



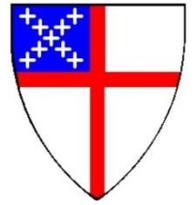
Saint Mark's Messenger

Beaver Dam, Wisconsin

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Walking Together



It hasn't been an easy week for many of us. After the violence that took place this past weekend in Charlottesville, VA, many of us are in fear, frustrated and angry. In moments like this it is easy to allow anger to consume our hearts and find ourselves hating those who caused the violence. However, such anger and hatred reminds me of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s words; "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." If we are not to hate, but love those who cause the violence, I wonder how do we do such work with diligence and open minds? How do we love those who hate?

First, let's get things straight. Any cultural, social or ideological movement that denies the humanity of others is evil. As a Christian, as a priest and as a human being I condemned White Supremacy, their actions and agenda. Remember that our baptismal covenant requires us to "persevere in resisting evil, hatred, violence and prejudice in any form, and respect the dignity of every human being, striving for peace and justice in all things," Book of Common Prayer page 304.

Second, even though I condemned White Supremacy and their actions, even though you and I are required as a follower of Christ to stand against such violence and hatred, we are also called to forgive and love, especially forgive and love our enemies. "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another," John 13:34-35.

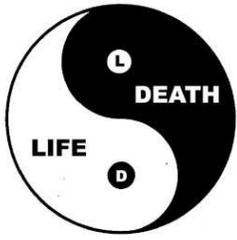
How do we love those who cause evil in this world? First of all we pray for them. We ask God to become present in their lives and transformed their harden hearts. We also pray for the victims and their families. We ask God to be present to their suffering and need. Finally, we ask God to help us become instruments of peace.

Prayer is not the end but the beginning. A wise priest once told me that prayer is not complete until we follow such prayer with actions. If we pray for God to bring peace and love to our communities, we need to ask God to use us as instruments of peace, love and transformation. We follow our prayers with actions, we go out to the community to love and forgive.

There is a CNN article written by Arno Michaelis, titled "*I learned the Hard Way How to Stop Hate*" which makes reference to his journey as a White Supremacist and the moment he was transformed by the love of others. Mr. Michaelis says, "what changed the course of my life was the profound courage extended to me by those I claimed to hate; their kindness, forgiveness and compassion destroyed my narrative of oppression."

You and I can end the violence and evil that exists in this world, is a matter of being present to each other, be kind, be compassionate, forgive, seek reconciliation and transformation. May God inspire your hearts and minds to continue transforming this world. May God give us the strength and power to love and forgive. Love God. Love your neighbor. Change the World. Yours in Christ, The Rev. Oscar A. Rozo

Written August 16, 2017



~DEATH~WHAT A WONDERFUL WAY TO EXPLAIN IT

A sick man turned to his doctor as he was preparing to leave the examination room and said, 'Doctor, I am afraid to die. Tell me what lies on the other side.'

Very quietly, the doctor said, 'I don't know.'

'You don't know? You're, a Christian man, and don't know what's on the other side?'

The doctor was holding the handle of the door. On the other side came a sound of scratching and whining, and as he opened the door, a dog sprang into the room and leaped on him with an eager show of gladness. Turning to the patient, the doctor said, 'Did you notice my dog?'

He's never been in this room before. He didn't know what was inside. He knew nothing except that his master was here, and when the door opened, he sprang in without fear.

I know little of what is on the other side of death, but I do know one thing...I know my Master is there and that is enough.

*Thank
You*

Dear St. Mark's,

Thank you for your continued support of Stone Soup. Over the years of this program, you are, by far, the most dedicated and generous donor that we have ever known. It seems that just as we are running out of supplies, gift cards and donations magically appear on our doorstep. Truly, the love that you show us, goes directly to our most

vulnerable neighbors and friends.

For the past several years, we have delivered a warm meal and emergency supplies at least once each week. The people we serve receive food, blankets and other needed supplies. More importantly, they know that they are not alone or forgotten...they know that they are loved.

You are part of this beautiful circle of love. Without you, we could not do this work.

I could not be more grateful.

Michele Ritt
Stone Soup Squad



SOMEONE HAS WRITTEN THESE 10 BEAUTIFUL LINES. READ and TRY to UNDERSTAND the DEEPER MEANING of THEM.

U 1). PRAYER is not a "spare wheel" that YOU PULL OUT when IN trouble, but it is a "STEERING WHEEL" that DIRECT the RIGHT PATH THROUGHOUT LIFE.

U 2). Why is a CAR'S WINDSHIELD so LARGE & the REAR VIEW MIRROR so small? BECAUSE our PAST is NOT as IMPORTANT as OUR FUTURE. So, LOOK AHEAD and MOVE ON.

U 3). FRIENDSHIP is like a BOOK. It takes a FEW SECONDS to BURN, but it TAKES YEARS to WRITE.

U 4). All THINGS in LIFE are TEMPORARY. If they are GOING WELL, ENJOY them, they WILL NOT LAST FOREVER. If they are going wrong, don't WORRY, THEY CAN'T LAST LONG EITHER.

U 5). Old FRIENDS are GOLD! NEW friends are DIAMONDS! If you GET a DIAMOND, DON'T FORGET the GOLD! To HOLD a DIAMOND, you ALWAYS NEED a BASE of GOLD!

U 6). Often when WE LOSE HOPE and THINK this is the END, GOD SMILES from ABOVE and SAYS, "RELAX, SWEETHEART; it's JUST a BEND, NOT THE END!"

U 7). When GOD SOLVES your PROBLEMS, you HAVE FAITH in HIS ABILITIES; when GOD DOESN'T SOLVE YOUR PROBLEMS, HE has FAITH in YOUR ABILITIES.

U 8). A BLIND PERSON asked GOD: "CAN THERE be ANYTHING WORSE THAN LOSING EYE SIGHT?" HE REPLIED: "YES, LOSING YOUR VISION!"

U 9). When YOU PRAY for OTHERS, GOD LISTEN to YOU and BLESSES THEM, and SOMETIMES, when you are SAFE and HAPPY, REMEMBER that SOMEONE has PRAYED for YOU.

U 10). WORRYING does NOT TAKE AWAY TOMORROW'S TROUBLES; IT TAKES AWAY today's PEACE.

Questions for Markie!



A month ago we received the following question:

“Dear Markie: What's in a name? Jesus is the Greek pronunciation of the name Joshua. In Hebrew it is Jesus. I know that the New Testament was written in Greek, but when translated into English why not return it to Joshua?

If Jesus is described as a name above all others, is it correct that it should be used so often in modern times? Do the people who use it now consider it Joshua?

First, I want to thank you for your question and I encourage all of you to continue sending them!

Lets talk about Jesus' name. According to the New Advent Catholic Encyclopedia: “The word *Jesus* is the Latin form of the Greek *Iesous*, which in turn is the transliteration of the [Hebrew](#) *Jeshua*, or *Joshua*, or again *Jehoshua*, meaning "Jehovah is [salvation](#)." Once Christianity expanded around the world, the church in large saw the need to translate the Holy Scriptures into the common language, back then such language was Latin. It was through this translation from Greek into Latin that *Iesous* became Jesus. Later on as the Scriptures were translated into English, the Latin translation of Christ's name was kept as Jesus.

Is Jesus' name above all names and should be used by people? When the scriptures described Jesus' name as above all names, it makes reference to Jesus' authority and his divine nature. “Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father,” Philippians 2:9-10. Jesus name was given to make a strong statement, this is the Son of God, our salvation. Regarding how wrong or right it is to use Jesus' name to name our children, I don't think it is wrong at all. I have met many people whose relationship with Christ has transformed them to the point that in order to honor such transformation, many give their children the name of the Most High. I such cases I find beautiful that many decide to name their children Jesus or variation of his name in Hebrew *Jeshua*, or *Joshua*, or *Jehoshua*.

The important thing to remember is that it is Christ who liberated us from sin, it is Christ's love that transforms us and unites us fully to God and it is through his love that we see each other as equal members of God's kingdom. Thank you for your questions and looking forward to continue growing together as brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus.

The Rev. Oscar A. Rozo

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

SEPTEMBER 2017

Year A

Remember it is **YOUR responsibility to find a sub for your date if you are unable to serve the day you are assigned and to notify Administrative Assistant at office@stmark-beaverdam.org or JoyceDezarn@gmail.com*

3-Sep 13 Sunday of Pentecost Proper 17	
ACOLYTE	ROSIE BENSON
ALTAR	LINDA ZAMZOW
CHALICE	DEB JENSON
COUNTERS	MARYANN & VANDA WIEGERT
INTERCESSOR	JAMES CLEARY
READER	MARYANN KENITZ Jeremiah 15:15-21 Psalm 26:1-8 Romans 12:9-21 Matthew 16:21-28
USHER	BOB & LINDA ZAMZOW

10-Sep 14 th Sunday of Pentecost Proper 18	
ACOLYTE	FRED ELLIS
ALTAR	DEB JENSON/LIBBIE KACUBA
CHALICE	JIM MERRILL
COUNTERS	MARY ANN & JOANN ELLIS
INTERCESSOR	STEPHANIE MOORE
READER	DAVE DREXLER Ezekiel 33:7-11 Psalm 119:33-40 Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 18:15-20
USHER	DAVE & CORI DREXLER

17-Sep 15 th Sunday of Pentecost Proper 19	
ACOLYTE	DEB JENSON
ALTAR	JOYCE DeZARN/SUE HILBERT
CHALICE	JAMES CLEARY
COUNTERS	MARYANN & JIM MERRILL
INTERCESSOR	DEB KUENZI
READER	DAN HILBERT Genesis 50:15-21 Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13 Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-35
USHER	DAN & SUE HILBERT

24-Sep 16 th Sunday of Pentecost Proper 20	
ACOLYTE	JIM MERRILL
ALTAR	GAYLE ELBERT/BETSY LAMPERT
CHALICE	DEB JENSON
COUNTERS	MARYANN & ANDY HARMON
INTERCESSOR	LIBBIE KACUBA
READER	LINDSAY CLEARY Jonah 3:10-4:11 Psalm 145:1-8 Philippians 1:21-30 Matthew 20:1-16
USHER	BOB & MARSHA HORNE



SEPTEMBER 2017

If your Birthday, Baptismal Anniversary or Wedding Anniversary is not listed, please fill out a update form and turn into the office. The form is located on the Narthex Table.

Birthdays

Sept 1 Breanne Van Loo
Sept 2 Kirah Rose Kopmeyer
Sept 3 Fred Ellis
Sep 14 Johnny Harmon
Sep 17 Jean Neste
Sep 21 Stephanie Moore
Sep 21 Andy Wesener
Sep 24 Robyn Peters
Sep 25 Michael Thompson
Sep 29 Steve Helmer

Baptismal Anniversaries

Sept 5 Amy Diebaren
Sept 7 Aron Polensky
Sep 13 Fred Ellis
Sep 14 Carter Scott Merwin
Sep 15 Shannon Wesener
Sep 21 Gayle Elbert
Sep 24 Robin Peters

Wedding Anniversaries

Sept 3 Jerry & Marie Frank
Sept 7 Ricky & Joni Nehls Polensky



Holy Eucharist and Healing Service – Check us out at the new midweek service, being held at 5:00 pm on Wednesday evenings. Come join us for an hour of a joyful service of learning, healing and Holy Eucharist. It’s not your regular Sunday morning service.



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New Meditation Series Beginning Wednesday, Sept 6 and running for eight weeks to Oct 25. Come join John Auten from 6-7 pm, on Wednesday evening right after the Holy Eucharist and Healing Service. We will be continuing with the Spiritual Pathways we started last fall. We will be following the Daily Mediations by Fr. Richard Rohr. He is a Franciscan at the Center for Action and Contemplation, in Albuquerque, New Mexico.



PRAY FOR OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN THE SERVICE

Dennis Adams, Joshua B., James Brink, Jimmy Brink, Sam Budde, Barry Hilbert, Joshua Kent, Karl Krueger, Brian Lampert, Stephen Strube.

Lord, keep our servicemen and women safe, whether they serve at home or overseas. Hold them in your loving hands and protect them as they protect us. Amen



FRESH EGGS - See Libbie Kacuba for your “Farm Fresh Egg”. All proceeds are given back to the church general fund.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

October 2017

Year A

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Oct 1 17th Sunday after Pentecost Proper 20	
ACOLYTE	JAMES CLEARY
ALTAR	LINDA ZAMZOW
CHALICE	JOANN ELLIS
COUNTERS	MARYANN & JIM MERRILL
INTERCESSOR	BOB LUNT
READER	MARYANN KENITZ Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32 Psalm 25:1-8 Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32
USHER	BOB LUNT & LIAM CLEARY

Oct 8 18th Sunday after Pentecost Proper 210	
ACOLYTE	JASMINE MOORE
ALTAR	DEB JENSON/LIBBIE KACUBA
CHALICE	DEB JENSON
COUNTERS	MARYANN & ANDY HARMON
INTERCESSOR	MARYANN KENITZ
READER	STEPH MOORE Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:7-14 Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46
USHER	BOB & MARSHA HORNE

Oct 15 19th Sunday after Pentecost Proper 22	
ACOLYTE	JAMES MERRILL JR
ALTAR	JOYCE DEZARN/SUE HILBERT
CHALICE	FRED ELLIS
COUNTERS	MARYANN & VANDA WIEGERT
INTERCESSOR	DAN HILBERT
READER	LIBBIE KACUBA Isaiah 25:1-9 Psalm 23 Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14
USHER	DAN & SUE HILBERT

Oct 22 20th Sunday after Pentecost Proper 23	
ACOLYTE	LEAH HELMER
ALTAR	GAYLE ELBERT/BETSY LAMPERT
CHALICE	JIM MERRILL
COUNTERS	MARYANN KENITZ & JOANN ELLIS
INTERCESSOR	KEN PETERS
READER	KIT MARCEIL Isaiah 45:1-7 Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13) 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22
USHER	BOB & LINDA ZAMZOW

continued LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

October 2017
Year A

Oct 29 21st Sunday after Pentecost Proper 24		Oct 29 21st Sunday after Pentecost Proper 24 Continued	
ACOLYTE	JOANN ELLIS LINDA ZAMZOW	INTERCESSOR	BOB ZAMZOW
ALTAR		READER	DEB KUENZI Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18 Psalm 1 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34-46
CHALICE	JAMES CLEARY	USHER	DAVE & CORI DREXLER
COUNTERS	MARYANN KENITZ & JIM MERRILL	I	



Treasurer's update ~ Fred Ellis ~ July 31, 2017:

Year-to-date income: \$ 52,549.60
 Year-to-date expenses: \$ 56,796.25
 Balance **\$ 4,246.65**



Great Lakes Scrip Center®

Profit for the Month of July 2017 is: \$180.70

SCRIP NEWS New Scrip cards are available for LEROY'S MEATS. We can also order \$25.00 Domino's Scrip cards, just let your Scrip Team Members know and we can get them for you.



Highway Clean-up day is scheduled for Sunday, September 10th, after Holy Eucharist. Bring your work clothes to change into after church and be a part of the clean-up crew. Hope you are available to help with this project. Any questions ask Dan Hilbert of any of your Vestry Members.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
July Vestry Meeting
July 17, 2017

Members: Andy Harmon, Jody Langfeldt, Linda Zamzow, James Merrill, Stephanie Moore, Chris Csiacsek

Also present: Dan Hilbert, Sr. Warden; Ken Peters, Jr. Warden; Fred Ellis, Treasurer; Oscar Rozo, Rector

Absent: Darcy Moser, Sue Kuhn, Lindsay Cleary

Meeting called to order by Dan H. at 6:30 pm.

1. Opening devotion was a prayer shared by Dan H. From Psalm 111:4.
2. Approval of the June 13, 2017 minutes – Motion by Andy H. and seconded by James M. to approve the June minutes. Motion carried.
3. Treasurer's Report – Fred E reviewed the balance sheet and profit/loss reports. Motion by Andy H to approve the June financial report as presented and seconded by Jody L. Some discussion was held regarding the amount of funds in the rector's discretionary fund.
4. Old Business -
 - a. Coffee Sales – Chris had no report on the coffee sales.
 - b. Columbarium By-laws – Jody read some suggested language to address the concerns re: section 5. Members will receive a written copy for the July meeting.
 - c. Highway clean-up – will be rescheduled at a later date. Jody L brought bags as requested by Ken P.
 - d. Fireside Room curtains – Fabric should be in this week. Chris will turn in receipts for rods.
 - e. Linda Z reported that the scrip shower raised \$365 for Shannon and Andy Weiner to use for items for their new baby.
 - f. Linda Z reported on the activities from the community garden. Weeding was done this morning. Produce will be picked on the 19th and distributed on the 21st.
5. New Business –
 - a. Issues from Rev. Oscar, Senior Warden, and others:
 - i. Fr. Oscar reported on the Pastoral Team. He reported that each person will go with him the first time then 2 members will visit each person on a monthly basis. Anyone is welcome to become a member of the team. They will have monthly meetings.
 - ii. He also reported on youth/adult gathering online. These are about building relationships and sharing. These gatherings are done on skype.
 - iii. Fr. Oscar requested input from the Vestry on having a children's Sunday and he was wondering which Sunday would be best. A recommendation was made for it to be the first Sunday of the month.
 - iv. Fr. Rozo talked more about his idea of having speakers after coffee hour for 3 Sundays in the spring and fall. He is proposing the last Sunday in September, October and November to start this program. He is pursuing a grant through the Diocese to cover any expenses. Some ideas he has

for topics are the Living Compass presented by a priest's wife from Milwaukee, youth in art and the Blue Zone program.

- v. Fr. requested any feed back from the Wednesday services and classes. Fred E said the services were enjoyable and are informative even for a long time Episcopalian. Chris C said she is enjoying the classes and finding them informative.
 - vi. Fr. Oscar mentioned a picture posted by a parishioner on Facebook. He mentioned if anyone one is moved to take a picture during the service they should do so. The pictures should posted at # I am st marks or #stmarksbeaverdam, all lowercase with no spaces. Some discussion then occurred about posting pictures especially of the children without their parents permission. Jody L stated that Public Health has a release used by them to get permission to use pictures of people before using them. She will work on a draft of a document for St. Mark's.
 - vii. When Fr. Oscar was in Austin, TX he heard ideas about using pictures, #, and Facebook and name tags. One church has visitors use name tags. Discussion was held on the idea of names tags for visitors. Some concerns were that wearing a name tag could be off putting to some. Another concern was using the kind of name tags with pins or the stick on types was possibly damaging clothing. A compromise put forward was to use post it notes and make name tags optional for visitors.
 - viii. The Outreach Committee would like to find ways to bring together the community and St. Mark's. The committee is planning a Bring A Friend to Church event with an ice cream social to follow complete with music and balloons. It was decided to schedule it for 8/13.
- b. Junior Warden and Committee Reports
- i. **Building and Grounds** – A) Ken P and Dave D have a meeting scheduled for tomorrow. There is a plan to put new rock and stone in the front. B) Libby Kacuba will take the piano. C) Men's room – Beaver Plumbing was here to look at fixing the problem with water running continually in the urinals. The option to replace the urinals would require tearing out the wall where they are. Another option involves the sensors. An estimate was given to replace the sensors of \$1,567. Sixty-percent down is required with the rest due on completion of the job. Motion made by Jody L and seconded by Jim M to allocate \$1,750 from budget line 254.8 to repair the men's room water problem. Motion carried.
 - ii. **Other Committee Reports – No other committee reports.**
 - iii. **Other New Business**
 - A) Fr. Oscar will be scheduling a meeting with the Fund Raising.
 - B) A tent/awning and freezer will be needed for the ice cream social. Chris C will provide them. Fred E stated the church has a tent.
 - C) Deb Kuenzi, Robin Peters and Libby Kacuba will be working on the Fireside Room curtains.
 - D) Ken P submitted a report of the findings from an inspection of the church, both interior and exterior, by Rev. Robert Lambert. The

inspection was done on June 23rd. A finalized report will be sent regarding the findings by Rev. Lambert. Some interior items that were addressed were:

- 1) No smoke detectors in the church proper.
- 2) No smoke/carbon monoxide detectors in the entryway.
- 3) No electric EXIT signs located over the front doors.
- 4) No emergency backup lights located in the church or front entryway.
- 5) Cleaning agents in both bathrooms that could be harmful to children.
- 6) Childproof latches on kitchen cabinets.

Other concerns:

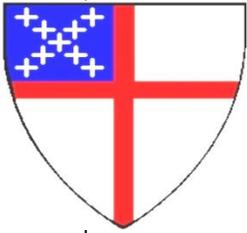
- 1) Should be documentation (pictures) of the entire church and contents in case of theft or fire.
- 2) Outside concerns utilizing the lower level (? Coverage of personal injury or property loss).
- 3) Supervision of new members (?).
- 4) Permission from parents/legal guardians for minors to participate in on/off grounds events.
- 5) There should be 2 people counting money after service. Those should be approved by the Vestry.
- 6) Priest should note sign any checks generated by the church.
- 7) Weapons in church no firearms /lethal weapons should be allowed on church property (contact insurance for coverage).

Discussion was held on taking action to approve those who are counters. Motion by Ken P and seconded by Andy H to approve the following persons as counters Maryann Kenitz, Vanda Wiegert, Jim Merrill, Joann Ellis, Andy Harmon, James Cleary and Cori Drexler. Motion carried.

iv. **Fundraising;**

1. Scrip Update – May scrip profit was \$178.56 and the June profit was \$153.36.
 2. The brat fry on 6/23 raised \$436.85 and the 7/1 one raised \$736.82.
6. The next meeting will be August 21st at 6:30 pm. Linda Z volunteered to do the devotion for the August meeting.
 7. Fr. Oscar closed the meeting with prayer.
 8. Motion to adjourn – Meeting adjourned by Sr. Warden Dan H at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jody Langfeldt, Clerk



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September 2017 ~ UPCOMING EVENTS ~ SAVE THE DATES
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Wednesdays
5:00 pm
Holy Eucharist &
Healing Service



Wednesday, Sept 6-Oct 25
6-7 pm Spiritual Pathways
New Meditation Series



Sunday, Sept 10th.
Highway Clean-up
10:30 am



Sunday, Sept 17
Vestry Meeting
10:30 am

