

The Current of The River of Life



YOUTH MISSION TRIP - June 22, 2019

From left to right:
Robin and Steve Austin, Shelby and Clay Ward, Claire Parsons,
Aubrey Maxwell, Lora and Bruce Cawkins, Zekaeus Lutzow
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**Don't Forget Clinton
"Summer Supper"**

**Monday, July 22nd
5:00 - 7:00 pm**



VBS

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July 21, 2019

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We Gather Together...

Sunday

9:30 am Worship (Beloit)

10:00 am Worship (Clinton)

Saturday

5:30 pm Service



Our condolences to the Family and Friends of...

Janice Fago, Aunt of Kathy & Mark Smith

YOU ARE INVITED

to help Pastor Keith and Barbara celebrate
their 50th anniversary
after service on August 18th during fellowship

KP = BJ 8/29/69

If you miss the 9:30 am
Worship Service, watch
online every Sunday @
www.rolumcwi.com
Wander on our web.....

People we have prayed for....

Marjorie Gray,
Gwen Bergh,
Brian & Cheryl Rochester

Welcome Everyone!

Lunch Bunch

Food



Friends

Fellowship

Fun

Thursday, July 25

11:00 am

Sophia's

3201 S. Riverside Drive

Come join

the fun!

Enjoy our Friendship!



From the desk of...
Christina Bergh, Office Manager

All,
I would like to provide a little bit of information about myself. First, I have worked in accounting, customer service, marketing and some other sales positions for at least 15 years. I have taken accounting courses at BTC, along with HR, Tax, Criminal Justice and Paralegal. I have only pursued Accounting within all of the curiosity attempts, it was the one that had a good career path and still was challenging enough, but not too tough.

Secondly, I am a single mother of 2 children. My daughter (Leah) will soon be 14 and my son (Hunter) will be 7. As I'm sure everyone knows, parenting alone is a full-time job and you try to do as much for your kids as you can. Most of you have met them, but I anticipate getting them more involved as I progress through my current tasks.

Thirdly, my mom was recently diagnosed with her *second* round of breast cancer. She had her mammogram in January stating that everything was good, only to be diagnosed in March/April with cancer. My dad and I are the only ones that have a driver's license and he's working a first shift position. Between him and I, we take turns getting her to chemo, appts and anything she needs.

In regards to my mom, there was a point in time that after her Neulasta shots, she was super dehydrated and unable to move almost like her body was shutting down and I would take her to the emergency room. Otherwise, she may have needed help or to get to a different doctor appointment. I felt I should explain this to everyone, in case her name was spotted in the prayer concerns or to explain my situation in case anyone had any questions pertaining to my schedule.

Lastly, I wanted to let everyone know that the pledge statements will be coming out at the end of July. Please be sure and review them for any discrepancies or concerns. If you need to get ahold of me, please feel free to call the office 608-362-8866, my cell 608-352-1093 or email me cbergh@rolumcwi.com



What a hot start to summer we have had so far with the weather! Please stay cool and hydrated!

I'd like to take a few moments and go over how we're looking with our giving. Currently we are doing well, but a plateau in giving is starting to be noticed. The Apportionment giving at this time of year is usually at a mid-way point. This year it is behind somewhat. There are three (3) Apportionment giving Sunday's forth coming for the rest of the year planned. Please take time to look over your pledges to see where you are to date with your giving.

I am deeply thankful for all that you give in so many ways. The Stewardship Team along with Pastor David Carlson give a great big shout out of THANKS for the support in achieving the building renovation. The last two years is where that saying, "dig deep into your pockets" proved to be a huge success. Thanks to all that made this a bountiful possibility.

God Bless!
Thomas C. Alverson
Stewardship Chairperson

YOUTH MISSION TRIP

2019 Sidekick Mission trip took us to Hopkinsville, KY this year.

Of the 5 youth we took, 3 graduated this year. We had an exciting time including the day we arrived. We had not only 1 but 2 tornado warning sirens go off. All was well as we had excellent shelter for all our youth.

We had 10 crews and 9 work sites. One work site belonging to Edith Farrow. She was having a new roof, gutters and painting done on her house. She was so sweet, she helped, provided 600 freezies for everyone and even came to our services at night. She was a blessing to us all. We had 5 crews working on her house by the end of the week making sure everything was completed. We are happy to report that all 9 sites were completed by Thursday night so we could all enjoy our fun day on Friday.

Next year we are looking for more youth to attend from our community. They need to be going into 9th grade, be willing to participate in fund raisers and share the love the Christ. If this applies to you please let Lora Cawkins know.

Mission News and Ministry Opportunities

*Please drop off your
pop tops
which benefits
Ronald McDonald's*



DIAPER BANK

Diapers Size 5 & 6
Baby Wipes
Feminine Hygiene Products
Gerber Great Start Formula
Toddler 4 & under clothing

LOOSE



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*We collected \$328.07 in loose coins
last month for
Youth Mission Triy
Thanks so much!
June coins will go to
Project 16:49*

Please donate
Children's
Picture Books for



Caritas Little Free Library



**Adult Mission Trip to
Midwest Mission Distribution Center
Chatham, Illinois
Sept. 4 – 6, 2019
(Wed. – Fri. after Labor Day)**

Ellen Butchart
Delores Hahn
Bob Novy

Bruce Cawkins
Margaret Hansen
Desiree Owens

Lora Cawkins
Mary Alice Harris

Diane Gemignani
Joanne Johnson

If anyone has sent in their deposit and are not on the list, please let Diane Gemignani know right away (608-290-5274 or dianegem23@gmail.com) so you can be included. If anyone else still wants to join the trip, please let Diane know, and she will check to see if there is room.

We look forward to serving our Lord through work projects, devotions, and fellowship!



KNITTING WITH A MISSION GROUP

We meet the last Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm
in the Office Workroom. We welcome all knitters,
no matter what skill level, and anyone wishing to learn.

Hope to see you!!

Please call Sandy Ovist with questions, 608-362-6583



UMW: WOMEN (AND MEN) IN MISSION

Our church has been so blessed to have a very hardworking couple who are devoted to being disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ. I (Marlene Erickson) thought I knew a lot about Robin Vieth-Austin and Steve Austin but it was only the tip of the iceberg. After interviewing them for this article I was in awe of what the two of them have done.

Here is a recap of what they have been involved in:

Robin: A member of the church since birth and baptized at our church downtown has done the following over all the years - taught Sunday School, Superintendent of Sunday School, youth mission trips, served communion, assisted with WATR Program, provides food for after worship service, on Nurture & Discipleship Committee, on Mission Committee, assisted with Vacation Bible Study (VBS), a member of UMW and Mary Circle and chaired our last Rummage Sale.

Steve: A member of the church since 1998 has done the following over the years - choir, served communion, lay speaker, is part of the Saturday night worship team, participated in over a dozen youth mission trips, was a coordinator of "Hands of Faith" now called the Family Promise, leads children in video performance during Sunday worship services, sound tech., VBS and participates in the tutoring program.

This year Robin and Steve served as adult leaders in the Youth Sidekick Mission trip to Hopkinsville, Kentucky. Steve served as crew leader with a woman from Janesville making repairs on a home which included storm windows, porch railing and some floor boards. Robin worked in the kitchen making breakfast, sandwiches at lunch time, snacks after work and supper for 68 kids on the trip. There were 30 adults who volunteered for this trip working on a variety of projects. Robin commented how much fun they would have with the kids.

Robin and Steve also went to Uganda, Africa in 2008 for an extended period of time. Both of them were trained as Emergency Medical Technicians and as a result of their skills they were able to teach 20-30 hospital staff how to perform CPR (they had not ever heard of this prior to Steve and Robin's visit). They did blood pressure checks and triaged patients for operations. The surgeons who were also volunteers did 84 surgeries in four days, most of which were minor surgeries but there were a couple of more severe cases including a boy who lost his arm and an 80 year old man with severe hernia issues who walked 80 miles to get this surgery. There were other procedures performed by other volunteer doctors and professionals.

They both commented on how happy and loving the people of Uganda were in spite of their poverty.

God created
EVERYTHING!



David, the
Psalmist

The heavens declare
the glory of God; the
skies proclaim the work
of his hands. Psalm 19:1

Use the words around the
thought bubble to write a
praise psalm like David did.

Praise the Lord for...

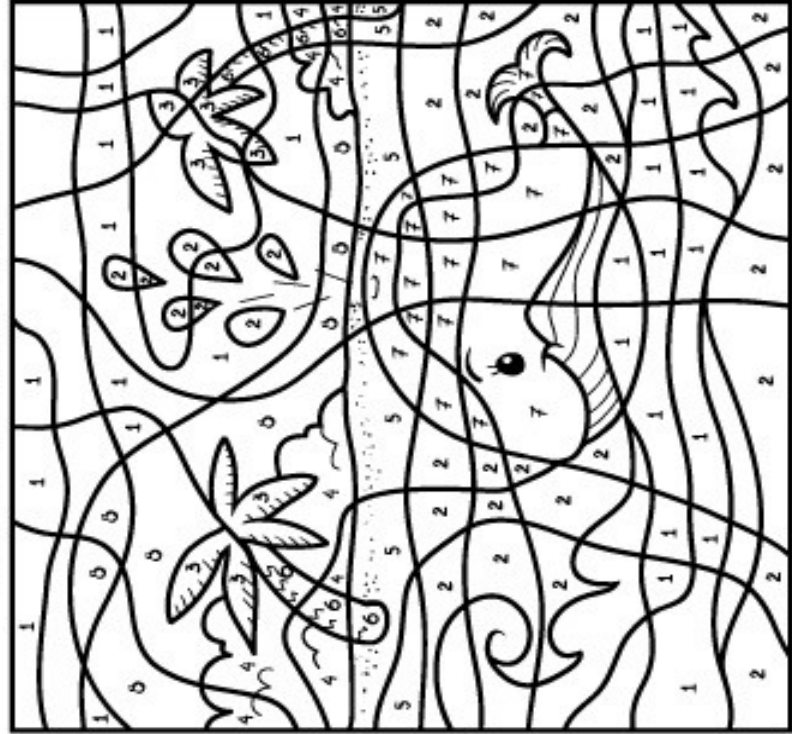
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created	_____	_____	beautiful
sunset	_____	_____	awesome
sunrise	_____	_____	wow
valleys	_____	_____	nature
colour	_____	_____	praise
rainbow	_____	_____	glory
mountains	_____	_____	power
universe	_____	_____	thank you
sea / waves	_____	_____	wonderful
great / greatness	_____	_____	heavens (sky)



JONAH AND THE WHALE

God asked Jonah to teach the people of Nineveh.
Jonah disobeyed God and was swallowed by a whale.
After three days, the whales spit him out, and Jonah repented.

Use the color key at the bottom of the page to color the picture.



1 - light blue 2 - blue 3 - green 4 - dark green
5 - yellow 6 - orange 7 - gray 8 - brown



August 1

Paul Dixon
Elizabeth Wadle

August 3

Bill Rodgers
Tim Rosenthal

August 4

Glenda Churchill

August 7

Marlene Brandenburg
Brice Henthorn
Gary Meier
Deanna Parish

August 8

Lynn Whalen

August 9

Lynn Kreisman

August 10

Clara Welch

August 12

Kaye Neblock

August 13

Chad Dixon

August 16

Haden Jones

August 17

Rebecca Folyer

Kourtney Smith

August 19

Tina Henthorn

August 21

Lillian Gelbach
Bernie Holcomb

August 24

Duncan Woody

August 25

Nathan Pozzani

August 29

Cole Henthorn

Happy Anniversary!

August 7

Bob & Carol Scheets

August 9

Ron & Jean Schrader

August 12

Doug & Diane Mitchell

Mark & Kathy Smith

August 14

Dave & Marlene Brandenburg

August 17

Sam & Judy Paddock

August 20

Laverne & Sandra Hays

August 23

Dick & Lynda Moon

Roger & Pat Sands

August 24

Tim & Tobi Hammond

August 29

Keith & Barbara Putney

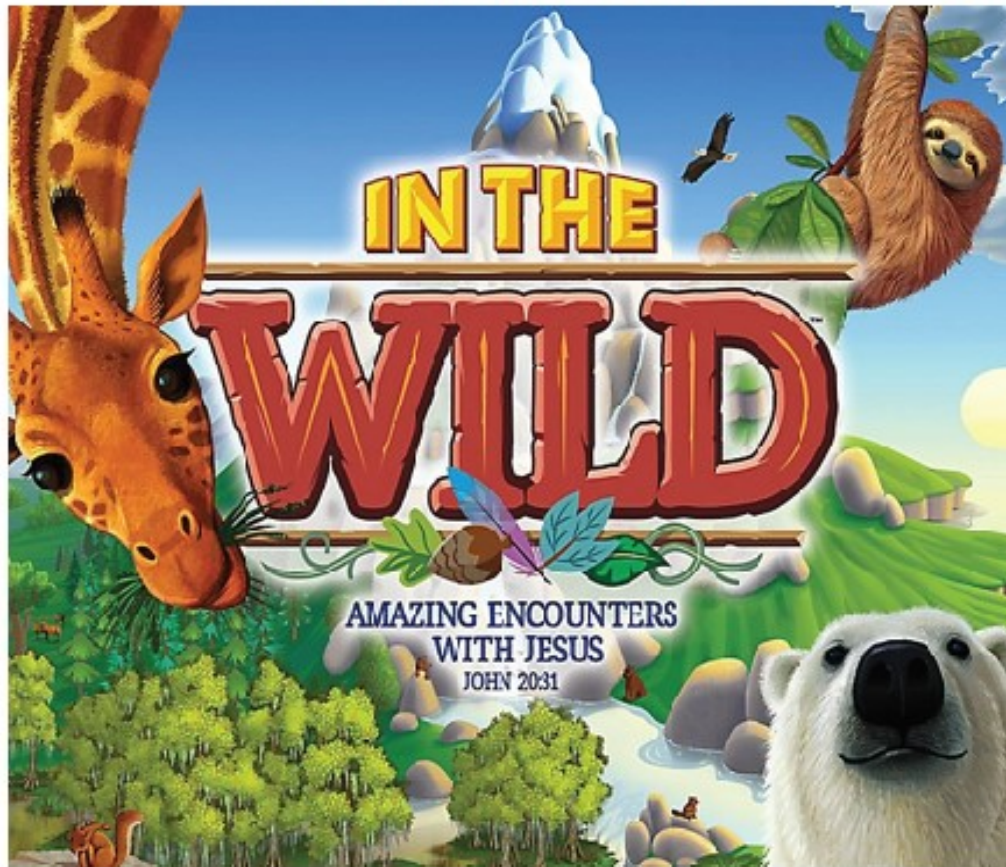
JUST A REMINDER.....

If you are admitted through the emergency room, please have a friend or family member notify us. The hospital does not pass that information along.

If you are admitted to the hospital and would like to be called on by the pastor or a member of the clergy team, please be sure to tell them you are from The River of Life United Methodist Church. They will not call us, nor release that information unless you request it.



2019 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



**Sunday, July 28 to
Wednesday, July 31
5:30-8:15 PM**

River of Life Church
2345 Prairie Ave., Beloit
(across from Aldrich School).

Dinner, Games, Crafts, Stories, and Music
FREE

Coming from the north, take Elmwood to Sunshine Lane,
from the south, take Prairie to Mason Rd.



WEEKLY EVENTS & MEETINGS

Monday

1:00 pm Card Club ((FH))

Tuesday

10:00 am Men's Coffee Hour @ Milwaukee Road McDonald's
1:00 pm 500 Card Club (Sr High Room)

Wednesday

6:00 pm Bible Study (FH)

Saturday

5:30 pm Service (FH)

OUTSIDE GROUPS

Alcoholics Anonymous
Thursday 7:00 pm (Mid. School Room)

August 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Newsletter deadline

August 9th

The next issue of the
Current will be
available
August 18th

**SPECIAL SUNDAY
OFFERING COMING SOON**

**July 28th
Apportionment**

Weekly Events are posted on the Web, Facebook, and in the Bulletin:

- July 22 5:00 pm Summer Supper @ Clinton
- July 23 6:30 pm Ad Council (FH)
- July 25 11:00 am Lunch Bunch @Sophia's, 3201 S. Riverside Dr.
- July 26 6:00 pm Youth meet @ Church, Pizza & Movie in Monroe
- July 28 11:00 am Clinton Potluck
5:30 pm VBS (ages 4 through Adults)
- July 29 5:30 pm VBS
- July 30 5:30 pm VBS
- July 31 1:00 pm Knitting With A Mission (Office Workroom)
5:30 pm VBS
- August 4 9:30 am VBS Sunday
- August 5 6:00 pm Trustees (Office Workroom)
- August 6 6:00 pm Nurture & Discipleship (FH)
- August 9 Deadline for next *Current*
- August 13 6:30 pm Finance (Office Workroom)

SAVE THE DATE.....

- Summer Supper @ Clinton: July 22
- Youth Movie Trip: July 26
- VBS: July 28—31
- Adult Mission Trip: Sept. 4-6
- Rally Day: September 8
- UMW Sunday: September 22
- Rededication Beloit: September 29



For security purposes, surveillance cameras
have been installed in the Church and Office.