The Portico

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Your Church Staff is here to serve you...

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Saturday 5:00 PM Chapel Service
  traditional format

Sundays 9:00 AM Worship
  Includes a variety of musical styles, a blend of hymns and contemporary songs so that there is something for everyone.

Sundays 10:30 AM Praise Service
  “Roll the Stone,” our Praise Band continues to perform. Join us at this upbeat and energetic service.
JOIN US FOR UNITY WORSHIP

ON AUGUST 27 AT 10 AM

How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity! (Psalm 133:1)

On Sunday, August 27th I would like to invite you to a special worship service for our Dr. Martin Luther community. We will be hosting a Unity worship service outdoors in our green space at 10 am. It will be an opportunity for the entire congregation to worship together.

The definition of unity in the dictionary is “the state of being united or joined as a whole”. Our community normally worships at three different worship times and in three different styles. On this special Sunday we will be given a chance to be united and joined together as a whole.

I invite you to join us on Sunday, August 27th. We will be worshipping outdoors under a tent. There will be special music led by musicians from all three services and a potluck lunch provided for the entire congregation afterward. Please bring a folding chair to set up during the service. There will not be any other worship services that weekend. Mark your calendars now for this special gathering.

Please worship with me in Unity!
Pastor Larry

James Edward Leonard, son of Donald and Jessica Leonard, was baptized on Saturday, July 15th. We pray God’s richest blessings be with James as he grows.

Brielle Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Andrew and Rebecca Smith, will be baptized on Sunday, August 13th. We pray God’s richest blessings be with Brielle as she grows.

The Grace Notes, DMLC’s very own youth handbell ensemble, presented a joyful rendition of “Lord I Lift Your Name on High” in July, and the fun group of 10-17 year olds are now on summer break until late September, when ensembles resume. More members are needed for all ensembles, please contact Alison O’Leary if interested in sharing your time and musical talents with DMLC!

The music ministry at DMLC is staying busy over the summer with special guest musicians at the 9am services, new repertoire at the 10:30am services, as well as some wonderful weekend weddings! Efforts are also being made to include more organ music at the 5pm Saturday services, and a rotation of 4-5 different musicians are currently sharing their musical talents on Saturday evenings.

A big thank you is extended to Whitney Scherret, who shared her musical abilities and energy to lead music for Vacation Bible School this year!

Be sure to mark your calendar for the 10:00 Outdoor Unity Service coming up on August 27th! The unity service includes music from all three regular weekend services and allows the congregation an uplifting opportunity to worship together.

Colossians 3:16 - Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

Alison O’Leary

A Healing Blessing will be available during each service the weekend of August 12 and 13.
What’s New In Sunday School!

**Quilting for Lutheran World Relief**

Quilters will meet on Wednesday, August 16 at 9AM in fellowship hall to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief. You do not need to know how to sew to help with this project.

**GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) Women’s Bible Study**

We will not be meeting during the Summer months. Please watch for the our Fall start up date.

**All Men are invited** to participate in a great casual learning and fellowship experience among the "Early Risers" that takes place on the SECOND SATURDAY of every month at the Cafe LaBelle (located within the Shorehaven complex) from 7:30 - 8:30 am. Please contact Chris Butschke (262.966.0270) or Mike Driscoll (262.646.5605) for directions/additional details.

**Wedding Congratulations**

We congratulate Heather Ward and Robert Ruediger who will be united in marriage on Saturday, August 12th.

We pray God’s richest blessing be with Heather and Robert.

**Newsletter Deadline**

The deadline for the September issue of *The Portico* is Monday, August 21. All information for the month of September must be submitted by this date.

**Summer Office Hours**

The church office will be open on Mondays and Tuesdays from 7AM—4PM, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7AM—2PM and closed on Fridays.
WISHING WELL FOR AUGUST TRICIA’S TROOPS CANCER CONNECTION

“Where FAITH is planted, MIRACLES can bloom!”

Once again we will focus on Tricia’s Troops for this month’s Wishing Well. Tricia’s Troops is a non-profit cancer support organization in Oconomowoc whose mission is making connections that provide hope, help and encouragement to people of all ages who are enduring the cancer journey.

One of their goals is to provide a sense of support for local patients at the beginning of treatment. One way that was chosen to accomplish this, is through “Chemo Care Tote Bags”. These bags are filled with a variety of practical items that have been selected to provide comfort, relief, relaxation and inspiration to new patients facing the uncertainty of chemotherapy treatment. Volunteers compile these items into tote bags and deliver them to area cancer centers.

The items most in need at this time are:
- 8 oz. fragrance-free moisturizers
- BPA-free water bottles
- Hard candies (lemon, ginger, root beer and peppermint flavors)
- Activity books (Sodoku, Crossword, Word Search) and thank you note cards
- Journals
- Fuzzy Socks
- Gift cards for Kwik Trip, Pick ‘n Save, Target, Walgreens, Walmart etc.

Tricia’s Troops would like to send their heartfelt thanks in advance for helping remind patients that they are not alone.

UNITY SERVICE

Our Unity Service this year will be held on our green space at DMLC on Sunday August 27th at 10:00am. The service will be held in place of the regularly scheduled 5:00pm, 9:00am and 10:30am services that weekend. Following the service will be our annual picnic. The church will supply the brats, burgers and beverages. All you need to do is bring your lawn chair and a dish to pass. We will be looking for volunteers to help set up, grill, serve and clean-up. If you are willing to help us out, please mention to myself or Pastor Larry.

COFFEE HOUR SIGN-UP

Coffee hour sign-up for fall last year was awesome. So awesome that we will do this again this year. The sign-up sheet is placed on the table in the Sanctuary. Coffee Hour will once again consist of your “group” preparing the coffee, providing treats, setting up, serving and clean-up. The church provides the needed paper products and beverages. It is an excellent opportunity for your group to welcome new members of the congregation and at the same time, give all members a chance to catch up with each other over a cup of coffee. The following groups have served in the past: Quilters, BAGS, Chancel, Church Council, Sarah Circle, Phoebe Circle, 4 Ushering Teams, Outreach, Scrapbookers, Tricia’s Troops, Confirmation students, “Friends”, “Pew Buddies”, Robotics, Fishing & Faith, Men’s Early Riser Bible Study, Dartball & WAMM. Start looking ahead at the September thru December calendars and see which date(s) might work for your group.
Volunteering at DMLC (continued)

OUTREACH FOR HOPE – FAMILY BIKE RIDE

September 9th is this year’s date for the Outreach for Hope Family Bike Ride. Register to ride, sponsor a rider or volunteer. There is a sign-up on the table in the sanctuary. They are asking you to join in the fun! **Pedal to prevent Poverty!!**

PANERA TUESDAYS

Unfortunately the end of July we will no longer receive Panera’s Monday night surplus of bakery. We have been receiving these items since March of 2005 and are very grateful to Panera Delafield for this opportunity to have provided these items to our members and others. Our thanks to the following members who over the past 12 years have made weekly late night trips to Delafield through rain, ice and snow to make sure the bakery was safely delivered to DMLC for early Tuesday mornings. And thank you to those who unpacked, served, and repacked the leftover breads: Sue McMahon (we could not have ever done this for so many years without your dedication), Mary Engel, Tom Dierbeck, Gordon Fleury, Mike & Caroline Driscoll, Kathy, Kurt, Micah, & Christian Kimball, John & Jane Easton, Gayle Broskowski and Kathy Vogt.

“Serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.” - 1 Peter 4:10

Bobbie Dierbeck, Volunteer Coordinator

FREE FOOD given to anyone in need

(no forms, no questions asked)
Bring your own bags or boxes

**Friday, August 24**

3—5:30PM or until supplies last
Outdoors at Roosevelt Pavilion, Oconomowoc

When: August 13, 2017
Where: Valvoline on Summit Ave
Time: 10:00AM—1:00PM

Help support our youth attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston by having your car washed.

Hope to see YOU there!
The ministries supported by the Family Bike Ride impact the lives of thousands in the greater Milwaukee area! The numbers are amazing – here are a few ways your support makes a difference:

- **7 medical clinics or parish nurses** are possible
- **16 summer youth programs** are supported
- **13 food pantries** are available
- **15 after school tutoring programs**
- **7,809 meals** and food bags (weekly)
- **6,000 people** welcomed weekly at OFH congregations

In honor of the 10th Annual Family Bike Ride, a generous donor has presented a matching challenge grant for **every dollar donated on-line** helping us reach this year’s goal of $110,000. Your donation has double the impact! Additionally, a generous Action Grant by Brennan’s and Pave ment Consulting will provide an additional **$25 for each registration**!

Join forces with hundreds of other bikers riding with a purpose by registering today.

It is easy to register for the 10th Annual Outreach for Hope Family Bike Ride on Saturday, Sept. 9, 2017 at St. Bruno Parish in Dousman. **Sign up now and Support** the bike ride at: [www.ofhbikeride.com](http://www.ofhbikeride.com) then **Share** the fun with others by emailing your friends a link to the web site and inviting them to participate with you. Riders of all ages are invited and encouraged to join.

Not able to ride a bike? Join in the **Support or Virtual** portion of this event and make a donation to Outreach for Hope or Volunteer to assist that day at [www.ofhbikeride.com](http://www.ofhbikeride.com) Check out the Volunteer Registration Button on the registration page to be part of the fun while assisting with setting up, greeting riders, door monitors, serving lunch, manning the rest stops, cheering at the starting/finishing lines, clean up and more.

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**Grass Cutting Schedule**

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Please mow prior to Saturday 5:00 service. In the event of a Wedding, please have the mowing completed by noon on Saturday. Thank you!!

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**Stewardship Report June**

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**Seasoned Lutherans**

Seasoned Lutherans" will take a vacation in August. We will meet again on September 27. Thanks go to all those who participated and those who enlightened our group during the year. If you know of a program that we would be interested in, please let the church office or Darlene Malkow know. It would be appreciated.
UNITY SERVICE & CHURCH PICNIC

on our lawn

August 27 at 10:00am

The Unity Service will be held in place of the regularly scheduled 5:00pm (Saturday, 8/26), 9:00am or 10:30am services that weekend.

This outdoor service will offer a time of worship and fellowship for the Church congregation.

Following the service will be a picnic.

The church will supply the brats, burgers and beverages; please bring your lawn chairs and a dish to pass.

For planning purposes please let us know the number of people attending:_________  

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

_______I will help set up games

_______I will help grill brats and burgers on Saturday, August 26

_______I will help set up Sunday, August 27

_______I will help serve food on Sunday, August 27

_______I will help clean up on Sunday, August 27

Name__________________________________________________________

Phone _______________________________________________________

Email_________________________________________________________