the director for more information. You can also contact Director of Music Ministries, Laura Svaren (lauras@midvalelutheran.org).

Spiritual Practices for retirement and aging using ten children's story books - begins October 4

Join on Wednesdays at 10:00am from October 4 through November 1. Come and discover what The Bremen Town Musicians, the Velveteen Rabbit and others can teach us. We will hear two stories each week, followed by group discussion. These sessions will be led by Jack Finney, a retired ELCA pastor. For the last 24 years, Jack has offered individual spiritual direction, pulpit supply, and retreats and workshops on spirituality. He is presently a care giver for his wife Jan of 60 years as well as living an active life, including membership at MCLC.

SHARE



NAMI - Dane Walk, October 7

Dear Friends,

Since 2010, many of you individually, as well as the church through the portion of regular offerings allocated by the Social Ministry Committee, have generously supported the NAMI Walk fundraiser. Many people are suffering in our country in different ways. One issue that many more people are now facing is a surge in mental health/mental illnesses like never before.

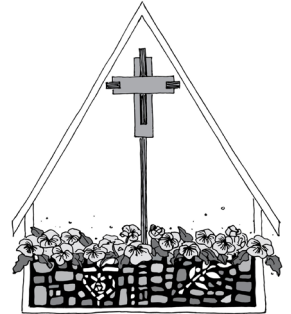
With all of the stressors of the COVID pandemic and other social issues, people dealing with mental health/mental illness issues need our wholehearted support. One organization that has stepped up these past four plus decades is NAMI-Dane County. Once again, NAMI-Dane County is having the annual walk this year at the end of Mental Illness Awareness Week on Saturday, October 7 at Olin Park. Midvale has stepped up in the past to support the work of NAMI-Dane; so, I am once again asking for support for those with mental illness. I appreciate any help you can give. Checks can be made out to NAMIDane County and mailed to Midvale Community Lutheran Church, c/o Dylan's Walk-Team Midvale, 4329 Tokay Blvd., Madison, WI 53711 or left in the church office.

Thank you again for your continued support.

- Dylan Abraham

Gathering in growth and grace - your support is needed for 2024

Gathering together in growth and grace is such an important part of who we are as a faith community. Jesus promises in Matthew's Gospel, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." When we gather together, we connect with each other not only for our own good, but for the good of our community and the world. We give thanks to you for providing your time, talent and treasure in so many of the ministries at Midvale Lutheran. Your financial commitment allows us to make an impact on the lives of so many people.



In October, the Stewardship Committee will be asking every Midvale member to consider a financial commitment to support God's work through us in 2024. Every household will receive information in the mail about how to submit a pledge. There will be several Stewardship talks during worship. Each household is asked to consider increasing your financial commitment for 2024 in order to give our vital ministries the support they need amidst rising costs. One way to determine your giving is the Biblical idea of a tithe, giving a percentage of your income as an expression of thanks to God. If you have never done this before, begin with 1, 2 or 3%. Over the years ahead you may strive for the full tithe of 10%. All commitments are appreciated and truly make a difference! Please return your pledges by November 5.

Prospective and new member information session - October 29 at 11:45am

Everyone interested in learning more about Midvale or interested in becoming a member of the congregation is invited to an information session with the pastors. It is an informal opportunity to get to know others who are new to the congregation, to learn about the church's mission and ministry and to ask any questions you might have. An opportunity for a tour of the church will also be provided. Please RSVP to the church office at info@midvalelutheran.org or 608-238-7119.

Where

by Dylan Abraham

*Where there is hate,
There now is love.
Where rivers stopped
Flowing,
There now is purity.
There is evil,
There is God.
There is yes,
There is no.
As nature is raped,
There are seeds growing.
As time passes,
There is one.*

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Bucky Books Available Now!

It's that time of year that you can help yourself save money, support Midvale youth and support local businesses!

Bucky Books are local coupon books where

you save money on groceries, dining out, home improvement, health and beauty and more!

The cost of a book is \$35, and when you buy from us, Midvale youth get to keep \$15.

There are two ways you can purchase:

- 1) Online, <https://www.buckybook.com/midvale-community-lutheran-church>.
- 2) Pick up a physical copy at church. You may come anytime during open office hours. Most Sundays there will be a youth selling at a table in the Gathering Space following worship. Or you may contact Brenda Goble to arrange an alternate time: brendag@midvalelutheran.org or call: 608-238-7119. In person sales conclude on Sunday, October 22nd.

Endowment grant application deadline October 15

Please remember that Midvale Endowment Fund Grant Requests for 2024 need to be submitted by October 15, 2023. Please contact the church office for an application form or if you have any questions regarding the grant application process.

Treinen Farm Outing

Join Midvale members (children, teens, adults, & retirees) for an afternoon at Treinen Farm in Lodi about 35 minutes from church Sunday, October 29 from 12:30 p.m 3:30 p.m.

Purchase your tickets online in advance at treinenfarm.com for some savings and guaranteed entry or you can purchase at the gate if the event hasn't sold out.

12:30-12:45 p.m. Gather near the playground and we will head into the corn maze in groups.

2:30-3:30 Meet at the bonfire site for S'mores and fellowship!

We want to know if you are planning on joining us! RSVP to Brenda Goble at: 608-238-7119 or brendag@midvalelutheran.org. We will make sure you have the most up-to-date info about our meeting place & where our assigned bonfire location will be.

What's happening with Midvale's organ?

- For the past several years, Midvale's organ has developed increasing issues needing repair.
- It has been said that the pipe organ is one of the most complex and intricate of all mechanical instruments. Its many moving parts make it quite delicate. Midvale's organ is 37 years old.
- A successful Organ Renewal Project completed in 2020 added additional digital capabilities to the organ, upgrades to the console, and aesthetic enhancements. **All the digital components and improvements that the Allen Moe Organ Company installed at that time are working beautifully!**
- The current issues involve the original wooden parts of the organ, which have not had significant work since installation in 1986 outside of regular tuning and maintenance. At unpredictable times, these issues can render the organ unplayable for worship.
- Midvale has contracted with the Allen Moe Organ Company once again for the necessary work. Due to a shortage of experts with the skills to repair pipe organs, the earliest that Allen Moe can get here is January 2024. The work will require about 1 week. There is a 2023 Endowment Grant of \$8000 to pay for the repairs.
- In the meantime, we are doing our best. Michael Keller and Ted Reinke have been doing what they can to work around any issues when possible. If the organ is unplayable on a particular weekend, the accompanist(s) will move to the piano for worship services.
- Thank you for your patience and understanding.

If you have further questions, please contact Laura Svaren (lauras@midvalelutheran.org).



JOIN US!

Midvale Outing

TREINEN FARM

10.29.23 12:30-3:30 PM

All Midvale members are invited to an afternoon of fall fun at Treinen Farm in Lodi!

Corn maze! Bonfire! S'mores!

Purchase your tickets in advance at treinenfarm.com for \$16.50 or at the gate for \$19.

RSVP to Brenda Goble at brendag@midvalelutheran.org so we know to expect you!



Updated pictorial church directory

The church directory committee is happy to announce that Midvale members and Harmann Studios of De Pere, WI will soon be in full swing to create a new updated pictorial church directory. Online sign up will go live this winter for photography in spring so members save the date. Anyone with IT skills please contact Pastor Katie and join us in this exciting and fun project. Thank you.
- Midvale Church Directory Committee

Meal with Neal: a fundraiser for Perfect Harmony Chorus - Saturday, October 14

Join us once again as Chef Neal makes his home-cooked meatloaf (or stuffed squash) with all the wonderful fixings! Perfect Harmony Chorus will be your servers AND singers!

Doors open at 6:00pm. Dinner and program starts at 6:30pm. Oh, and there's a fabulous silent auction, too! You'll find wonderful handmade crafts and home-cooked items donated by choir members and friends. Get a jump start on your holiday shopping. Remember to bid high and bid often!

Bring your friends, bring your family, bring your neighbors to our Annual Meal With Neal!

Ukelele benefit concert for Maui, October 27

In early August 2023, a series of wildfires broke out in Hawaii and, predominantly, on the island of Maui. The wind-driven, fast-moving fires prompted evacuations and caused widespread damage, killing hundreds of residents and leaving thousands of others missing in the town of Lahaina.

On Friday, October 27, at 7:00 p.m. in the Midvale Community Lutheran Church Sanctuary, the Mad City Ukes will present, "Ukes for Good, A Benefit Concert for the Residents of Lahaina Displaced by the Maui Wildfires." Mad City Ukes rehearses at Midvale every Tuesday evening and has a strong connection with Hawaii. All proceeds from the concert will be donated to Maui organizations supporting recovery efforts in Lahaina (specific organizations will be identified closer to the event). Donations, large and small, will be collected at the doors on the night of the fundraiser. We hope you will plan on attending the event or view it on Facebook Live.

More details about the benefit concert will be shared through the *Midvale Moments* newsletter as the Friday, October 27, performance draws near. Please contact Midvale member Greg Lampe (greg.lampe@charter.net) with any questions about the event.

Help provide a home-cooked dinner to college students at the Lutheran Campus Ministry



How would you like to help feed some hungry college kids? Located on the corner of North Mills and University Avenue, the Lutheran Campus Ministry (LCM) provides a place for students to gather, study, worship and, more importantly, to belong. They welcome all students, regardless of their faith background, and offer a Thursday night dinner and worship service. Through the generosity of the Midvale congregation, our Social Ministry Committee has been a partner in this ministry by providing financial support for the past several years. Many of you will recall that Pastor Emily Tveite from LCM has been a frequent guest at Midvale, sharing with us the important work they do with students on campus.

In addition to financial support, our Social Ministry Committee has prepared home cooked meals for twenty-five over the past several years. This year we are scheduled to provide a meal on Thursday October 5, 2023. We need 2 main dishes, 2 side dishes, bread and rolls, desserts and milk and juice. Members can drop off prepared items in the church parking lot at 4:45pm for transport to campus. We prepare and deliver the food – we don't need to serve or cleanup!

Please let us know if you are interested in participating in this wonderful ministry no later than Sunday, October 1, 2023 so we can finalize the menu ahead of time.

For more information contact Ben Kempinen, Chair, Social Ministry Committee at ben.kempinen@gmail.com or at 608-335-7362.

Midvale Church Calendar

The church calendar is available on our website midvalelutheran.org under the "News" tab

October Baptism Birthdays

Congratulations to our young people and their families as they celebrate the day on which God said to them, "I love you. You are mine!"



10/1 † Madeline Russ
10/9 † Stella Hanson
10/10 † Ford Goble
10/12 † Lathan Urbach
10/13 † Lucas Schmelz
10/17 † Aurora Larson-Simon
10/21 † Austin Wegner
10/22 † Victoria Collins

10/23 † Arlo Meredith
10/25 † Nell Hamm
10/25 † Raya Osinga
10/28 † Miles Oakland
10/28 † Owen Woolsey
10/29 † Cora Palmer
10/29 † Gabriel Palmer
10/30 † Isla Osinga

In our prayers remember:

† Hospitality as we welcome friends, visitors and guests.

† Health, comfort and healing for: Bill Weiss (father of Becki Fiegel), Richard LaBrie, Jeff Leeder (brother of Randi Leeder), Tonya Pankov (friend of Karen Bogenschneider), Diane Baima and Yurii Potapenko, Greg Lampe, Julie Underwood (daughter of Linda Crane), Adrian Gutierrez (grandson of Bob & Carol Ostergren), Lois Ludwig (friend of Neal Hamlett), Toni Combs (friend of Neal Hamlett), Chris Hill, Samantha Kealey (cousin of Elise Uphoff), Richard and Adelle Johnson, Acadia Bradley (friend of Enid and Frank Erdman), Sylvia Lee-Thompson (cousin of Charles Naeseth), Quentin Engelhart (son-in-law of Rebecca Hagness), Julie Strong, Karen Wood, Dylan Abraham, Bruce Droessler (uncle of Jennifer Austin), Eric and Sutra Ginder (son and daughter-in-law of Judy and Toby Ginder), and Mary Ann Schulte (sister of Colette Corwin).

† For the safety and well-being of all who serve our community and nation as first responders, healthcare workers and military personnel, giving thanks for their dedication and courage.

Memorials

Lois Nelson

Sharon Kampen
M. Jayne Neuendorf
Mary-Beth Rolland
Anne Wuethrich

Ron Radunzel

Steven Radunzel
Anne Wuethrich
MaryIn Grimm
Tryphine Olson Schrupa and
William Schrupa
Pat Peterson
Christina Finet
James and Suzanne Otto
Sharon Kampen
Christian and Kara Schmidt
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Sunday at 8:00am (also on
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Adult Forum & Sunday School
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Sunday at 10:30am



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