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a caring congregation reaching out to all

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Weekday Preschool for 3 & 4 year olds (May-Sept.)

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*Now to Him
who is able
to do
immeasurably more
than we can ask
or imagine,
to Him
be glory
for ever and ever.
Amen!
Ephesians 3:20-21*



The phone rings, your answer the call and what is the first word out of your mouth? More often than not it is the word "Hello". "Hello" is a relatively young greeting tracing its roots back only about 150 years in the 1000 year history of the English language. "Hello" and "Hi" are an adaptation of "Hail" which was the greeting used in

the middle ages. "Hello" found its beginning in the 1800 and was used to attract attention or surprise. It quickly fell into favor as a greeting during the advent of the telephone. Thomas Edison preferred the greeting "Hello" while Alexander Graham Bell would only use the greeting "Ahoy".

Although not as common as "Hello" we also use a special greeting at church. It takes place before the collect of the day, again at the beginning of the service of Holy Communion. The pastor speaks the words; "The Lord be with you" and the congregation responds "And also with you" or "And with your spirit". These words are so much more than a simple greeting. They convey a thought, a fact, a blessing upon the people of God. This interchange called The Salutation, finds its origin in the fields of Boaz as recorded in Ruth chapter 2.

"Now Naomi had a relative of her husband's, a worthy man of the clan of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz.² And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain after him in whose sight I shall find favor." And she said to her, "Go, my daughter."³ So she set out and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers, and she happened to come to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the clan of Elimelech.⁴ And behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem. And he said to the reapers, "The LORD be with you!" And they answered, "The LORD bless you."'" (Ruth 2:1-4 ESV)

This Salutation has a dual purpose. First, it is a verbal indicator that something important is about to take place. In the collect we are preparing all of our thoughts, needs and desires in one prayer and expecting God's answer in His Holy Word soon to be read. Second, it is a blessing spoken to remind us of the reason we are gathered together.

God is with us. When we speak this salutation we are proclaiming God's promise that He is "Immanuel, God with us", and that His blessings and presence draw us together in harmony, peace and love.

A simple little exchange in our church liturgy yet, packed with meaning and importance. It's called the Salutation, and used as a greeting yet, in our modern practice it fits more closely to our farewell wishes. We use the word "Hello" as a greeting, but our "Good Bye" is derived from the abbreviated form of "God Bless You". Either way at the beginning or at the end of our conversations, we focus on God's blessing us, His children" as "He is with us always even to the end of the age! "

The Lord Be with you.....

*Serving Christ with you,
Pastor Bob Weidmayer +++*



Summer is here and our traditional Sunday School is on vacation. That doesn't mean that there aren't opportunities for bible study.

- ❖ **Family Bible Studies at 10:45 AM** (following the 9:30 service)
- ❖ **Wednesday Bible Study – 11 AM-Noon**
at Parkwood Heights, 1340 Parkwood Drive, Macedon

2017-2018 SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BEGIN ON SEPT. 10TH – RALLY DAY! Notecards will be coming to homes later this summer. We hope to see you there! If you are interested in helping as a teacher or assistant, please see Linda Braun (315) 538-8725.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERINGS: Following a unanimous vote at the end of the 2016-2017 Sunday School year, the following organizations will benefit. \$165 will be benefit each of the following organizations.

1. **CJ First Candle:** in recognition of the NYC marathon being run by Karl Purvis.
2. **Diabetes Association:** in recognition of the race run by Christina Dushenko.
3. **GoEco.org:** to support the postage that was required to ship clothing to the children whom Katie Barnes is working with.

ATTENDANCE:				
June 18	8:30 AM: 56	11 AM: 70	Wed.: 19	Total: 145
	9:30 AM	Wed.	Total	
June 25	78	20	98	
July 2	79	28	107	
July 9	103	126	129	
July 16	87	20	107	

LONG TERM PRAYER LIST

Tom Meade (<i>Carpenter's friend</i>)	Gordon Hill	Doug Snyder
Bill Heltzel (<i>Nancy Wint's brother</i>)	Don Arnold	Glen Bastian
Nadine Printup (<i>friend of Mead's</i>)	Mia Howie	Karen Carey
David A. Kuehnert (<i>Don's brother</i>)	Vicki Secor	
Jack Garlock (<i>friend of Carpenters</i>)		
John Delehanty (<i>Kevin's father</i>)		
Shirley Netzband (<i>Jeff's mother</i>)		
Jack Scribner (<i>Gary's brother</i>)		
Lindsey Trullo (<i>Cindy's daughter</i>)		
Amy Gaesser (<i>Laura Hammerick's sister</i>)		
Mildred O'Neil (<i>Charlene Musfeldt's sister</i>)		
Kailee (<i>friend of Jean Heberle</i>)		
Linda Mancl (<i>Greg Zuege's sister in law</i>)		
David Wojick (<i>Lauree Meehan's brother</i>)		
Jon Means (<i>Gary Scribner's brother-in-law</i>)		
Jackie Dippert (<i>friend of Laura Hammerick</i>)		
Ruth Pfeiffer (<i>Carolyn Rosenzweig's mother</i>)		
Kenneth Soscia (<i>friend of the Buckingham & Jenkins families</i>)		
Jane Barmaster, Autumn & Emily (<i>Martha's family</i>)		
Steve Preston (<i>Roger & Kathy Carpenter's friend</i>)		
Jennifer Knoblauch (<i>Pastor & Jackie's daughter</i>)		
Alex Schwendemann (<i>Nicky Kirsch's nephew</i>)		
Charlene & Katie (<i>friends of the Barmaster family</i>)		



THANK YOU for all the prayers and positive thoughts. I am doing quite well, and all reports have shown that I am "in the clear"! -- Paul Meyer

SERVANT LEADER SCHEDULE	
August 6	9:30 AM
Greeter	Ed & Luann Holtz
Reader	Debbie Beiderbecke
Ushers	Don Musfeldt & Don Kuehnert
Comm. Asst.	Cindy Trullo & Lauree Meehan
Acolyte	Adam Smith

August 13	9:30 AM
Greeter	Bob & Becki Purvis
Reader	Martin Rosenzweig
Ushers	Dale & Cheryl Power
Comm. Asst.	Jen Barnes & Kathy Carpenter
Acolyte	Haylee Walters

August 20	9:30 AM
Greeter	Ed & Luann Holtz
Reader	Linda Armstrong
Ushers	Jeff Netzband & Gerald Case
Comm. Asst.	Linda Braun & Carolyn Rosenzweig
Acolyte	Tamsyn Kuehnert

August 27	9:30 AM
Greeter	Karen Scofield
Reader	Ann King
Ushers	Steve Maier & Howie Barnes
Comm. Asst.	Lisa Maier & Karen Joslyn
Acolyte	Mikey Kirsch



August: Linda Braun & Carolyn Rosenzweig



MEMBERSHIP CHANGES granted at Church Council 7/10/17. At their requests, the following memberships were released: Gregory Welch
Darcy Geddis

It is with our fondest wishes and prayers, we grant them both peaceful releases. May they continue to walk in faith with our Lord, Jesus Christ.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Katherine Barnes, Howard C. Barnes
- 2 Nancy Frederes
- 3 Danielle Hinman, Jason Snyder, Everly Prostka
- 4 Marlea Howcroft, Debbie Torkelson, Ted Veit
- 5 Leah Post, Katelyn Post, Julie Gietler
- 7 Nancy Rees
- 8 Steve Benson, Ruth Brewer
- 9 Mary Ann Bauer, Kyle Scribner, Glenn Banke, Zachary Evans
- 10 Brett Bastian, Jennifer Barnes, Sarah Lents
- 11 Ed Bastian, Jr., Terrill Mead, Sydney Webster
- 12 Marge Laws
- 13 Christina Dushenko, Kiel Hansen, Mike Dushenko
- 14 Andrew Weaver, Leah Boerman
- 15 Leonard Christopher
- 16 Velda Miner, Matthew Weaver, Lauren Turner
- 17 Kim Bastian, Olivia Rodas
- 18 David Kuehnert
- 19 Matt Meehan
- 22 Jennifer Wall, Michael Biehl, Andrew Kemler
- 23 Lisa Hinman, Scott Secor
- 24 Jon Delehanty
- 25 Amy Mackey, Dean Varley, Mikel MacMillen
- 26 Ron Ferris
- 27 Pat Welch
- 28 Ray Jenkins, Tom Packard
- 31 Mollie Biehl, Jamie Vokes



BIG CHURCH NIGHT OUT WITH NEWSBOYS NOVEMBER 18TH

If anyone is interested in going
please see Jen Barnes
([585-261-7603](tel:585-261-7603))

We would like to get a group together to go. Group tickets are only \$18.



FARMINGTON FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL

Farmington Town Hall Park (County Road 8 & Collett Road)
Saturday, August 12 -- Noon-5 PM

Kids Crafts, Food & Craft Venders, Local History Booths
Animal Exhibits, Games, Live Entertainment
Demonstrations (Robotic, Fitness, Karate)
Community Service Group Activities
Exhibits by Farmington Fire, Water, & Highway Depts.
Sheriff's K-9 Unit, as well as NY State Police.
Join the fun! Admission is free!





WHAT IS FAMILY PROMISE OF ONTARIO COUNTY?

Family Promise of Ontario County (FPOC) is an interfaith non-denominational not-for-profit network organized to help children and families in Ontario County become sustainably independent. FPOC is one of 200 Family Promise affiliates successfully operating across the country.

FPOC provides a way to help those families who have experienced crisis situations to get themselves back to independence. Did you know that in 2015 over 50 families and 216 students in Ontario County were reported homeless? There are very few places equipped to take in whole families when a crisis occurs, and many times, in temporary living conditions, parents and children are separated. Also, some of the crisis living situations are unsafe, and often it is difficult for children to continue going to school. FPOC is more than providing shelter, meals and support. It is about keeping entire families together while they work toward having a home of their own.

The FPOC will give homeless families in our community temporary safe shelter, meals and assistance in job and home search while they get back on their feet. Host churches will provide 3-4 families with a place to sleep and meals for one week at a time. Helper churches will provide assistance with food and fellowship for the families. During the day families will be transported to the day center in Canandaigua where they will be able to shower, do laundry, and receive assistance in employment and housing searches, and children will be transported to and from school. At this time 15 churches in Ontario County are committed to being host churches and four are signed up as helpers.

February 11, 2018 is the planned date for opening the Family Promise of Ontario County program. Before that can happen many things will be needed. The day center needs to be renovated, and that is scheduled to begin in the very near future. Volunteers – individuals, service groups, scouts – are needed to help with all aspects of the remodeling. Materials for the renovations will be needed, and tax-deductible donations are always welcome.

For more information, visit www.FamilyPromiseOntarioCounty.org



PRESCHOOL NEWS

While our students are soaking up the sun and playing in the pool with their families, our staff is hard and work preparing for

the best school year ever!

We are very excited to announce that we have hired a new teacher. Tari Orsburn is very familiar with our program, as her son attended here for two years. She also holds Bachelor's Degrees in Early Childhood Education and Literacy. More about Tari in the September newsletter...

If you get a chance, take a walk out to the Education Building. You will notice that we are "sprucing up" both the Preschool Room and the main area. We're painting, carpeting and waxing the floors. A new look for Fall! Also, the playground will be freshly mulched before the children arrive in September.

Our 4's/Multiage class is almost full, however our 3's class has several openings. Please consider making us your choice for your child's preschool experience! Contact Lynda Scribner, Director, for more information.



MANY THANKS to all who supported my daughter Christina on the 100 mile ride in the Tour de Cure. She raised \$1293.52 which enabled her to ride the full 100 miles as a Champion. She has always been a champion to me. Thank you again to all who were able to support her through donation and prayer.

-- *Working for a Cure, Mary Zuege*

LCMS YOUTH MINISTRY WILL HOST A FREE WEBINAR

“Faith On the Field: The Vocation of an Athlete” — August 23, 1 PM.
The Lord has gifted many of our youth with athletic skills and abilities.




How are they to live out the faith in the field of competition?
How can they love their enemy and try to defeat them at the same time?
What does it look like for youth leaders to support youth involved in sports?
Come learn how to encourage youth in what it means to honor God and love your neighbor in the athletic vocation. Register Online:

www.anymeeting.com/AccountManager/RegEv.aspx?PIID=EC57D680824831

Email webinar questions to youth.ministry@lcms.org



AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Bible Study 11 AM @ Parkwood Heights Worship, 7PM	3 Pumpkin Hook Carnival Noon: VBS online registration closes	4 Pumpkin Hook Carnival & Parade	5
6 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Worship, 9:30 AM	7 Debbie -off	8 Debbie -off	9 Debbie -off Bible Study 11 AM @ Parkwood Heights	10 Debbie -off	11 Debbie -off	12 
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, 9:00 AM TO NOON						
13 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship, 9:30 AM	14 	15	16 Bible Study 11 AM @ Parkwood Heights Worship, 7PM	17	18	19
20 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost Worship, 9:30 AM <i>Good News Gazette</i> deadline	21	22	23 Bible Study 11 AM @ Parkwood Heights GNG assembly, 9:30 AM Worship, 7PM	24	25 	26
27 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Worship, 9:30 AM	28 Preschool Meet the Teacher Night 6:30-7:30 PM	29	30 Bible Study 11 AM @ Parkwood Heights Worship, 7PM			