



October 2021



Life Line

In the coming weeks I will be presenting a series of messages under the theme of “**Christ the Bridge Builder**”. I’m not talking about natural bridges like those built over rivers, ravines, or roadways, but of bridges of the spiritual dimension. Bridges - between people and God; people and people; insiders and outsiders (Jews and Samaritans); the child and dismissive adults; supposition and truth; hypocrisy and humility, selflessness and self-indulgence; and a host of other spiritual issues that needed to be made right.

Jesus is the champion of the blind, the sick, the poor, the lame, the leper, the little child, women scorned, the hated Samaritans, the outcasts, the commoners, and any other oppressed or dispossessed persons. Jesus spoke and acted against injustice, immorality, and the elitism of the of the royal and religious establishment of His day. He cleansed the Temple of disreputable Money-changers and their lot. He had the courage to take on the Pharisees and Sadducees, the Scribes and Teachers of the Law, and the Priests who ruled the Judaism of that day.

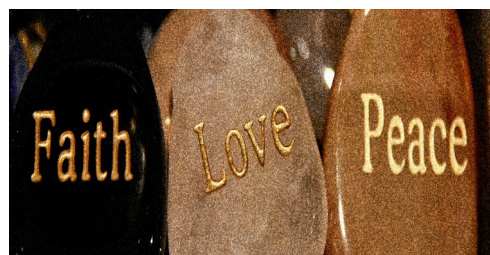
The Lord made Himself the blueprint, and the model, of what we are meant to be. ‘Follow Me’ was His call, and it meant imitation – not just falling in line. His love and compassion were beyond description, and He expected no less from those who answered His call. He constantly challenged His disciple to greater faith, which was often weak and vacillating. Faith acted out in love was the main bridge He was building.

The following is a Poem named “How to build a Fortress of Faith”:

*It's easy to say “in God we trust” - When life is radiant and fair,
But the test of faith is only found - When there are burdens to bear –
For our claim to faith in the “sunshine” - Is really no faith at all.
For when roads are smooth, and days are bright - Our need for God
is so small,
And no one discovers the fullness - Of the greatness of God's love -
Unless they have walked in the “darkness” - With Only light from above –
For the truth to endure whatever comes - Is born of sorrow and trials,
And strengthened only by discipline - And nurtured by self-denials –
So be not disheartened by troubles, - For trials are the building blocks -
On which to erect a fortress of faith - Secure on God's “ageless rocks”.*

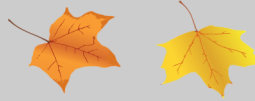
Helen Steiner Rice

Shalom – Pastor Paul





2021



You can watch Rev. Ray on your phone or computer every Sunday morning at 10:15 am on Zoom. (Our I.D. is 8493568945, Password 998736.) Just go online and get your ZOOM App. It's free!

Sunday, Oct. 3rd, - 10:15 am Worship Hour. Worldwide Communion Sunday. Special music by Lora Gensler. Coffee Hour following the service.

Sunday, Oct. 10th, - 10:15 am Worship Hour starts today. Special music by Lora Gensler.

Sunday, Oct. 17th, - 10:15 am, Worship Hour. Ruth Frost will give the message from the Pulpit. Rev. Ray is on vacation. Special music by Emelia Dahms.

Monday, Oct. 18th, - 7:00 PM Church Council Meeting.

Sunday, Oct. 24th, - 10:15 am Worship Hour. Jim Filicetti will give the message from the Pulpit. Rev. Ray on vacation. Special music by Flat Creek Band.

Sunday, October 31st, - 10:15 am Worship Hour. Special Music by Jubilee.

Fall Business Meeting

Sunday, November 7th

Our Church will have the Annual Fall Business Meeting following the Worship Hour.

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you to the Moyer Family

Last month, a long awaited (20 years) very precious gift was given to me from the Moyer family. The 1885 pump organ, Ray Moyer refurbished it himself, with a written description of all parts needed. Jean Moyer said, Lora appreciates it. I do!! I've been playing it, "by ear" and from the two hymnals included. I particularly love the beautiful base tones and the added bonus of good leg exercise! A donation to the Church was suggested and gladly given. Thank you Moyer Family!

Lora Gensler, Church Pianist.

FYI: (Rev. Ray will be on vacation from October 11th through October 25th.)

Lectionary Readings

10/3 Job 1:1,2:1-10; Psalm 26; Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 8; Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16.

10/10 Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22 1-15; Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Psalm 90:12-17; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31.

10/17 Job 38:1-7, 34-41; Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35; Isaiah 53: 4-12; Psalm 91: 9-16; Hebrews 5: 1-10; Mark 10: 35-45.

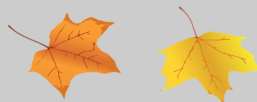
10/24 Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22;

Jeremiah 31:7-9; Psalm 126; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

10/31 Ruth 1:1-18; Psalm 14; Deuteronomy 6:1-9; Psalm 119: 1-8; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12: 28-34



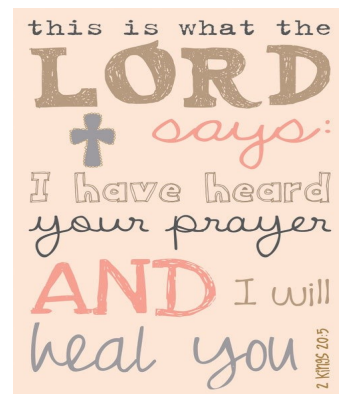
Prayers and Concerns



COVID19 Responders and Caregivers	Ed Manwing
Victims of Terrorism	Neely McNeal
Victims and volunteers of natural disasters worldwide	Dan Medkalf
Our Nation's Leaders	Stephanie Mutz
All military personnel and their families	Matthew Olson
Casa Bernabe Orphanage	Julie Pagan
Kristy Novak Enger	Torin Philips
Rachel Frashingbauer	Reid Shamus
Oscar Jacobs	Sandy Theide
Tom and Lynn Koeper	Jack and Jeanie Smith
	6 year old Clinton
	Barbara
	Lois

Health Care Facilities:

Jean Moyer has a new address!
Oak Park Place 1700 Tuet Road
Apt. 1118
Burlington, WI 53105
Phone Number 262-758-6718



COUNCIL MINUTE HIGHLIGHTS



Pastor's Report

- On October 8th, Reverend Ray will perform a wedding ceremony at the Edward's Building in Rochester.
- **Reverend Rev. Ray will be on vacation from October 11th to October 25th.**
- Fall Congregation meeting will be held on Sunday, November 7th after the service.

Treasurer's Report

- For the months of August: deposits (income) were \$4,807 and withdrawals (expenses) were \$3,972.
- Christine Gall joined the Finance Commission; Finance Commission changed their meeting day to every 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Worship Commission

- Thanksgivings and appreciation have been extended to all the musicians performing at the Music in the Park, especially to our own church band, Jubilee.

Fellowship Commission

- Thanksgiving has been extended to Joyce and Bill Gerard for hosting the summer picnic at their house on August 22nd. Ice cream social was a success. We raised \$857.
- Coffee hour will be held on October 3rd.

Mission Commission

- Day in the Country rummage sale will benefit Transitional Living Center (TLC) in Burlington.

Buildings and Grounds

- Platform for the keyboard is being built outside.
- Don Ketterhagen will complete the fire pit outside.
- Fall clean up will be performed.

Next Council Meeting is Monday, October 18 at 7:00 PM



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*“For where two or three are gathered in my name,
there I am in the midst of them.”
Matthew 18:20*

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October 2021 All services are shared on ZOOM.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 10:15 am Church World Wide Communion Special Music /Lora Gensler/ Coffee Hour	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 10:15 am Church Special Music by Lora Gensler	11 <i>Rev. Ray on Vacation</i>	12 _____	13 _____	14 _____	15 _____	16 _____
17 10:15 am Church Ruth Frost in the Pulpit/ Special Music by Emilia Dahms	18 <i>Church Council Meeting at 7:00 pm</i>	19 _____	20 _____	21 _____	22 _____	23 _____
24 10:15 am Church Jim Filicetti in the Pulpit/ Special Music by Flat Creek Band	25 <i>Rev. Ray returns from Vacation</i>	26	27	28	29	30
31 10:15 am Church Special Music, Jubilee						

Pastor Ray's Office Hours are Monday through Wednesday, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

