Announcements for May 21, 2017

**CALL TO PRAYER**

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you might proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of the darkness into his marvelous light. 1 Peter 2:9

**LIFE IN OUR BODY**

**New By-Laws:**After nearly 22 years of being a church, Living Water has grown in lots of ways, including many changes that the original group of members never could have dreamed. Because of this growth, our congregation's by-laws need an update, and our elders have worked hard over many months to update these rules by which we govern ourselves. The new proposed by-laws are attached.

The original by-laws state that updates may only be made with the approval of the congregation. Please take a look, ask questions, and make whatever comments you wish. Members will vote on these by-laws when we vote on our budget in June.

**Celebrating Pentecost on June 4-** Just for fun, we'd like to invite everyone to wear something red (red is the symbolic color of fire, and of the Holy Spirit) to celebrate. You can wear just a little red, or a lot, depending on your wardrobe. We hope you'll join the fun on the 4th!

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**YOUTH**

Youth Group this Sunday

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A different time and place.

This Sunday we are going to support our teens in the CircEsteem show. The Show is at 2pm. So we will meet at the meeting house at 1:30 to leave for the show. The show should end at 4, my guess is we will be back around 4:45.

**SUMMER SAVE THE DATES**

LWCC Block Party - July 23

LWCC Vacation Bible School - August 7-25

LWCC Back to School Block Party- September 10

**COMMUNITY**

**CONDO FOR SALE:** 2+ bedroom, 1 bath condo (c. 1400 sq ft) in 6-unit building on a peaceful block in Rogers Park, close to lakefront and Loyola Red Line stop. Large living room with bay, large dining room with original (c. 1915) stained-glass window, up-to-date kitchen. Small room off DR for office, guest, or pantry. Ceiling fans plus two rarely needed window AC units; radiator heat. Lovely back porch; inviting backyard and patio with shared grill and picnic table. Garage available @ $60/month. Homeowner assessment $300/month, includes heat and cooking gas, free washers and dryers, basement storage areas, insurance, exterior maintenance, snow removal. Asking $200,000, negotiable. Contact Ruth Goring at 630-247-7752 or ruthgoring@gmail.com. Buyers only at this time; no agents please.

**Volunteers Needed –** Willye B White’s Safe Summer Kickoff is happening June 3.  As a part of the Park Advisory Board, Tim Williams is searching for volunteers from LWCC to supply hot dogs, grills and water for the Howard Street Community.  Volunteers are also needed to man the grills and distribute food from 11am-2pm.  If you are able to help with this event, please contact Tim at 773 391 4448  or  tim@urbansoundstudio.org.

**June 10, 2017**. The 14th annual [Endurance Ride](http://enduranceride.org/), a bike-a-thon to raise support for [Emmaus Ministries](http://streets.org/)! Serious and casual riders, individuals and families, bikers and volunteers - welcome all! Come just for the day, or spend the entire weekend with us at the beautiful La Salle Manor Retreat Center in Plano, IL. Like the [ER page on FB](https://www.facebook.com/EnduranceRide/) to keep up with updates. If you have questions, ask Al or Andi Tauber, or any of the other Team Living Water members!

**DENOMINATION**

**Welcoming Immigrants and Refugees as Neighbors**

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) U.S. decries the executive actions on immigration enforcement taken this week by President Trump as well as actions on refugee resettlement expected later. In our society, rejection of the immigrant—“the other”—still runs deep. By building walls and turning away refugees we ignore Christ’s call to care for those in need and to love the newcomer. We encourage you to consider new ways you can [welcome](https://mcc.org/media/resources/3889) immigrants and refugees as neighbors in your community, and to make your voice heard by [contacting](https://mcc.org/get-involved/advocacy/alerts/more/migration) the White House and your members of Congress. Pray with us for [hearts of love](https://mcc.org/stories/statement-welcoming-immigrants-refugees-neighbors) toward one another.

**Weekly Post from Conference Minister Michael Danner**

Get to know our new Conference Minister Michael Danner by following his weekly posts -[Click Here](http://us2.campaign-archive1.com/?u=888a4a3a57aff5be73fbfe3bf&id=878f8886ef&e=e9ef8cf0a5) - see the church office for a printed version.

**Mennonite Church USA Bulletin Announcement**

**Attending the 2017 Convention in Orlando? The convention planning office has arranged**discounts at Orlando-area attractions. Visit: [mennolove.orlandomeetinginfo.com](http://mennoniteusa.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=97f16d9c230780d6354d01572&id=2755952ac7&e=47b7d7e155).

**Mennonite Mission Network**

Mennonite Mission Network’s Service Adventure program is looking for unit leaders for households in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Jackson, Mississippi. Pray that those whom God is calling to these positions will say yes.

**Find out how to put your faith into action!**Consider serving and learning about how God is working in other parts of the country.  Check out our Christian Service opportunities for ages 14 -26.  But don’t delay because application deadlines are coming up soon!  Service Adventure, Journey International, Door (Dwell) and MVS – Application deadline = June 1st: [https://www.mennonitemission.net/Serve](http://mennonitemission.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=615f89d83d7f5d6b16f40bb52&id=67e13bc2aa&e=d0d872d731)

**What can your church do to help immigrants?** Now more than ever, followers of Jesus have a chance to show God’s compassion for immigrants. Learn how your church can get involved with this free webinar on Wednesday, May 24, 1-2 p.m. We’ll discuss sanctuary churches, how to show hospitality to immigrants, and much more. Panelists include Sarah Jackson, (founder and director of Casa de Paz, Denver CO) Byron Pellecer (Associate Conference Minister (Texas-Based) for Western District Conference), Julia Schmidt (MCC Great Lakes). [https://www.mennonitemission.net/Pages/Home.aspx](http://mennonitemission.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=615f89d83d7f5d6b16f40bb52&id=29083033fb&e=d0d872d731)

***CALENDAR****:*

Please contact the church office (773-764-5872) if we’ve missed your birthday or anniversary!! (And mention the year as well, to make the database happy.)

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| **May Birthdays** |  | **Date** |
| Blanche | Montessi | 1st |
| Kristin | Jackson | 3rd |
| Yarona | Shakya | 3rd |
| Kapere | Kalimili | 9th |
| Sonia | Maharjan | 9th |
| Tim | McCord | 9th |
| Sally | Youngquist | 11th |
| Nishimwe | Bukuru | 12th |
| Jessica | Kalimili | 20th |
| Sarah | Harbert | 24th |
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| **May Anniversaries** | **Date** |
| Julie & Jeremy | Carlsen | 10th |
| Karri & Jim | Deselm | 21st |
| Kim & Ed | Hitchcock | 21st |
| Jamie & John | Makatche | 25th |
| Annie & Jason | Gill-Bloyer | 28th |
| Andi & Al | Tauber | 28th |
| Autumn & Tim | Williams | 30th |

***Worship Calendar***

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| **Date** | **Worship Hosts** | **Teaching** | **Sermon Text** | **Lectionary Scriptures** | **Nursery** |
| 5/7/2017 | Pippin and Steven M.  | Safari + Alex | 1 Peter 1:17-23 | Acts 2:42-47Psalm 231 Peter 2:19-25John 10:1-10 | Jessica & Charles |
| 5/14/2017 | Lisa and Jean Marc | Kristin | 1 Peter 2:1-12 | Acts 7:55-60 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14 | Nina & Francine |
| 5/21/2017 | Ruth and Steven M | Kristin | 1 Peter 3:13-22 | Acts 17:22-31 Psalm 66:8-20 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21 or Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47 or Psalm 93 Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 24:44-53 | Katherine & ? |
| 5/28/2017 | Hafashimana and Serena? |  | 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 | Acts 1:6-14Psalm 68:1-10, 32-351 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11John 17:1-11 | Nina & Pippin |
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***Weekly Events:***

-          **Saturdays – Nepali Youth Group Bible Study**: 12:30 to 3:pm at the meetinghouse

-          **Sundays**: English language worship 9:30-11:30 am; Nepali worship 12:30-3 p.m. Khmer and Kiswahili/Kurundi speakers meet in their respective groups after English opening service.

-          **Sunday School Classes**: Sunday morning after English opening service.

-          **Small Group Offerings**: Call or e-mail the church office (office.lwcc@gmail.com, 773-764-5872), for more information.