Annunciation is a place...

To be included

To be honest

To be empowered

To be challenged

To find hope



Parish News

for the Week of Sunday, April 14, 2024

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REVIVE/GRACE Healing Service on Tuesdays

REVIVE/GRACE - Healing and Prayer Ministry for all people and all life's challenges.

We seek to offer all people a place to be honest and vulnerable in our difficulties, transgressions, or traumas so that the Savior of the world might transform those vulnerabilities with strength in Jesus.

We've all got "stuff." REVIVE/GRACE calls a community of people from all walks of life to deal with the "stuff" of life through the 12 steps, upheld through scripture and a relationship with Jesus Christ. All are welcome on Tuesdays at 4:00pm.



Scouts Pancake Breakfast

On April 28th, from 8:00 to 12:00pm the Troops and Pack will be hosting an appreciation pancake breakfast for the church members of our charter. This is our way of saying "Thank You!" for allowing us to be part of the community. There will be no charge, though a donation will be gladly accepted.

Parish Planning Sunday

Mark your calendar for Parish Planning on May 5th after church. Vestry will provide treats for coffee hour that day.

Actions for Peace and Justice

What does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8

We hear these words in today's first reading, from the Acts of the Apostles. We have a description of how the new age brought through Jesus's death and Resurrection, through the power of the Holy Spirit could be. Our world looks very different, yet we can have hope to, in whatever way we can, work toward a new age, God's Kingdom on Earth. The killing, by the Israeli military in Gaza, of eight workers for the World Central Kitchen calls us to act for the hungry, both in charitable donations and advocacy for change. There are agencies like the World Central Kitchen that have food for the suffering people living in Gaza, delivery is a difficult and dangerous endeavor. What can we do beyond donations? Pray for and advocate for a ceasefire in Gaza.

Resources for understanding, prayer and action:

New York Times article by the Founder of Work Central Kitchen: "Let People Eat."
Resources of the Episcopal Church

Office of of Government Relations, advocate for a ceasefire in Gaza The Episcopal Relief and Development work in the Middle East

There is also a great need for food for hungry people locally. Local food pantries are seeing an increase in requests for food. Donations to food banks are critical; monetary donations are the most effective support. Let's do some research. Find out what our local food pantries need and how to donate. Check out their website or call.

Let's make a list for our congregation.

Resources for acting locally:

Daily Herald article, "Increasing Need Locally."

Here is Deacon Anne's research Local Food Pantries: Open Arms Mission in Antioch Sharing Center in Trevor, Wisconsin.

Let's see what we can add to this list.

Sunrise Sunday Service

Please consider joining our weekly teams who take communion to Sunrise Assisted Living. For more information speak with Elizabeth Danos or Deacon Linda.



Wednesday Book Study

After Easter, we will begin our Wednesday Book Study! We will start with the book When Everything Is On Fire: Faith Forged from Fire by Brian Zahnd. We will begin 4/17 at 10:00am. Please join us! For the first class, please read the Forward, Prelude, and Chapter 1.



"Renovate what needs to be renovated, throw out what needs to be thrown out, deconstruct what needs to be reconstructed, and even let some of it burn, but don't burn it all down."

Vestry Meeting Date

Vestry meets on April 21st at 10:45 am

Pentecost Readers

Would you like to read the Pentecost Acts of the Apostles lesson in a different language this year? Yes? Let Pastor Jenni know what language you will use by May 12th.



Community Meals

Save the date for June: our next Community Meal at Christ Church will be on June 30.



Parish Life

Thank you to Elizabeth Danos and Linda Gigiano for your delicious treats last Sunday. This Sunday, Leanne Ulmer will be hosting our coffee hour. Thank you ahead of time, Leanne.

If you have not taken any jelly beans left over from the Easter centerpieces, there are some still on the kitchen pass thru. If you have not had your fill of jelly beans,

by all means, please take some.

Have you checked out ALL the jigsaw puzzles on the puzzle swap table? They are displayed nicely now on a big table so you can really check them out. If you find some you like, borrow one or two and have fun with them. Just bring them back when you have finished them. There are a lot of Christmas ones there but who cares what they are, they're just fun!!!!

Thank you to everyone who has been signing up to host coffee hour. We have all the way to the end of May filled in. But we have a lot more Sundays in the year so if you could please check your calendars and volunteer for a few Sundays later on, it would be terrific. The signup sheets are on the signup wall in the Parish Hall. It seems that most people prefer to use the paper signup sheets so we have gone back to that.

It is relatively easy to host. I come in early and make the coffee and will normally also set up all the cups, plates, napkins, creamer, sugar, etc. for you. I try to have festive plates, etc. for as many Sundays as possible. You need to bring the food and clean up afterwards. It is pretty easy.

If no one signs up, we will just have coffee and juice.

If you have any questions, please see Andrea Lindblad or Miriam Berry.



American Family Field (Miller Park) Parish Fundraiser

Who: 8 volunteers and a few alternates per game. Leanne Ulmer and Bill Hagan will be the coordinators for each game.

What: Selling concessions at 8 (eight) Milwaukee Brewers Games.

When: Dates: May 27, 28, 29, 30 and Aug. 12, 13, 14, 15. *Based on 8 games and needing 8 volunteers per game we would need each volunteer to work 2-3 games.

Where: American Family Field, Milwaukee Wisconsin

Why: Goal is to raise \$8,000. Fellowship, fun and outreach!!

Game times vary from 12:10pm with a ballpark report time of 9:00am to 7:10pm with a ballpark report time of 4:00pm. Most games are 3 hrs or less and we close the concession stand after the 7th inning or midway through the 8th inning and begin our clean-up. So, figure arriving back to church approximately 4 hours after game start time.

Please let Leanne Ulmer or Bill Hagan know as soon as possible if you are interested in helping or learning more about this vital fundraiser.



Home Communion - Extending the Table

We can send communion out to our members who are unable to join us for Sunday worship. If you would like to have a Eucharistic Visitor or a clergy member visit on Sunday, please email Pastor Jenni or Tom Crafton to get on the schedule.



PADS Lunches and volunteers!

The PADS team would like to invite additional volunteers to help in making the lunches. If you are interested, please speak with Pam Meyers.

Our team provides lunches to PADS twice each month. We purchase the food and supplies to make those lunches a reality. If you would like to contribute to this ministry of PADS, please note on the check or mark on the envelope, **PADS**.



News from Fort Dauphin and the Friends of Toliara

Well, not too much is happening in Madagascar right now. We think everyone is tired out from Holy Week.

We have been asked to keep Rev. Antsa, a priest in Amboasary in our prayers. She will be having her third baby sometime this

month (April) and knowing how medical things work (or don't work) in Madagascar always makes for a nervous time. I just found out that at least for first babies, the mother-to-be will go to live with her mother to have the baby there then stay at the parents' home for several months. We don't know if this happens for subsequent babies or not. So instead of the grandma coming to the baby's home to help out, the baby goes to the grandma's house.

If you recall, Fiadanana, the education coordinator for the Diocese of Toliara, had had an accident with one of the Diocesan motorbikes and was out of work for about a week. Those of us on the sponsorship and education committee were concerned about his not having a helmet. He has since gotten a helmet and is zipping around the Diocese on the bike. At the bottom of this article is a picture he posted on Facebook a couple days ago.

The end of school for our kids will be the end of June. They will be off until the beginning of September. Remember, Madagascar is in the Southern Hemisphere so this will be their winter. Of course, it is not very cold there.

Hopefully soon we will have some updates on the water filter project, how the kids finished their school year and other information on easier communications with our kids.

If you have any questions about the "Giant Red Island", please see Miriam Berry.



Publicity Committee

We are looking for volunteers to join with the Wardens and Rector to form a publicity committee to start working on spreading the good news of our parish. If you are interested, please speak with Charles O'Morchoe or Pastor Jenni.

Digital Vergers

We are calling for a few more volunteers to help with the broadcasting of our Sunday worship. If you are interested in being one of our Digital Vergers, please talk with Beth Hagan, Charles O'Morchoe, or Pastor Jenni.

Annunciation Book Club

The book list is set for the 20th year of the Annunciation Book Club. The club is open to all and if you would enjoy getting together over zoom or at a host's home, if there is sufficient interest, to discuss a book and enjoy some treats, we would love to have you join us. We meet most months on the first Monday of the month, moving to the second Monday in holiday months. A highlight of our year is the book exchange and potluck in December. The book list and schedule can be found on the communication wall at church, on the website or in the parish news. If you have any questions, please email <u>Deb</u>.

Click here to see the list of books

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Links to Zoom Worship for this Week

Sunday Worship |9:00 am

Join Sunday Worship Meeting ID: 829 7113 4278 Passcode: 087501

Monday Morning Prayer | 8:30am

Join Morning Prayer

Meeting ID: 854 3455 6030 Passcode: 429149

Tuesday Morning Prayer | 8:30am

Join Morning Prayer

Meeting ID: 812 3791 9123 Passcode: 832106

Wednesday Morning Prayer | 8:30am

Join Morning Prayer

Meeting ID: 828 3206 9054 Passcode: 528453

Thursday Morning Prayer | 8:30am

Join Morning Prayer

Meeting ID: 871 5804 8836 Passcode: 001151

Friday Morning Prayer | 8:30am

Join Morning Prayer

Meeting ID: 897 1519 6205 Passcode: 424496

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Submissions due Thursday morning.
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Food Tidings Meal Ministry

Surgery? New birth? If you need a little help with supper, contact Samantha. Food Tidings

During the week:

Pastoral emergencies: 847-336-3730 The Church office is open Monday -Thursday, 8:30am to 2:30pm.

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