

**TRUE  
BREAD**

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# THE TRUE BREAD

by Pastor Blake



I gained a new appreciation for bread during the last year. From talking with friends and watching news, I understand that I am not alone in this experience. During the pandemic, some of the surprising shortages we experienced were of flour and yeast. People who were stuck at home all day decided to take up baking, and this surge made it nearly impossible at times to find yeast at the store. Our older daughter was among the new bread bakers of the pandemic. But just as she was getting the hang of it, we ran out of yeast. A few days later she was talking with some of our friends who had been baking with a sourdough starter. They gladly offered some to her, and she was back to making

bread! Sourdough starter is amazing. With wonder, I watched it grow on our counter as our daughter nurtured and fed it, just as she was instructed by her friend. The idea that something all around us, yet not visible - naturally occurring yeast - can create this dough that turns into something so delicious, is still astounding to me!

During August, our gospel readings will focus our attention on bread. Every Sunday, we will get a new insight into bread and into who Jesus is for us: the bread of life. Jesus, in speaking to his followers, uses the image of bread to demonstrate that, even compared to all the great things God has done before, God's greatest miracle is in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Jesus, the bread of life, is a greater miracle than the manna God sent in the desert to feed the starving Hebrew people (Exod. 16:14), greater than the bread the angel brought to restore Elijah (1 Kings 19:4-8), greater even than the loaves Jesus had just multiplied to feed a crowd of more than five thousand people (John 6:1-14)! In Jesus, God gives bread for the journey—not only for this life, but also into eternal life.

To Jesus' original audience, his claim to be the bread from heaven, the Son of God, must have sounded like outrageous blasphemy. "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know?" they say. "How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" (John 6:42). Who does this guy think he is?

Jesus' message is both outrageous and outrageously comforting: anyone who eats this bread will live forever. The Son of God meets us in this life and gives us real and certain hope for eternal life. Normal bread is amazing in its own right; manna is miraculous. But Jesus Christ is the true bread and the greatest miracle of all. "Taste and see that the Lord is good" (Ps. 34:8).

## Worship Information and Schedule for July 31 & August

Midvale's Re-entry Task Force, Worship Committee and pastors have been meeting regularly to create plans for returning to worship that are guided by public health guidelines, church recommendations and scientific information about the COVID-19 virus. Decision-making is also guided by caring for the vulnerable in our community, making sure we have enough volunteers to serve in needed roles for worship, and praying for the Holy Spirit's guidance. We take seriously the responsibility we have to care for and encourage the spiritual life of our community. We ultimately have faith

that it is not our doing, but the work of God's Spirit that keeps us connected in Christ and that bestows upon us the gift of God's grace and love.

At the time of this newsletter's printing, the prevalence of COVID-19 in Dane County as reported by Madison-Dane County Public Health is at a low level. Dane County is within the guidelines for safest gatherings as shared by the Wisconsin Council of Churches. In addition, our worship attendance is gradually increasing. Therefore, we are glad to be able to make the following changes to our worship schedule and recommendations:

- Saturday 5:00pm worship will resume in the sanctuary on July 31.

# PRAISE

- Beginning the weekend of July 31/August 1 there will be two indoor worship options each weekend, Saturday at 5:00pm and Sunday at 8:00am. Also beginning this weekend, at both indoor worship times, mask wearing will be optional for the fully vaccinated. Masks are recommended for those who are not yet fully vaccinated.

- Sunday 9:15am Facebook Live online worship and Sunday 10:30am worship outdoors continue in August as in previous months.

Here are two important things to note:

- If there is an increase in COVID-19 infections in Dane County due to the Delta variant or other cause, our plans may change. Please watch for updates in the weekly email newsletter, "The Moments," and during announcements before worship.
- Greeters, ushers, Chancel Guild members, communion assistants, vocalists and lectors are all needed now or in the near future in order to support our worship. If you are not already doing so, and you are willing and able to serve in one of these roles, please contact the church office: [info@midvalelutheran.org](mailto:info@midvalelutheran.org) or 608-239-6778. Your service is greatly appreciated!

## Worship Schedule July 31 - August 29

**Saturday at 5:00pm in the Sanctuary**

**Sunday at 8:00am in the Sanctuary**

**Sunday at 9:15am Facebook Live online worship**

**Sunday at 10:30am outside, in the parking lot (and at Westmorland Park on August 15).**

## Holy Communion Offered on the Second and Fourth Sundays of the Month

The dates for holy communion in August are August 8 and August 22. Holy communion will be distributed using individual, prepackaged communion kits. Wine or grape juice will be available, and gluten free bread will also be offered. Those worshiping online may prepare holy communion elements on their own or pick-up the communion kits from church ahead of time from the church office.

## Worship at Westmorland Park Continues the Third Sunday of the Month

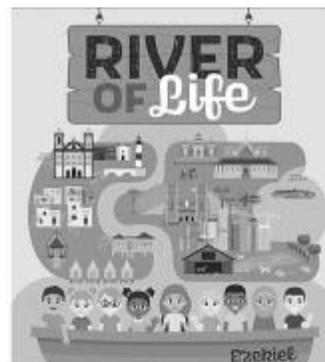
The regular 10:30am outdoor worship on August 15 will be at Westmorland Park. The park provides a beautiful setting under the shade of the trees. Everyone is also invited to bring a picnic lunch for themselves to enjoy after worship. It will be a great opportunity to share fellowship and connect with one another!



## Christian Country Witnesses August 8 at 10:30am

Our outdoor worship will feature lively country gospel music as we welcome back the Christian Country Witnesses. The band includes Midvale member Gene Nelson along with Ed Hunt, Jean Ruby and Steven Zych. They will play some old favorites and some original songs.

## River of Life Vacation Bible School: August 9-12, 9-11am



Participants will journey down the river to learn about God's gracious gift of water, stopping in Cambodia, El Salvador, Papua New Guinea, and Milwaukee along the way. Of course there will be music, games, crafts, and plenty of fun! Contact Brenda Goble for more information [brendag@midvalelutheran.org](mailto:brendag@midvalelutheran.org) or 608-238-7119.

## Life in God's Garden - Adult Bible School Summer 2021

The response to Adult Bible School (ABS) in June and July was tremendous. The attendance was large enough that the group met in the Fellowship Hall for many sessions. ABS continues into August, September and October. Read about the specific sessions in the schedule below. You can attend any session that is of interest to you. Please RSVP by the Sunday prior for each session you would like to attend by contacting the church office at [info@midvalelutheran.org](mailto:info@midvalelutheran.org) or 608-238-7119.

**August 25, Wednesday, 10:00am: Pastor Katie Baardseth.** "God writes the gospel not in the Bible alone, but on trees and flowers and clouds and stars." - Martin Luther. Our relationship with nature is receiving more focus as a vessel for healing and hope. Martin Luther believed strongly in nature's power to witness to the gospel. Pastor Katie will present on how nature sustained her during the pandemic, including images of nature from around Madison and the Wisconsin countryside.

**September 1, Wednesday, 10:00 am: "Digging In" to Garden Images and Story Lines with Pastor Gary Hein and Eric James.**

**September 9, Thursday, 9:00am-1:30pm: Morning Small Group Gathering at Lutherdale's new Adult Learning Center near Elkhorn, WI:** See article below.

**October 7, Thursday, 9:00am-1:30pm: Holy Wisdom Morning Retreat Worship, Reflection, Conversation including lunch:** Life in the Garden facilitated by Pastor Ken Smith and Deacon Judy Nolde.

## Midvale - Sugar Creek Rural/Urban Partnership Retreat

Thursday, September 9 from 9:00am to 1:00pm, you are invited to participate in the continued Rural/Urban partnership between Midvale Lutheran Church and Sugar Creek Lutheran Church. This Fall that partnership will continue in the form of a half day retreat at the brand new Hope Conference Center at Lutherdale Bible Camp. Pastor Ken Smith and Pastor Dick Inglett are collaborating to provide a morning of conversation, devotions and learning. There will be time for refreshments and an opportunity to catch up with each other. One of the learning sessions will focus on what we discovered as our congregations' values and priorities during the COVID-19 pandemic. The other learning session will use the Gospel of Mark to aid our congregations' healing and renewed empowerment for ministry. The morning will end with a lunch provided by Lutherdale's chef. For those who would like to enjoy Lutherdale's setting on the Lauderlakes, we are arranging for pontoon rides at 1:00pm provided by members of Sugar Creek Lutheran Church.

9:00am: Coffee and Welcome from Lutherdale  
9:30am: Opening Devotions – Ken  
10:00am: What we learned – Dick  
11:15am: Healing in Mark, Midvale and Sugar Creek – Ken  
12:00pm: Lunch  
1:00pm: Exit with option for pontoon boat ride on Lauderlakes.

## Choir Director Position Opening

Midvale is seeking a director for its vocal choir. Responsibilities include coordinating and leading the choir during scheduled weekly rehearsals and during worship at least three times per month from September to May, including worship on Easter and Christmas Eve, and once per month in the summer. Interested applicants should send a cover letter and resume to [info@midvalelutheran.org](mailto:info@midvalelutheran.org) by August 15. A full position description is available on the church website [www.midvalelutheran.org](http://www.midvalelutheran.org) or by contacting the church office (608) 238-7119. Please share this announcement with anyone you know who might be interested. Thank you!

## Education Wing Foundation Waterproofing Project Update and Thank You

By the time you receive this newsletter it is hoped that work will be completed on the north side of the Education Wing and good progress will have been made on the south side. This project will correct persistent water issues that have been causing damage to the lower level of the building for many years. In addition, insulation is being added to reduce energy usage. Thank you to everyone who has made a contribution to the project! We are about 90% of the way to our fundraising goal! If you would like to donate, mail a check to church with "Education Wing Project" on the memo line or give online from our website [midvalelutheran.org](http://midvalelutheran.org) using the "Give Now" button and selecting Education Wing Project from the dropdown menu.

*Waterproof membrane and insulation installed on the north side foundation.*



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## Red Cross Blood Drive at Midvale August 18

The West High School National Honor Society is coordinating a blood drive at Midvale in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, August 18 from 1:00-6:00pm. Anyone is welcome to donate blood during the drive. For an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code: Westhighschool.

## Lutheran World Relief Quilt Weekend - August 28-29

The quilts made at Midvale during the past year by our Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Quilters will be displayed and blessed during worship. After worship, they will be boxed up and sent across the globe to people in need or displaced because of natural disasters, war, famine or civil unrest. This long standing ministry of Midvale has continued even during the pandemic, and these tangible expressions of God's love will make a life-changing difference for those who receive them. If you would ever like to join the quilters, you are welcome to do so! They meet on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesdays of each month at 9:00am. If you have any baby care, personal care or school kits that you have assembled on your own to send along with the LWR quilts, please bring those to church on or before August 31. Visit [lwr.org](http://lwr.org) to learn more about the overall ministry of this relief and development organization.

## Help Needed - LWR School Kits

The Quilters and our Children's Ministry partner to make 75 school kits each year. The following items are still needed to complete school kits that will be assembled during Vacation Bible School.

- 269 - 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper
- 53 - pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- 50 - boxes of 16 or 24 crayons
- 21 - 30-centimeter ruler or ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- 14 - 2 ½" pink eraser

## MCLC Endowment Fund Application Deadline

**Consider submitting a grant request to the MCLC Endowment Fund.** Do you have a unique passion or interest that you feel can enhance the Church's work? Is there a gap in the service that the Church is currently providing to our members, the community or global missions? Are there improvements in our physical building or equipment that could better meet our members' needs and broaden the Church's missions?

**As we begin our year's final quarter, we are welcoming grant requests through October 15, 2021.** Application forms for grant requests are available through the church office or can be sent to you via email. Although most grant requests are submitted through a church committee, some past grant requests have been submitted by individuals. If you are interested in submitting a grant request and are not sure whether it should be approved by a church committee, feel free to reach out to one of the pastors or other members of the Endowment Committee with your questions.

### These three general areas guide the purpose of the Endowment Fund:

**Ministry:** visiting theologians, local and world mission support, health/healing ministry, congregational anniversary remembrances, campus ministry

**Education:** scholarships for academic or continuing education in religious studies, sponsorship of workshops/seminars or study programs, sponsorship of experiences that encourage personal growth in religion, sponsorship of a seminary chair

**Facilities:** special building projects and equipment purchases

**What if my committee has a past grant request that is still outstanding?** This question is of particular relevance as the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in many projects being delayed or postponed. Funding for an Endowment Grant that has been approved in the past will carry over until the completion of the project.

**Who should I contact with additional questions or if I want to make a gift to the Endowment Fund?** Please contact the church office at 608-238-7119 or [info@midvalelutheran.org](mailto:info@midvalelutheran.org), or speak with one of the pastors or members of the Endowment Committee, Derek Matzke, Magnolia Larson, Wayne Lembke, Anne Wuethrich, Stephanie Whalley, Jay Wians, and Susan Knowles.



Vica (left) with her wife, Stell, on the campus of Wartburg Seminary

## Message from Vica Steel

*This is a note of introduction and a thank you to our congregation from Midvale member Vica Steel. Vica connected with our church during the pandemic, and has been discerning a call to be a pastor. She is enrolled this fall to begin her studies at Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, IA, one of the ELCA's seven seminaries. Vica is one of three Midvale members who will be studying at an ELCA seminary this fall. The others are Kelsey Johnson, at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, and Elise Uphoff, at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. Please keep Vica and our other seminarians in your prayers as they journey through their studies.*

Let me introduce myself.

Some of you have met me, many of you haven't. And few here know the debt I owe to the congregation, the activists, and the pastors of Midvale Lutheran.

So let me begin:

I am a transgender woman. I am beginning the process toward becoming a Lutheran pastor. Does that cause you to wonder? It fills me with awe.

Please understand, those two sentences encompassing my identity and my path are not so simple in the reality of life. As a child I dreamed of becoming a priest, but I saw early that the path was closed to someone like me, even though to all the world I hid in the seeming of a boy. For decades I heard and saw and felt the way words of faith were transformed into weapons against folx like me, whether lesbian or gay or bisexual or transgender or just generally queer.

And maybe you understand all of that and maybe you don't. But here is what I want to say, here is what is truly important: despite the way hate and fear play out in this world, love overwhelms.

I have seen that truth in my life so powerfully since I came out. And please don't get me wrong, the hate and fear are still ever present. I have learned to take care in where I walk and where I stop to eat or have a drink or just to sit, but still, love overwhelms.

I felt that overwhelming love from my wife, my colleagues (mostly), my students, my friends and (most) of my family. And I felt it from the members and leaders of Midvale Lutheran. I felt it from you before you ever knew me.

You know the parable of the mustard seed? It is one of my absolute favorites. We sow heaven with even our smallest actions and our smallest loves.

Let me point to some of the seeds you planted along my path before you ever saw me walking it, and even more after.

Seed: A welcome in presence at Magic Pride Festival in 2019. I did not expect to see Lutherans (and Methodists) at a pride event. I did not expect any churches. I had lovely conversations and I may have spoken to some of you who stood for pride on that day. No one preached at me. No one tried to "bring me back". I was accepted, as were we all, just as we were.

Seed: A woman who has become a dear friend, Kirsti Johanson, offered me voice lessons. We met at Midvale Lutheran in the evening. It was the first time I had been in a church in decades. I was cautious. I can't recall how we wound up on the conversation, but she told me of the work Midvale was doing to be loud in your love and welcome. She told me how so many had recognized that a quiet acceptance was not enough, not in the face of the harsh messages of exclusion from so many other churches, she spoke of the necessity of active embrace and visible welcome.

Seed: I began sitting in on virtual worship. I heard so many powerful messages, including ones that addressed historic harm in the way passages had been interpreted, not just toward queer folx like me, but also toward neuro-divergent and disabled folx. I heard messages of overwhelming love.

Seed: I sat in on a forum and joined a team working on racial equity. I saw people gathering to stand together and learn and speak and work to change this world. And from that group I have met so many other activist leaders seeking ways to bring good into this world.

Seed: A book study of a queer lesbian pastor with so many present to read and listen and speak to a powerful truth. I can never tell you enough what it meant to have this book at this time, not just for the words of the author, but for the way members opened themselves up and laid themselves vulnerable to learning and challenge.

Seed: An art study to follow up that book, with so many baring their own inner selves in their work.

Seed: Every smile, every hello, every welcome.

Seed. Every smile. Every hello. Every welcome.

And I also have so much love for our pastors, Katie and Blake, for all they have done, whether through conversation after worship or the endless letters of reference that Pastor Blake has penned for me! Whew! It's a lot!

And so I have become a member of this church and felt the welcome of this congregation. And I begin my new path. I start at Wartburg Theological Seminary in fall and

6 I am filled with overwhelming love!

# SHARE

## Thank You for Your Offerings

Our ministry is on a solid financial foundation thanks to past donations, and there are many hopeful signs in our ministry at Midvale:

- We welcomed 31 new members in June.
- Summer Adult Bible School and Vacation Bible School are offering connections and opportunities to grow in faith for all ages.
- We offer individual care and assistance to those who are struggling, so that they find hope. One member shared, "I am so grateful to have the support of Midvale Community Lutheran Church at this difficult time."

Your offerings during the summer help maintain and grow our ministries and help us share the love of God in ways that make a difference in the lives of others. There are several ways to make a gift:

- Give now online by credit or debit card or automatic deduction from checking or savings account from our website: [midvalelutheran.org](http://midvalelutheran.org) using the give now button and selecting "Regular Giving."
- Mail a check to Midvale Community Lutheran Church, 4329 Tokay Blvd. Madison, WI 53711.
- Use your bank's online bill pay service to send a contribution - this is usually free and you don't even pay for postage.

## The Racial Justice Forum: Learning Toward Action - A Bimonthly Discussion by Zoom

**August 19, 2021:** Black Lives Matters and the History of African-American Social Movements

To register, contact the church office.

## Welcome New Members!



### Ngwa Augustine

Ngwa was born and grew up in west Africa, specifically in the northwest region of Cameroon where the official language is English. He is married to Akwa Stella Ngang and has a young daughter Anne zina lum Ngwa.



### Nic & Jennifer Austin

Jennifer (Cloos) Austin grew up in a small town in Iowa, moving away for graduate school to Boston and then making her way to Chicago and eventually Madison to be nearer to family. Nic was born in Iowa

but grew up in Madison his whole life. Nic is a Treasury Analyst at WPS and Jennifer is a Director of Marketing and Product Development at The Alliance. Jennifer was raised Catholic, and Nic Lutheran, so they were looking for a church that could allow them both the ability to participate and was welcome to all, which they believe is Midvale Community Lutheran Church!

Jennifer and Nic have been together for 6 years, married for two years, and are excited to welcome their first child in August, in addition to their dog, Roxie, and cat, Potter.



### Ed & Takako Brettin

Ed and Takako were long-time members of a very large ELCA congregation. Their son, Andrew, grew up there. Andrew is now in New York working

on a PhD. Takako has been looking for "her place" in a church which is not too big nor too small, and this has brought them to Midvale.



### Neil & Karen Bogenschneider

Neil and Karen were born, raised, and educated in Wisconsin. Neil is retired from a career as an investment manager and Karen is retired from the University of Wisconsin

where she was a professor of human development and family studies, specializing in family policy. Neil and Karen have two sons. Bret is a professor of business law in Virginia and Ross is a finance director for Honeywell in Houston. In their spare time, Karen enjoys writing and Neil enjoys working to conserve nature in his prairie, pond, and trees.



### Miriam Bohlmann Kunz

Miriam is originally from St. Louis, MO, and has lived in Madison for 4 years. She is a graduate student working towards her PhD in chemistry, and also a research fellow. She enjoys any and all sports, spending time with her three dogs,

## In our prayers remember:

† Hospitality as we welcome friends, visitors and guests.

† Health, comfort and healing for: Dahlia Mae Hoffman (granddaughter of Sue Wroblewski), Julie Underwood (daughter of Linda Crane), Adrian Gutierrez (grandson of Bob & Carol Ostergren), Steve Thompson (son of Anne Thompson), Winnie Tegge (mother of Suzy Tegge), Tom Morrell, Sue Miller, Anne Zina Lum Ngaw (daughter of Ngwa Augustine), Akwa Stella Ngang (wife of Ngwa Augustine), Mark Stahnke (son of Lila Jean Stahnke), Richard and Meg LaBrie, Jan Anderzon, Jo Conger, Ania Marek (friend of Sandy and Wayne Stallings), Kara Skatrud Baylor (friend of Amy Johnson), Ken Larson, Jennifer Weber, Willie London Meadows (friend of Sandy Stallings), Delores Nelson, Scott Benoy (father of Ryan Benoy), Jean Reiners (sister of Laura Svaren), Sky Handy (friend of Debbie and Jeff Miller), Russ Frisinger, Wally Broom (grandfather of Elizabeth Meier), Sharon Mitchell, Vince Perkins, Stan Lillich (brother-in-law of Eric James and Gary Hein), Jane Brady (sister of Emily Gnam).

† 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.

## God's Creation

by Dylan Abraham

Jesus came to earth,  
It was a sensation  
Teaching God's children  
About God's creation.  
We must take care of  
The beauty of this earth  
Protect our environment  
Like a baby's birth.  
Whether it is climate change  
Or other things that are wrong  
We must keep God's beauty on  
earth  
Like a beautiful song.  
To make our water  
Fresh and clean  
Nurturing the environment  
For all that is seen.  
So, do your part  
Of all that is good  
We must protect our earth  
Like we should.

and making music. Miriam was drawn to Midvale by some family friends originally, and then once attending herself, she loved the welcoming atmosphere and the focus on living out the gospel through loving our neighbors in the community both near and far. Miriam is looking forward to experiencing God's love at Midvale and to sharing that love with the world!



### Emme Huffman

Emme grew up in Madison and has worked as a tutor for the last few years. Emme can usually be found reading or spending time outside. Pronouns: she/her or they/them.



### Amy & Oliver Osinga (Raya)

The Osinga family lives in Midvale Heights, and moved back to Madison from Chicago in late 2019. Amy and Oliver met and lived in Madison after college then moved to Chicago and now are back! They have a daughter, Raya, who is one year and was baptized at the church in October 2020. They have two dogs and enjoy nature, music, and traveling. The Osinga family looks forward to meeting the members and being a part of the church community.



### Randy and Susan Snell

Randy grew up on a pig and beef farm near Decorah, Iowa. He attended Iowa State University and graduated in 1974 with a B.S. in Animal Science and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. He practiced Veterinary Medicine in Lewiston, Minnesota for 44 years and retired three years ago. Randy is really enjoying retirement and being able to spend time with the Block family. His hobbies include biking, golfing, kayaking, boating, swimming, singing, and playing the piano. We had visited Midvale Lutheran church many times prior to joining and found everyone so welcoming. We loved the energy of Pastor Blake and Pastor Katie and how active the church is in the community.

## Memorial Fund Purchases December 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

We are grateful for the generosity that is shown in memorial donations given to the church. These gifts remember and give thanks for the life of someone who has died, honor someone, or may be designated for a specific ministry. They enable our congregation to do new, meaningful ministries, as well as respond in positive ways to unexpected opportunities for reaching out with the good news of Jesus. Thank you!

Jan Anderzon & Jo Conger-Gift	Artwork Commission	April
June Germann	Portable Sound System for Outdoor Worship	March
Glenn Hoffman	Education Wing Waterproofing Project	June
Pastor's Goodwill Fund	Utility Support	June
Pastor's Goodwill Fund	Tuition Support	April
Jane Schultz	Choral Music	December
Seminary Scholarship Fund	Seminary Scholarship	April
Irene Slater	Portable Sound System for Outdoor Worship	March
Susanne Thielke	New Laptop	January
Alex Thoreson	College Scholarships	April
Thrivent Choice	Lent Resources, Candles	December
Thrivent Choice	Lent Resource	June
Thrivent Choice	Lent Resources	May
Thrivent Choice	Staff Books/Resources	March
Thrivent Choice	Outgoing Council Member Gifts	February
Thrivent Choice	Lent Books	January
Thrivent Choice	Christmas Gift Cards for Counting Group	January
Harold Wetzel	College Scholarships	June
Harold Wetzel	College Scholarships	May



**Tim & Colleen Tucker**

Tim and Colleen are both retired and moved from Madison, South Dakota, to Madison, Wisconsin, in December 2020, to be closer to family. Tim and Colleen have three, married children and four grandpups. Tim and Colleen like traveling, museums, reading and good food. They enjoy Madison's many outdoor opportunities and eating ice cream cones on the UW Terrace. They look forward to getting to know their fellow parishioners at Midvale in the coming months.



**Alexi & Zak DeGrave (Autumn)**



**Amanda Sauri & Corey La Sarge (Elijah)**

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**August 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!"*

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|------|------------------|------|---------------------|
| 8/1  | † Noah Matzke    | 8/15 | † Elena Nackers     |
| 8/2  | † Cooper Hanson  | 8/17 | † Calvin Matzke     |
| 8/5  | † Amelia Whalley | 8/19 | † Jonas Carlson     |
| 8/8  | † Rowen Leyen    | 8/21 | † Leif Larson       |
| 8/9  | † Willie Peery   | 8/23 | † Clara Diercks     |
| 8/9  | † Liam Perkins   | 8/23 | † Greyson Doolittle |
| 8/11 | † Gavin Schultz  | 8/23 | † Afton Oakland     |
| 8/12 | † Aria Sanchez   | 8/25 | † Adelle Morris     |
| 8/13 | † Kellen Schultz | 8/29 | † Thomas Dean       |

**Congregational Council**

*You can contact Church Council members directly through your online Midvale Realm account or or by contacting the church office.*

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**Social Ministry**, Ben Kempinen

**Evangelism and Communications**, Laurie Stensland

**Congregational Life**, Liz Mael and Corinna Wells

**Children/Youth Education**, Mindy Anderson & Stefany Grainger

**Stewardship**, Leah Morrell

**Worship**, Randy Schultz

**Youth and Family Ministry**, Becki Fiegel & Julie Walsh

*Memorials*

**Peg Maginnis in memory of her son Patrick who passed on June 10, 2017**

**Dick Johnson**

- Dan Keys
- Jerry & Ruth Apps
- Chad Thomley
- Joseph & Irene Bomkamp
- Don & Nancy Walker
- Sandy Larson & Phil Simon
- Joan Larson
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# THIS MONTH AT MIDVALE - AUGUST 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 In-Person Indoor Worship 8am Worship Livestream 9:15am In-Person Outdoor Worship 10:30am	2 Food Pantry Drop Off 9am-4pm Adult Ed Committee Online 7pm	3 LWR Quilters 9am Staff Meeting 10am	4 Food Pantry 9am-4pm Archives Work Group 9am Care Team 9am Midvale Yoga 10am AA High Noon 12pm Madison Ukulele 6:30pm	5 Meditation 11am Chancel Choir Online 7pm Racial Justice Group Online 7pm	6 Williams Private Event 10am Al-Anon 11th Step 11am	7 In-Person Indoor Worship 5pm
8 September Newsletter Deadline Holy Communion All Worship Services In-Person Indoor Worship 8am Worship Livestream 9:15am In-Person Outdoor Worship 10:30am	9 Food Pantry Drop Off 9am-4pm Vacation Bible School 9-11am Executive Comm. Online 5:45 pm Building & Grounds Online 6pm Social Ministry Online 7pm	10 Vacation Bible School 9-11 am Staff Meeting 1:30pm Re-Entry Task Force Online 3pm	11 Food Pantry 9am-4pm Archives Work Group 9am Vacation Bible School 9-11am Midvale Yoga 10am AA High Noon 12pm	12 Vacation Bible School 9-11am Meditation 11am	13 Al-Anon 11th Step 11am	14 In-Person Indoor Worship 5pm
15 In-Person Indoor Worship 8am Worship Livestream 9:15am In-Person Outdoor Worship at Westmorland Park 10:30am	16 Food Pantry Drop Off 9am-4pm Energy Online 6pm Worship Comm. Online 6pm Congregational Council 7pm	17 LWR Quilters 9am Staff Meeting 10am	18 Food Pantry 9am-4pm Archives Work Group 9am Midvale Yoga 10am Blood Drive Set Up 11:15am AA High Noon 12pm West High/Red Cross Blood Drive 1pm Blood Drive Clean Up 6pm	19 Meditation 11am Racial Justice Group Online 6:30pm Chancel Choir Social 7pm	20 Al-Anon 11th Step 11am	21 In-Person Indoor Worship 5pm
22 In-Person Indoor Worship 8am Worship Livestream 9:15am In-Person Outdoor Worship 10:30am Cole Bierke and Emmie Woolsey Baptisms 11:30am	23 Food Pantry Drop Off 9am-4pm	24 Staff Meeting 10am	25 Food Pantry 9am-4pm Archives Work Group 9am Adult Bible School: Pastor Katie 10am Midvale Yoga 10am AA High Noon 12pm	26 Meditation 11am Building Usage Training: Navajo Weavers 4pm	27 Al-Anon 11th Step 11am	28 Blessing of LWR Quilts In-Person Indoor Worship 5pm
29 Blessing of LWR Quilts In-Person Indoor Worship 8am Worship Livestream 9:15am In-Person Outdoor Worship 10:30am	30 Food Pantry Drop Off 9am-4pm	31 LWR Quilters 9am Staff Meeting 10am	1	2	3	4

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## Reconciling in Christ

Midvale became a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Congregation in June of 2018. RIC is a designation for ELCA churches who strive for the full welcome, inclusion, and equity of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex and asexual/aromantic (LGBTQIA+) Lutherans in all aspects of the life of their congregation, given by the organization Reconciling Works. In the last year, after ongoing discernment and reflection, Reconciling Works is now encouraging RIC congregations to expand their inclusive commitment to specifically include racial equity.

One way you will see this reflected at Midvale is in the new Reconciling in Christ signs on the church entrance doors. This updated RIC logo expands beyond the original rainbow colors to include the colors blue, pink, and white to represent our transgender siblings, as well as black and brown to represent our siblings who are part of the Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) community.

Midvale's LGBTQ+ Welcome Team is working on updating the language of our church's Welcome Statement to reflect the inclusion of BIPOC and our commitment to racial equity and justice.

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