

Messenger



SEPTEMBER
2017

Dear Friend of MacArthur Park Lutheran Church and School,

Rooted and Growing is the name of our capital funds campaign running from September 17 through October 22. During this five week emphasis, Rev. Kathy Haueisen, a Stewardship Key Leader from the Mission Investment Fund, will be with us at least twice to help conduct the campaign. A leadership team from MacArthur Park has been recruited and I expect Rooted and Growing will be the major emphasis of the congregation during September and October. I do not expect for us to start a number of other new projects during this five-week period and I will focus as much of my time and energy as possible to the campaign.

Rev. Haueisen will be here Saturday, September 16 to train the leaders for our campaign and she will preach at both services September 17. (Remember we go back to having ser-

vices at 8:30 and 10:45 September 17.) She will also be here to preach October 22 when the campaign concludes.

During the coming weeks, you will be receiving a variety of communications from the leadership team, pastors, and campaign consultant. Please read the materials you receive and respond as appropriate. If you have any questions, be sure to ask one of us.

Contributions being sought in Rooted and Growing go beyond the regular offerings made by members and friends of the congregation. We hope to use these additional resources to help stabilize the congregation's finances, make improvements to the school, and develop a contingency fund for major repairs or other unanticipated expenses in the congregation.

I hope you will join me and others in fervent prayer and participation during Rooted and Growing. We have an exciting vision for our congregation and school

and will use the moneys raised to help fulfill that vision.

May God richly bless you as we get back into fall routines and may God richly bless Rooted and Growing.

Peace,
Pastor Paul



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MacArthur Park Lutheran School

School has started for the 2017-2018 year! We are so excited and happy to be here. There are currently 66 children enrolled and we have a staff of 13. We have classes in the preschool building, the entire portable building and one room in the educational building. These are exciting times.

Along with the start of school comes our annual rummage sale. This year's sale is set for Saturday, September 30 with the early sale on Friday, September 29. All donations are greatly appreciated and help with sorting, pricing, and selling are also greatly needed. There will be announcements in the bulletin with more details as the sale grows closer. This is traditionally our biggest fundraiser of the year. In conjunction with the sale our cookie dough fundraiser will start on September 25. We will be selling the "Southern Living" dough so flyers will be available showing the flavors that are being offered.

Please keep our students and staff in your prayers as the year moves along. We are looking forward to a great year.

Sincerely,
MPLS Staff and Students



PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SCHOOL'S
EMAIL ADDRESS HAS CHANGED TO:
macparkschool@gmail.com

A Prayer for the New School Year

Lord God,

At the beginning of this new school year teach us to be your hands and feet where we are.



At the beginning of this new school year teach us to love as you love us.

At the beginning of this new school year teach us to pray for those in need so that you are honored and glorified. *Amen*

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday



is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America — one church, freed in

Christ to serve and love our neighbor. The fifth annual "God's work. Our hands." Sunday will take place on **September 10**. Many of you have participated in the past and we look forward to working side by side again this year. We will have multiple service opportunities planned that Sunday. **We only have one service on Sept. 10 at 9:30 am and no Sunday School** to allow for the service projects we have planned. Come dressed in your gold "God's work. Our hands." t-shirt if you have one, ready to serve!

Congregation Council Meeting Minutes ~ August 15, 2017

In attendance: Beth Borstad, Melissa French Stephenson, Ellen Bridges, Maureen Folkerts, Bill Sweda, Courtney Grove, Sheryl Bierstedt, Pastor Heather Hansen and Pastor Paul Ziese. Virginia Stowell attended as MPLS board representative. Jeanette Pierce was welcomed as new Sending Chair replacing Renee Edmondson who has submitted her resignation, pending Congregation approval on 8/20/17.

Beth Borstad led the devotion based on Psalm 8, and opening prayer. The meeting was called to order at 7:20 PM. The group reaffirmed our commitment to the purpose statement and guiding principles.

Virginia reported that the school cleaning company's bid for summer cleaning projects was higher than last year. Kevin Ott and Bill Sweda cleaned the school floors. No new members are needed for the school board. The school is presenting a balanced budget based on 60 students. Sixty-five students are currently enrolled. Increased enrollment is necessitating reassignment of classrooms. A first-grade teacher and an aid have been hired. A two-year old teacher is still needed.

Actions:

- * The July 18, 2017, and August 2, 2017 (Special Called Meeting) minutes were approved as printed.
- * A written financial report was received from Treasurer Maureen Folkerts. July operating receipts for the church were \$25,800.08 and total expenses were \$33,099.44 with a net deficit of \$7,299.36. Year to date operating receipts were \$356,173.00 and total expenses were \$364,864.96 with a net deficit of \$8,691.96.

The school had operating receipts of \$859.75 and total expenses were \$18,043.84 for a net deficit of \$17,184.09. Year to date operating receipts were \$302,236.01 and total expenses were \$278,590.05 with a net surplus of \$23,645.96.

A proposed budget for MPLC, with a shortfall of \$54,000, will be presented at the Congregation Meeting on 8/20/17. The benevolence amount pledged to the Synod has been reduced to 9% (rather than 10% in the past). The 1% difference will go to other organizations. Other adjustments were discussed.

- * Pastoral acts received: Holy Baptism of Joshua Augustus Minica by Pastor Paul Ziese on 8/13/17.
- * Pastor Paul moved to extend San Pablo Congregation's allowed use MPLC facilities from July 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. The motion carried with a second by Maureen Folkerts.
- * Melissa moved that the School Committee Representative be designated as a Mission Team member of the Council. Motion was approved with a second by Maureen. The position is to be approved at the Congregation Meeting on 8/20/17.

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Discussions:

- Pastor Heather reported that the summer youth trips went well with excellent Bible studies and leadership training. Confirmation schedules have been set. The Saturday worship services are going very well, and there are plans to encourage MPLS families to participate.
- Pastor Paul reported that he will be unavailable on 9/17/17, the kick-off weekend of the Capital Campaign Fund Appeal. There is consideration for MPLC to participate in National Night Out.
- Discussion and updates on the Leadership Team for the *Rooted and Growing* Capital Campaign were discussed. Council will need to determine the desired amount of funds to be raised through the campaign.
- Support Chair Bill gave a report: New LED lights have been installed in the parking lot. The cleaning service for MPLS used last year will continue for the next school year. The leak by the Fireside Room has been fixed.
- Inviting Chair Sheryl reported that she will request feedback on the revised Time and Talent form at the next council meeting. She is also requesting feedback on this year's Stewardship campaign.
- Equipping Chair Courtney reported that the CBA group will take on God's Work/ Our Hands planning for 9/10/17 Sunday. They are also making plans for National Night Out. \$152.73 was received from the July "Noisy Offering for Oak Grove Elementary School.
- Discussion of new council members to be approved at Congregation meeting 8/20/17.

The meeting adjourned with prayer at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Ellen Bridges,
Congregation Council Secretary



Updated Worship Schedule

Our Congregation Council has voted to resume our regular worship schedule **beginning Sun., Sept. 17.** **Our worship times will be 8:30 and 10:45 am, with Christian Education opportunities at 9:45 am.** **Saturday Evening Worship remains the last Saturday of each month, 5:30 pm in the Fireside Room.**



**Southwestern Texas Synodical
Women's Convention
YO Ranch Hotel, Kerrville, TX
September 29—October 1, 2017**

All women are invited to attend this convention to be held in Kerrville. Registration includes Saturday lunch and Saturday evening banquet:

Early Bird Registration	\$110 (by August 16)
Regular Registration	\$125
Extra Banquet Tickets	\$30 each

Registration forms are available on the table in the back of the church with more information and hotel reservation rates. Contact Debbie in the church office if you would like this information emailed to you.



Habitat for Humanity News

The Lutheran Cluster gathered at Grace Lutheran Church on Wed., Aug. 23, to meet the family for whom we will build this fall. We will work with the Flores Espino family-Ivan, Carla, Yadiel, and Mia. Our home will be in the new area, Lenwood Heights, which is off Acme Rd. and 90 West. This is near our neighborhood from last year. The Lutheran Cluster sponsors half a house and our build partner is St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church.



We need volunteers for the **Fri., Sept. 22 and Sat., Sept. 23** dates that we will share with Zion. Please let me know (email, phone, text, or at church) if you are available to help on either of our assigned days.

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Women's group sets calendar for 2017-2018

Meetings to focus on service, learning and fellowship

Tentative plans for the next nine months are in place for the women's group of MacArthur Park Lutheran Church. Meetings will be a balance of serving, learning and having fun.

The first meeting will be Thurs., Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Suzette Price will give the devotion. Susan Rath has a fun activity planned, and Patty Raney is providing snacks. All women are invited to attend.

At the October 12 meeting, the group will work on making Christmas ornaments for MacArthur Park Lutheran School students as well as for Mac Park Lutheran Church youngsters.

Mac Park members Corey and Claudia Torkelson will present a program on fitness at the Nov. 9 meeting.

At the Dec. 14 meeting the group will meet at 6:30 p.m. to share a taco salad meal, exchange cookies and exchange gifts.

Jan. 11 will provide an opportunity to hear more about fall prevention. The speaker will be Occupational Therapist Lizette Davis from AccessAbility Home Modifications.

The Feb. 8 meeting will be one of service. The women's group will host a Valentine's bingo party for the residents of The Waterford.

Service will also be the theme of the meeting on March 8 when Lutheran World Relief personal care kits will be assembled and boxed.

On April 12 Pastor Heather Hanson will present a one-session Bible study for the group.

Finally, on May 10 the Mac Park women's group will invite guests from other churches and host a salad supper and bunco party. That event will begin at 6:30 p.m.

All women are invited to participate in these events. Please come! ~S.P.

Saturday Evening Worship

Please join us on the last Saturday of each month as we worship, fellowship, and eat together! We begin at **5:30 pm** in the Fireside Room. We hope to see you **September 23rd**. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Heather.





MacArthur Park Lutheran Church member **Jodi Vlasak** has just completed nine years of service on the Southwestern Texas Synod Candidacy Committee. For six years she was chair of that committee. She was honored for her service at the Aug. 12 meeting of the committee.

Since 1945, Lutherans have sent 2.9 million personal care kits around the world. In 2017 MacArthur Park Lutheran Church presented 175 personal care kits for distribution by Lutheran World Relief.

The adult Sunday School class meeting at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings is studying Acts. The class noticed with interest that after the description of Stephen being stoned in Chapter 7, the Bible says, “And Saul approved of their killing him.” Saul is later called Paul and is a main character in the later chapters of Acts.



MacArthur Park Lutheran Church member Jodi Vlasak receives a blessing from the Southwestern Texas Candidacy Committee in thankfulness for her nine years of service on the committee.



APPLE OF HIS EYE

Start each school day by remembering God's loving care for you.

Directions: Starting at the K by the stem and going clockwise, circle each word. Then place the words in the blanks to complete Psalm 17:8.



“ _____
 _____;

 _____.”

PSALM 17:8, NIV

Answer: "Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings." Psalm 17:8, NIV

APPLE SNACKS



These healthy chips make a yummy back-to-school snack.

What you need:

- 4 apples, cored and cut into 1/8" rings
- Large bowl
- Spoon
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- Baking sheets (sprayed)

What you do:

1. Place apple slices in the bowl. Add cinnamon and sugar. Stir so apples are coated evenly with the mixture.
2. Place apple slices on the sprayed baking sheets in a single layer.
3. Bake at 200 degrees for two to three hours, until chips are dry but still slightly soft.

Stitches from the Quilters



Quilter “Dude” of the Month Bob Hunt (Part XVI)

When he was young he was also a “philatelist” and a “numismatist” (For those of us who are “multi-syllabic challenged”---that’s a stamp collector and a coin collector.) He says that he spent his “coins” as a teenager on the “girls”!! What else do young boys think of!?!

Bob has been an active volunteer with the Mac Park Quilters, also. Nooooooo he doesn’t use a sewing machine—so don’t try to get him to do any patching for you.

(Tune in Oct. for Part XVII)



Bernice Rainey’s Quilt:

Well, the ticket sales are going Great Guns!!!! This last week, the quilters turned in another \$700. That makes a total of \$2,245, so far!!!!!!



Stockings for the Methodist Children’s Hospital. Here we see Mrs. Kay Gregory taking home a piece to stitch for the Christmas stocking.



When Kay Gregory finishes quilting the stockings, she returns them to the quilters and Delbert Richmond turns them after Pat Richmond stitches them.



Therapy Dolls:

Here we see Kay Gregory returning a therapy doll after she has stitched a set of 15.



Here we see Rosie Giglio getting ready to stuff the therapy dolls that Kay has sewn.

Keep up the good work, Folks!!!

*Yours in Christ,
Mary Alice Rupard*

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Service	July 30	Aug 6	Aug 13	Aug 20	Aug 27	TOTAL
9:30am	106	109	130	106	85	536
Offering	\$2,411.00	\$7,183.00	\$4,442.00	\$2,205.00	\$1,712.00	\$17,953.00
Sunday School	17	No SS / Cong Mtg	No SS / Reception	No SS / Part A Cong Mtg	25	42

8/29 Sat. Evening Worship: attendance 26, offering \$54.00

NOTE: The offering totals listed above are the amounts received at the worship services. They do not reflect contributions received through the *Simply Giving* program or automatic bank drafts.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following:

Alan Abernathy; Aaron Brady; Judi Bullington; Bill Couffer; Dewey Johnson; Jerry Laubach; Ryan Nunn; James Peters; Carlo Reyes; Joel and Gayle Rupard; Ruami Stephenson; Paula Sturm; David VanLydegraf;

Those undergoing chemo and/or radiation treatments: Collin Cash; Beverly Frank; Miriam Miller; Rob Milliman, Jr.; and Sylvia Sieberns (Carol Couffer's sister).

Our Christian sympathy to family and friends of **Vivian Nelson** who died on August 13 at the age of 94. Vivian and her husband Ron were charter members of Mac Park. Vivian moved to Corpus Christi years ago to be with family.



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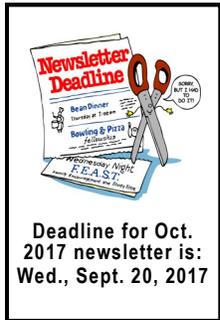
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Welcome to MacArthur Park Lutheran Church and School
 † **MacArthur Park invites you for Sunday worship.** †

Our Summer Worship Schedule thru September 10

9:30 am Worship Service with Holy Communion

Our Worship Schedule beginning Sept. 17

8:30 ~ 9:30 am 1st Service with Holy Communion

10:45 ~ 11:45 am 2nd Service with Holy Communion

† **Christian Ed opportunities for ages 2 – adult at 10:30 a.m. Sept. 3 and 9:45 am beginning Sept. 17** †

† **Last Saturday of each month at 5:30 pm:** Food, fellowship and worship †

† **Our School has a Christian environment for students ages 18 months–1st Grade** †

Lutheran Hispano-Latino Spanish services at 9:30 am with Holy Communion every Sunday in our chapel. All Spanish speaking (first or second language) welcome to share the joy of the Spirit.

2016 — 2017 Congregation Council

Beth Borstad, President	Jeanette Pierce, Sending Chair
Melissa French Stephenson, Vice President	James Vlasak, Support Chair
Ellen Bridges, Secretary	Sheryl Bierstedt, Inviting Chair
Maureen Folkerts, Treasurer	Courtney Grove, Equipping Chair
Hannah Hansen, Youth Rep	Virginia Stowell, School Mission Team

Church & School Staff

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