

# North Valley Message

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## Maggie's Musings

Dear Friends,

I have a confession to make as I write this last "Maggie's Musings" for the newsletter before my retirement on August 31. Of all the tasks that a pastor has, the one I disliked the most was to write the monthly article for the newsletter. I never felt I had a gift for writing, so it always seemed like a chore to try and write an interesting and/or spiritual article. Oftentimes, the Holy Spirit would zap me with an idea, but overall it seemed like a chore.

One thing I did not consider a chore was the promise that I made to you when I first came here. I told you I would love you unconditionally, and I hope you have always felt that love. I have felt your love. Thank you!

It's hard to believe that I have been here 17 years. As they say, time flies when you are having fun! I went through all of the annual reports for the last 17 years. What a great trip down memory lane! Memories of mission (both global and local), milestones, and mutual ministry. What comes to mind?

**Worship...** Hundreds of baptisms, first communions, confirmations, weddings, funerals and memorial services, for members and non-members. Worship services on Sundays and Wednesdays... inside, outside, at home worships (Sunday before Thanksgiving... we did it way before COVID-19!), joint Lent and Thanksgiving worship services (where we introduced the Home Altars for Lent and the "Bread Litany" for Thanksgiving to surrounding congregations), Holy Humor Sunday, and the Sunday **Paul Oman** joined us and painted a picture of the Transfiguration, which is hanging in our Mission Addition.

**Outreach...** North Valley had a great history of global mission with **Lutheran World Relief**, involving our faithful quilters. We added the sponsorship of **missionaries in Japan** in 2005 for global mission,

but we also added to our local mission with the **Good Samaritan Fund** in 2005 that has graced our surrounding communities with over \$100,000; the **Giving Tree at Christmas** time started in 2005; we adopted **Christmas Cabin at Luther Point Bible Camp**, where De Olson painted a mural on the wall; the **prayer shawl ministry** started in 2007, **jail ministry** started in 2007, our **cooperative years with Milltown and Fristad** started in 2013 for 3 ½ years where we introduced them to our Wednesday Evening Education concept and together we held Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University.

**Faith Formation...** many **Bible and book studies** were done through the years, but some highlights include Alpha in 2007-2008 with First in Cushing and Faith Fellowship in Luck; the Andy Griffith Bible study in 2008 that ended at the Taylor Home Bed & Breakfast in Clear Lake with our picture in the paper; and in 2017, year of the 500th celebration of the Reformation, we invited local Lutheran congregations and their pastors to join us in study of Lutheranism. Then, there was the fun of **Vacation Bible School**, at times with Luther Point Bible Camp leading it, or jointly with First in Cushing and Luck Lutheran or with Milltown and Fristad, or just by ourselves when we held an all age VBS in our backyard, "Jerusalem Marketplace," with attendance of 75 per day, topped off on the last day with a visit from Jesus! Our **milestone ministries program** that has supplied "Splash" packets to newborns for the first 3 years of life, quilts when born, faith chests at baptism, story Bibles at age 3 and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, confirmation stoles and shawls, key chains for new drivers, and quilts for seniors. Also, the **trip to Israel** with 14 of us in 2008 led by me was very memorable... 5 from North Valley.... Gwen Morrissette, Lori Sloper, Cindy and Mike Mabry, and Mary Ann Sloper, together with members from Bone Lake Lutheran, Justin Swanson from First in Cushing, and others from the Duluth/Superior area.

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## Missionaries in Japan

The missionaries we are now sponsoring are Patrick and Jacqueline Bencke in Japan. The cost is \$20 per Sunday. See sign-up sheet. Please be sure to label your donation as a "missionary gift" which may be left in the offering plate. Thank you for your consideration of sponsoring our missionary in Japan.

**SPONSORS ARE NEEDED FOR OUR MISSIONARIES.**

## Mission and Social Action



## Lutheran World Relief

We continue with our Mission Project to collect items for Lutheran World Relief. Kits will be packed in late August or early September. I encourage you to view online at Lutheran World Relief videos regarding the contents and packing of the kits. Our sample kits are set up on table in church entry. Lists of all items needed for kits are available on table for you to carry in your wallet or purse. Let's **all** get involved and join the hunt to collect items for all the kits Please leave any items for donation in the baskets in church fireside room. Thank you for your generosity.

Some important guidelines to remember:

Please give new items only, except where otherwise noted.

Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages, or your group's name.

Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.

Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.

All items should be new and in good condition.

Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

### **BABY CARE KITS** Sizes up to 24 months

***Gently used and clean items can be substituted for new ones.***

2 lightweight cotton t-shirts

2 gowns or sleepers without feet

2 receiving blankets up to 52" square

4 cloth flat fold diapers

1 jacket, sweater or infant sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap

2 pair baby socks

1 dark colored hand towel

2 bath size (4-5 oz) bars gentle soap in original wrapping

2 diaper pins

(No washcloths) (Onesies or footed sleepers will need to be cut off and hemmed)

### **FABRIC KITS**

2 pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric (no knits or 100% polyester); fabric should have no stains or holes and be cut into a piece measuring:

2 ¼ yds of 60" wide fabric /OR 3 yds of 44" wide fabric / OR 4 yds of 36" wide fabric

2 spools of matching general-purpose thread 250-300yds. (No needles or buttons)

## Maggie's Musings

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Oh! Can't forget **Youth Trips:** Valley Fair in summers, Youthworks Mission Trips to Georgia and South Dakota; Sr Hi kids to Godstock, Middle School Gatherings; ELCA National Youth Gathering in Texas, and a confirmation overnight in Superior/Duluth to visit a synagogue and Twin Ports Ministry to Seafarers.

**Building improvement....** the **outdoor sign** built in 2004 by Jerry Baerg and Aaron Kuenkel with the garden area around it planted by the Sunday School to familiarize people with North Valley; **A/C in the sanctuary and an electronic keyboard** in 2009 gifted by Russ Johnson; a new **septic system** in 2009; a back deck on the parsonage in 2009; a **new roof** about that time as we had hail damage in a storm; the **"Mission Addition,"** was added to our existing church building in 2011, costing \$320,000. We took out a loan for \$275,000 that was paid off in 7 years. A **memorial garden** was established in 2012, inspired by Patti Ditlefsen after her death. This year an **outdoor electronic sign** will be installed.

**Celebrations...** we celebrated North Valley's **125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** in 2004. It was glorious. Most of the planning had already been done before I came to North Valley in 2003, so I just sat back and enjoyed every minute of it! We also had a great celebration when the **mission addition** was finished, and then again 5 years later. Then we decided to have the **140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** celebration last year. North Valley has touched the lives of so many through the years! At the last 3 celebrations, we featured a special hymn, "Praise and Thanks be to our Father," with words written by Pastor O O. Risvold and translated from Norwegian into English by Mable Berg. The hymn tune, "North Valley" was written by **Layton "Skip" James, retired principal harpsichordist with the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra** (and former neighbor of mine... see <https://lakesareamusic.org/people/layton-skip-james/>). Skip was directing the Bethel Lutheran Church of Hudson, WI, and they came on a Sunday to sing for us.

### More Celebs Meet North Valley...

My brush with TV personalities was also a highlight because of North Valley. The first one was in 2008 because of the prayer shawl ministry. I knew that

### Michael Learned (see

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michael\\_Learned](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michael_Learned)), who played Olivia Walton on the TV show "The Waltons," had a cabin in the area. I learned that her husband had been hospitalized in the Cities with a serious illness, so I thought she could use a prayer shawl. Not only did I get to meet her later at the Festival Theatre in St. Croix Falls when she was there, but she also sent me a personal thank you note. Also, Michael was present for one of the Suicide Awareness Walks in Balsam Lake that Tristan Divine of our congregation began to raise money for suicide prevention.

The next one was 2010, when we held the memorial service for **Harry C. Jones** (obituary at <https://www.startribune.com/obituaries/detail/11227605/>), who was a director and producer for WCCO TV from 1949-1986. He lived in later years with his daughter, Leslie Boerboon, in our Eureka Township neighborhood. He was the director for "Axel and his Tree House," which ran from 1959-1966 until the death of Axel, actor Clellan Card. A regular on his show was **"Carmen the Nurse," Mary Davies Orfield**, who then had the show "Carmen's Cottage" from 1966-77. Mary was here for Harry's funeral (I never will forget how excited Lois Baldwin was to have Carmen the Nurse at our church!). She died in 2014. Her obituary is at <https://www.startribune.com/obituary-mary-davies-orfield-tv-s-carmen-the-nurse/244809361/> **Tom Tipton** sang for the service. Tom was a gospel singer who sang for Vice President Hubert Humphrey's funeral. He was an amazing man who just died this year. His obituary is at <https://www.gearty-delmore.com/obituary/thomas-tipton> He was so taken with our little country church and the funeral service that he gave me two of his CDs.

Axel would always end his show with a little saying. I used that saying at Harry's funeral, and I will end with that saying today, "Birdie with the yellow bill, hopped upon my window sill; Cocked a shining eye and said, 'Goodbye North Valley, and thank you for all the love and joy you brought to me.'" (Pip-poooh)

Blessings with a grateful heart,

*Pastor Maggie Isaacson*

## Lutheran World Relief

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### SCHOOL KITS

- 4 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled paper approx. 8 ½ X 10 1/2". NO LOOSE LEAF PAPER
- 1 30-centimeter ruler or a ruler with centimeters on 1 side and inches on the other
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- 5 new unsharpened #2 lead pencils with erasers
- 5 ball point pens (no gel ink)
- 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 1 eraser approx..2 ½" long
- 1 sturdy drawstring cloth backpack. **We have purchased backpacks – waiting to be filled!**

### PERSONAL CARE KITS

The very simple gesture of giving a Personal Care Kit can give someone the encouragement to start anew, starting with a bath. You can share God's grace and love by providing that simple comfort. No one likes to look dirty. A brand-new bar of soap lets someone present him or herself with dignity, keep hands clean and stay healthy. Those simple things are some of the very building blocks to success.

1 light-weight bath-size towel (20" X 40" to maximum 27" X 52"), dark color recommended [Be sure to shop for light- or medium-weight towels, which are easier for Kit recipients to hand wash and air dry, take up less storage space and are considerably less expensive than the fluffier towels we may prefer to use.]

- 2 bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in original wrapping
- 1 adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- 1 sturdy comb
- 1 metal nail clippers (attached file optional)

***For the Personal Care Kits – we have plenty of toothbrushes. We need combs, towels, and nail clippers.***

**SOAP** – any new bars of any brand soap in original wrapper – bath size (4-5oz) preferred.



### **Vacation Bible School (VBS) Online and at Home**

August is usually our time for VBS, but due to COVID-19, we felt it best to offer to you parents a choice of an online VBS program provided by our synod, the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin.

One is entitled "Simple Summer," where there are 12 total days of content that include an outdoor or nature activity, a creative snack or craft, and a prayer or poem.

The other is "Joy in My Heart," a 5 session VBS resource that focuses on generosity. The link is: <http://nswi.org/worship-faith-formation-at-home/summer-ministry>

*NOTE: These two programs are free, but there is another one that you may purchase.*

## Words of Thanks

In my farewell article, I did not mention staff. That was on purpose because I wanted to have a separate thank you to them, some of who are members of our church; some who have not been members.

I am so thankful for Mary Pollock, our Financial Secretary and Administrative Assistant. I have worked with her the longest and in the closest quarters so she knows me well! She has put up for 12 years with my monthly question, "When is the absolute latest I need to get my article to you?" I can't count all the times I have said to people who want an answer about something related to church... "just ask Mary!" Before Mary there was Dee Johnson, and before Dee was Patti Nelson. I appreciated all of their hard work and dedication.

I am thankful for Kristie Kuenkel, who is our custodian. I don't know how she can teach full time, do so much with Boy Scouting, and still have time for us! But I know this is "home" to her, where she has so many good memories, and most of the time, it is relaxing for her! Before Kristie was Patty Young and her husband, Art. Patty continued with us after the death of Art. I am so glad she comes back to visit with quilting.

## Benevolent Association News

As I retire, I want to make sure that all congregation members know about the North Valley Benevolent Association. It was formed in 1974 when Pastor Rob Lubben was here. The fund was started to assure the future of the North Valley congregation with interest money from a fixed principal sum in the amount of \$40,000 or more. It took quite a bit of faith and hard work to achieve that! In today's world, \$40,000 is a bit over \$220,000! The fund reached \$40,000 in 1990. Since then approximately \$90,000 has been given to North Valley Lutheran Church. The money was invested in mutual funds through American Funds, with an approximate current balance of \$140,000. The fund has been used for various items through the years, e.g., office copiers, payment towards the Mission Addition loan, purchase of propane gas for the year, and payment for the training for our parish nurse. The original Board of Trustees included Eldor Tandberg, Clifford Johnson, and Olva Johnson. The current Board of Trustees

I am thankful for Sue Saarem, who really knows "how to tickle the keys!" It is a joy to listen to her play. She also has great ideas and is rich in spirituality. I am thankful for the musicians who came before her... Mary Krull, Susannah Pruski, Adam Bever, and Cheryl Peper. Such wonderful musical talent!

I am thankful for Suzanne Grill, who said yes in 2018 to being our Parish Nurse on a volunteer basis. I hope Parish Nursing will be paid position in the future. I appreciate that the Benevolent Association paid for her educational training, and that people have stepped up to equip her with the needed instruments. It has been such a blessing for the congregation to have her in that position! She is passionate about nursing, as well as people's well-beings.

Also, behind the scenes there is much volunteer work that is done. I would start to name everyone, but I am sure I would leave someone out. You ARE appreciated!!!

Thanks for being a wonderful staff and thanks to all our volunteers!

In Christ's love,  
Pastor Maggie

elected on July 8, 2020, include Jeff Kruse (3 years), Kristie Kuenkel (2 years), and Bev Hopkins (1 year).

To be a voting member of the Benevolent Association, which is a 501(c)(3), one must give \$500, which is tax deductible. At the time of its inception, the North Valley congregation obtained 4 memberships and the Women's Group obtained one. Congregation delegates to attend the Benevolent Association annual meeting are appointed at the North Valley congregational annual meeting. Either a non-member or member of North Valley Lutheran can be part of the Association. If you would like to join the Benevolent Association, you may contact the financial secretary, Roger Johnson, at 715-825-4393. His address is 2227 200th Street, Centuria, WI 54824.

Elaine Cox has retired after many years as the financial secretary. Thank you, Elaine, for your dedication! The next annual meeting for the Benevolent Association is May 6, 2021 at 6pm.



# Luther Point BIBLE CAMP

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Thank you for being a partner in ministry with Luther Point Bible Camp. Our summer celebration is our biggest fundraiser of the year and we will rely on the income from it this year more than ever to continue doing great ministry.

*We are excited for the 32nd Annual Summer Celebration and Auction the week of August 2nd through the 9th*

We are putting an emphasis during this year's summer celebration on items at the heart of Luther Point's ministry that will assist us on opening our doors for summer 2021 when campers will be praising God on site again! Together we will thrive through this pandemic and continue to offer a beautiful place for people to come and encounter a very real and living God.

## Summer Celebration Online Auction is Coming

We have added more options to support Luther Point Bible Camp with the Summer Celebration online auction. You will be able to participate using your smart phone from where ever you are. Links for registration and viewing items will be coming soon; check Facebook and the webpage for the most up-to-date information. No smartphone, no problem give us a call.

### *New this Year* Premier Prize Drawing

For every **\$50** a person spends at Summer Celebration, auction items or donations, you will earn an entry into the drawing.

*Follow for prize details*

### *Donations Needed*

For the 32nd Annual  
Summer Celebration &  
Auction

Quilts, Gift Cards,  
Vacations, Crafts, Outings,  
Time Share, and  
Experiences

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# Schedule of Events

Sun, Aug 2	Mon, Aug 3	Tue, Aug 4	Wed, Aug 5
10am Viewing opens	6pm Camp Stories	6pm Road to Summer Celebration	6pm Auction Check-in
1pm Family Scavenger Hunt			
2pm Opening Worship			
Worship live streamed			
Tie-Dying After Worship			
<i>Engage online with Facebook, YouTube, &amp; Instagram</i>			
Thu, Aug 6	Fri, Aug 7	Sat, Aug 8	Sun, Aug 9
6:30pm Zoom bingo	6pm Campfire stories & songs	10:30am Garden box painting	3pm Worship
		12pm Lunch   Waterfront opens	4pm Auction Closing Winners announced
		12:30pm Bean Bag Tournament	
		6pm Online Auction update	

**\*Key**

In Person Events

Online Events

Registration will be taken for Garden Box painting, Zoom Bingo, and Bean Bag Tournament. Links can be found on the website, FB or <https://lpbc.breezechms.com/form/706c14>

**Auction viewing will be open from 10-7 on Aug 2,3,7,8; 10-3 Aug 9**

**Auction will close on Sunday, August 9th @4pm**

**Premium prize drawing will happen following the auction close livestream on FB.**



# The Bencke Family in Japan



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## Pentecost flowers

These were the altar flowers this past Sunday – fire lilies. I love how the tongues of fire seem to explode out of the “lily” at the base of the arrangement. As I gazed upon the arrangement while waiting for the service to start, I wondered, are the words I speak truly sourced from Jesus? Does my behavior and actions represent a holy spirit and a holy intention? Who would I be if I could somehow allow the Holy Spirit to “do whatever it wants with me?”

## Enough

Pentecost is one of those church holidays that, as a child, I never understood what all the fuss was about. Even now, I find it hard to describe why we call Pentecost a celebration of the birthday of the church. I suppose birthdays and celebrations are kind of on equal planes.

For us, Pentecost was our first Sunday back in the pews of Murozono Church after a period of worshipping at home. Everyone, of course, donned their masks, sat a good distance apart, and kept conversational contact to a minimum. There was no communion. There was no power point. There was only one instrument accompanying all of the hymns. No readers besides the pastor. Our pastor preached from the pulpit with a mask on. Hand sanitizer was put out at every entry point within the church building. Conversations after church were held at an unnatural distance. It was a little surreal to take it all in.

But here's the thing. As soon as we started singing our opening hymn, “Spirit of God, descend upon my heard,” an unearthly joy just overcame my weary heart. It was *enough* to just be together, to worship God with our voices joined as one choir, and to not have anything else to do or think about.

That was last week, just as the news was hitting Japan about the demonstrations happening across the United States. It is incredibly difficult to respond to people here who ask about it. I don't even know where to begin.

Does racism exist in Japan? For sure!!!! I was “profiled” once, harassed, detained, along the side of a road. It was about two months after Hannah

Some of the prayers of our hearts...

Come to our side, Lord, as your people seek justice, mercy, and to be heard. Be at our sides for the difficult conversations. Be present at the table while the kids ask tough questions. Be manifest in our words and deeds as we fulfill our work obligations.

Thank you, Lord, for reminding us that you are enough. You are the sustainer of our hearts. Continue to guide us through this valley and be our strength and courage during the steep upward climb into your grace.

For peace, Lord, we pray. As our family enters a new chapter of life, give our hearts balm as we traverse through the myriad of emotions in these coming weeks. May Emilie's farewells to her life in Japan be meaningful, and may her grief be matched with the joy and excitement of new opportunities.

was born. I had just gotten off the bus with two armloads of groceries and an infant in tow. It was dusk and I just wanted to get home. A police car flashed its lights, pulled over, got out of the car and approached me. The two police officers claimed that “there had been an increase in illegal residents” and they wanted to see if I had my “alien registration card” on me (I did). They questioned me for about 10 minutes. I was targeted because I did not look East Asian.

The police in Kumamoto are notorious for suddenly pulling over non-East-Asians and asking them to show proof of legal residence anywhere and anytime. Racism and discrimination are absolutely rampant in Japan, but it materializes a bit differently than it does in the U.S., and while I find the discrimination annoying and even frustrating, it is nothing like what Black Americans and other non-white ethnicities in America experience. The discrimination here doesn’t feel vitriolic. But it does make a guest of this society feel on guard all the time.

A couple of other examples, for a white, non-Japanese person to get a driver’s license, usually it takes 2 or 3 behind the wheel tests before they pass. For ethnically Korean or Chinese people in Japan? 8 to 10. Housing discrimination for Koreans and Chinese is also par for the course and the legal system tends to turn a blind eye to such complaints. Social networking, blogs, and other internet avenues are rife with the vitriol of hate speech. Even people who are considered “insufficiently Japanese” – those with one Japanese parent and another parent of another race are targeted. Chinese and Koreans are considered by Japanese to be a separate race.

As someone desperately in need of grace, I am a strong believer in Jesus, but a very imperfect follower. The weary hearts of the oppressed tug at me, like the woman who tugged at Jesus’ robe. But there are times when I just come up empty. I don’t know what to do, what to say, or sometimes even how to feel. That uncertainty challenges my faith in uncomfortable ways. But as a wise woman once said to me, “If the mountains were smooth, you wouldn’t be able to climb them.” Part of what it means to be a Christian is to take up the uncomfortable, prickly, heavy cross, and carry it. Another part of being a follower of Christ is to come alongside those who are carrying that cross already, and help carry that burden, together, toward the mutual destination of resurrected life.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT:**

##### **Bencke summer 2020 home assignment**

In April, due to the COVID-19 crisis, all travel for Chicago-based ELCA employees and global mission personnel was suspended. In addition, all global mission home assignments scheduled for the summer of 2020 have been cancelled. That includes our family. So, for those congregations who had requested a visit to your congregation this summer, unfortunately, we have had to cancel any plans or proposals that had been in the works. While there is not a plan in place yet for how home assignment might look in the future, know that we continue to keep you in our prayers, and are always grateful for the strong relationships we have with you. Please continue to let us know how we can pray for you.

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#### **ELCA— Global Mission**

If you are interested in learning more about the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America’s global mission and/or opportunities to serve, please visit: [www.elca.org/globalmission](http://www.elca.org/globalmission)

## Let's Celebrate . . .

### Baptismal Anniversaries

Aug 6 Daimyan Smith  
 Aug 8 Carly Eibs  
 Aug 10 Noah Cox  
 Aug 12 Myron Olson  
 Aug 14 Lori Sloper  
 Aug 18 Sean McIntyre  
 Aug 19 Axyl Fisk  
 Aug 27 Kim Tunheim  
 Aug 31 Brett Kuenkel

### Birthdays

Aug 2 Lynn Hallgren  
 Brynna Cox  
 Aug 8 Colton Buss  
 Aug 11 Maria Morales  
 Aug 12 Marisa Gehl  
 Aug 13 Marvin Sloper  
 Aug 14 Jenny Olson  
 Aug 15 Karyn Kruse  
 Aug 17 Elaine Cox  
 Noah Christner

### Wedding Anniversaries

Aug 10, 2013 Nate & Kelsey Melin  
 Aug 13, 1988 Jeff & Joni Stage  
 Aug 20, 1994 Aaron & Kristie Kuenkel  
 Aug 22, 1964 Craig & Elaine Cox  
 Aug 25, 2012 Bear & Cola DeNucci  
 Aug 29, 1981 Dan & Jackie Morales

## We have been praying for ...

Lois Baldwin, Cameron Collins, Sephonia Cowans, Scott Divine, Chyleen Johnson, Randall Krueger, Al Lunde, Amelia McKinney, Maria Morales, Teresa Studie, Dana Tellijohn, Jim Dishon (Suzanne Grill's son), Mark Hotzler (Mary Krull's son), Sharon Johnson (Anita Johnson's mother), Matt Kludt (Kristie Wagner's nephew), Abby Palmquist, Michael Trumble (Krueger's grandson)

**Military:** Tyler Brooks (Marine Corps), Austin Ostby (Paul & Kris Brooks's son-in-law), Arron Burns (Anna Hinde's cousin)

### Send words of encouragement:

Sgt. Tyler Brooks	SPC Burns, Arron
1846 Darby Dr E5	TF Javelin
Florence AL 35630	Unit #61378
	APO AE 09877-1378

### Nursing Home/Assisted Living/Homebound:

Home – Teddy Ditlefsen  
 United Pioneer Home – Frank Simon, Athelene Simon

### Prayer Chain



Donna Berg	715-825-2312
Myrna Anderson	715-825-2585
Carol Bengtson	715-646-2003
Jim & Gwen Morrisette	715-825-2318
Anita Johnson	715-554-3785
Mary Krull	715-554-3231

If you have any prayer requests, please contact anyone on the list, giving them as little or as much information as you wish. All info will be treated with respect and kept confidential.

## Thanks a Ton!

Thank you so much for allowing Josephine Inez Lone Livingston to be baptized. We would like to thank all for allowing us to use the kitchen area to celebrate Josie's baptism with family and friends. It meant so much to us! Thank you for the beautiful blankets, baptism book, recipe book, and Christmas ornament.

Thank you,  
 Anna, Daniel, Lucas, Eloise, and Josephine

## Pastor Maggie's Retirement Party on Sunday, August 30 – You're Invited!

Location: Jeff & Karyn Kruse's House | 2422 210th Street | Luck, WI  
 Organized by Pastor Maggie's Family

Jeff & Karyn have graciously agreed to have the party at their house, **beginning at 6:30pm**. A huge thank you to them! There will be food and yard games. Also, Maggie wants to "go out with a bang" so there will be **fireworks after the sun goes down!**

We ask that those coming do abide by best practices for social distancing at the gathering - (washing hands, not touching nose/face, 6 feet between family groups and/or try to keep that distance the best you can, masks encouraged). We know that a lot of folks are family and friends, yet we will be coming from a wide geographical area.

If you can't attend and you would like to send a card here is her address.  
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Noon Baptism (off-site)
2 9:30am Drive-In & Outdoor Worship with Holy Communion 11:30am Baptism 3pm Baptism <b>August 2-9 Luther Point Annual Summer Celebration</b> (see pages 6-7 for details)	3 11:30am Pastor Maggie attending Northwoods Homeless Shelter Board Meeting 6:30pm Confirmation	4 <i>Pastor Maggie's Sabbath</i>	5 9am Worship Committee	6 10:30am Book Club 1:30pm Jail Ministry	7	8 10am Baptism
9 9:30am Drive-In & Outdoor Worship <b>August 2-9 Luther Point Annual Summer Celebration</b> (see pages 6-7 for details)	10 6:30pm Confirmation	11 <i>Pastor Maggie's Sabbath</i> 7pm Council	12	13 10:30am Book Club 1:30pm Jail Ministry	14	15 Noon Baptism (off-site)
16 9:30am Drive-In & Outdoor Worship Baptism during or after worship	17 6:30pm Confirmation	18 <i>Pastor Maggie's Sabbath</i>	19	20 10:30am Book Club 1:30pm Jail Ministry	21	22
23 <b>Confirmation Sunday</b> 9:30am Drive-In & Outdoor Worship <b>SEPT. NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	24	25 <i>Pastor Maggie's Sabbath</i>	26	27 10:30am Book Club 1:30pm Jail Ministry	28	29 10am Baptism (off-site)
30 <b>Pastor Maggie's Last Sunday</b> 9:30am Drive-In & Outdoor Worship 6:30pm Retirement Party at Kruse's with Fireworks at sundown	31 Pastor Maggie's Last Day	Sept 1	2	3	4	5

The vote on July 12 at the congregational meeting for the digital sign in front of the church passed 26 to 2 to spend up to \$20,000 for the sign. We already have people who will give \$4,000 towards the sign. Thanks in advance! If you want to donate towards it, write out a check and put in the memo line that it is for the digital sign, or if you donate online make sure to indicate that it is for the sign. Thank you to committee members, Joey Nelson, Jeff Kruse, Keith Simmerman, Donna Berg, and Dan Olson for working on this project.

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### Worship Schedule

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**Offerings** can be mailed to the office or given online at [nvlch.org](http://nvlch.org). You can also set up automatic giving through your bank.

### Staff

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8:30am-11:30am Thursdays

Please notify the church office if you have a new address or phone number.

**Newsletter articles** are due the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month.

**Bulletin announcements** are due Thursdays before 9:00am.

### **Staff & Church Council**

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Coming too soon — a farewell send-off for our Pastor Maggie after church service on August 30. Please bring written good wishes, tributes, meaningful experiences, and funny stories about our time with Pastor Maggie.

If you are unable to attend on the 30, please leave messages in the W/ELCA mailbox at the church.