

the sower

... i will not fail you or forsake you ...



For the past two months, it's been like pulling teeth! Usually, putting a newsletter together requires a little time and a bit of effort. But last month, I hit a wall. I thought it was, simply, writer's block. The aftereffect of holy week, easter, and synod assembly! But, this month, the wall's still there ...

You see, it's been a little over four months since the sale of the building was complete. And we've, pretty much, been doing what we've always done, the way we've always done it. And that was by design. We needed time for the dust to settle, to catch our breath, and to regain our footing. However, it's time to get ready to cross over into the land! And I'm realizing, this newsletter – somehow – plays a part. But until now, I couldn't figured out, exactly, how ...

Not all of you are aware, but the dreaming's already begun. Sunday morning adultClasses! Wednesday pmStudies! Monthly meetings of the congregationCouncil! And you'll, soon, discover in the pages that follow, we're setting up a designTeam to draw up the plans. Of course, it won't happen all at once. It'll take time. But slowly, surely, the vision will unfold. And that's where, I think, this newsletter enters in ...

In the past, I've used this page for anything that struck my fancy! But from now on, I'll focus on one facet of the discussion! That way, we all can be – if not on the same page – at least, in the same chapter! Afterall, what good is going somewhere if we can't do it ...

i TOGETHER !

Bob





O GOD, YOU HAVE CALLED YOUR SERVANTS
TO VENTURES OF WHICH WE CANNOT SEE THE ENDING,
BY PATHS AS YET UNTRODDEN,
THROUGH PERILS UNKNOWN.

GIVE US FAITH TO GO OUT WITH GOOD COURAGE,
NOT KNOWING WHERE WE GO,
BUT ONLY THAT YOUR HAND IS LEADING US
AND YOUR LOVE SUPPORTING US;
THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.

AMEN! AMEN! THIS IS MOST CERTAINLY TRUE!

Dear Midland Lutheran Church Family,

Cody, Paisley and I would like to thank you all so much for opening your arms and hearts to us the first time we attended Midland Lutheran over 2 years ago. We felt at home quickly and we couldn't have found a better home church. We love you all and Paisley adored each and every one of you. Thank you for being patient with her as she went from squealing and cooing, to babbling, to talking during service.

We really wanted to tell you all in person, but as fast as it all happened, time just didn't allow. Cody has accepted a job in Sierra Vista, Arizona as a Police Officer. Moving back home was something we always wanted and we felt now was the right time to do it. We moved last Sunday, April 14th, to start our next chapter. We will miss you all so much, thank you for everything you did for us, and for being so kind to us and especially for loving Paisley. We wish you all the very best.

Love,
Cody, Abigail and Paisley Jo Black

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OUR GRADUATES ...



from left to right: **deidre barnes** – from university of texas in the permian basin + **audrey hagler** – from midland high school + **will rodriguez** – from midland high school + **joseph spencer** – from robert e. high school + **jay howell** – from midland college + (not shown: **mckenzie howell** – from pueblo west high school + **dakota saenger** – from texas tech university + **joshua yee** – from allegheny college)

A designTeam has been established!



The purpose: to come up with – first, a vision and, then, the details – of what I’ve begun

calling **MLC20**! With the sale of the building, the mission of Midland Lutheran Church has gone from maintaining a past to becoming a future. We were a good congregation for 1953. Our calling, now, is to become a good congregation for 2053 ... and beyond! The first meeting is Thursday evening, June 06th, from 7-8:00, in the old patioRoom off the north hallway. From there, the team will meet twice a month – on the first and third Thursday evenings of each month. Any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please talk with pastorBob ... (office) **432.694-1373** + (cell) **432.349-7407** + (home) **432.689-9274** + (email)

bbarndt@juno.com

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BY THE WAY ... While thinking about how the newsletter can be used in service to **MLC20**, thought we should give you a head’s up! In the spirit of full transparency, the sermon on the third Sunday of each month will focus on the efforts of the designTeam! Sermon one will be June 16th! The topic:



GRACE!

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THE SUNDAY amCLASS for adults will continue meeting throughout the summer! 9:15-10:15, every Sunday morning!

PastorBob leads the discussion. The topic: “reworking Worship” We’ll do some work trying to figure out how to make things easier for “first-timers,” while still being faithful to tradition! Any questions, talk with pastorBob – office – **432.694-1373** + cell – **432.349-7407** + home – **432.689-9274** + or email –



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THE pmSTUDY that’s been meeting Wednesday evenings is, officially, on sabbatical for the summer! Lord willin’ and the creek don’t rise, we’ll reconvene in the Fall, on Wednesday, September 11th! Until then, Happy – and safe – trails!



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THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH meet the 2nd Wednesday morning of each month ... even during the Summer! So, the next meeting is June 12th! In the Patio room off the north hallway! From 9:30-11:00 (+/-)! No reservations required! Just come on down and join right in! Any questions, talk with Gretchen Shults, the study leader @ **432.413-4354**



A CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

meets in the lobby of the church, the second Thursday afternoon of each month (June 13th), from 2-3:30 (+/-)! Susan Frederickson, Caregiver Program Specialist for the Area Agency on Aging for



the Permian Basin, facilitates the discussion. No need to call ahead to save a place. Just come on down! But if you'd like to talk with Susan ahead of time, her number at the agency is **432.563-1061!**

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THE CONGREGATION COUNCIL

meets right after worship, the 3rd Sunday of each month! This month, that's the 16th!

Everyone's welcome to sit in and see what's happening! Questions – member or not – call **432.694-1373**, call or text **432.349-7407**, or drop a line to bbarndt@juno.com! And council members. . . if you can't make it, please do the same!



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& ON THE DRAWINGBOARD ...

We've started dotting the 'i's and crossing 't's! For Holden in the Park! It's be our version of the summer lawn concerts ... only worship! We'll let you know as soon as we have all the details! But for now, keep your eyes and ears open! Oh! And if you'd like to help get

everything ready, talk with the pastor! (office) **432.694-1373** + (cell) **432.349-7407** + (home) **432.689-9274** + (email) bbarndt@juno.com

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For the week-to-week details, be sure to keep an eye on social ministry. . .

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& our Facebook pages

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- devotion posts -

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PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE in your thoughts, words, & DEEDS. . .

Kaylee Academia; Adrian; Aunt Betty; Mike Bovington; Corbin; Heather Dellinger; Donovan; Marilyn Douglas; Shirley Dye; **family and friends of Helen Eberly**; Emily; Forest; **family and friends of Hannah Jo Hayes (barbara porsch's mother)**; Wanda Howell; Anneliese Hyde; Linda Jamison; Wayne Johnson; Marti Jones; Karen; Diane Keys; Kim & Sunny; Kirstie; Kristi & new daughter; Kurt; Toni Jean Lanier; Leanne; Lisa; Liz, Kurt, & Brian; Louie; Cassie Martin; **family and friends of Paula Fuszek Meissner**; Ruth Mendenhall; Doris Muehlbrad; Cindy Nelson; Shirley Nelson; Jennifer & Kyle Norman; **family and friends of Charlie Oxford**; Lael & Larry Pitts; Reagan; Joice Richter; Geneva Russell; **Ramona Russell and family**

at the death of her mother; Ruth;
Dean Saenger; Jody Smith; Johnnie
Snider; Doug Speer; Luther Steele;
Judy Swenson; Teresa; Tim; Tricia;
Betty Tuminaro

For telephone prayer chain requests – or
if you'd like to be a link on the chain –
please call Barbara Porsch –

683-4474 * bporsch@sbcglobal.net

or Ginny Behnken –

262-3374 *

fred_behnken@suddenlink.net

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the **BIRTHDAYS**

brent stroud	06/01	ken spencer	06/19
david solewin	06/06	lisa starling	06/20
zed gordon	06/15	nathan nelson	06/29

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the **ANNIVERSARIES**

larry & gretchen shults	06/08
tony & amanda schaffrina	06/11
dale & diane keys	06/21

if we've – unintentionally – omitted a
birthday or anniversary, please let us know
*we'll be sure
to get you NEXT YEAR*



for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders

the LEADERSHIP of the CONGREGATION

president	-----	-----	vice president
secretary	debbie wise (661.378-3481)	fred behnken (432.262-3374)	treasurer

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 b.j. shraeder (724.584-3633)
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 jonathan yee (432.352-9387)

nominating team		sherice barndt	delegate(s)
organist	chad hauris	bob barndt	pastor

the WORSHIP MINISTERS

	reader	assisting minister	tellers
jun 02 nd	bob boomer	gretchen shults	del bowie & lonnie yee
jun 09 th	wanda hayes	erika weber	lonnie yee &
jun 16 th	erika weber	lonnie yee	alan sewell &
jun 23 th	deidre barnes	sherice barndt	fred behnken & deidra barnes
jun 30 th	lisa starling	bob boomer	del bowie & lonnie yee
altar guild	norma saenger	lonnie yee	cantor



“Jesus is risen
and we shall arise”

herbert f brokering, 1926-2009, elw # 377



the PROPERs for june

the SEVENTH SUNDAY of EASTER, june 02

the PRAYER of the DAY: O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will.

Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

the READING: Acts 16:16-34 + Psalm 97 + Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 + John 17:20-26

the DAY of PENTECOST, june 09

the PRAYER of the DAY: God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

the READING: Acts 2:1-21 + Psalm 104:24-34, 35b + Romans 8:14-17 + John 14:8-17 [25-27]

the HOLY TRINITY, june 16

the PRAYER of the DAY: Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

the READING: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 + Psalm 8 + Romans 5:1-5 + John 16:12-15

the SECOND SUNDAY after PENTECOST, june 23

the PRAYER of the DAY: O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

the READINGS: Isaiah 65:1-9 + Psalm 22:19-28 + Galatians 3:23-29 + Luke 8:26-39

the THIRD SUNDAY after PENTECOST, june 30

the PRAYER of the DAY: Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

the READINGS: 1st Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 + Psalm 16 + Galatians 5:1, 13-25 + Luke 9:51-62

junio 2019

domingo	lunes	martes	miercoles	jueves	viernes	sabado
<p>“clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light”</p> <p>herbert f brokering, 1926-2009 elw # 377</p>						1
 <p>2</p> <p>9:15am - learning 10:30am - worship 4:00pm - bsa 270</p>	3	4	5	 <p>6</p> <p>7:00pm – design team</p>	7	8
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 <p>16</p> <p>9:15am - learning 10:30am - worship 12:00pm - council 4:00pm - bsa 270</p>	17	18	19	 <p>20</p> <p>7:00pm – design team</p>	21	22
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<p>30</p> <p>9:15am - learning 10:30am - worship</p>	<p><i>Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum</i></p> <p>the Word of the Lord Endures Forever</p>					



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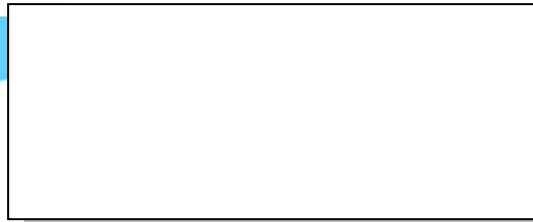
sunday morning schedule: **learning hour @ 9:15** * **worship @ 10:30**

office hours: monday-thursday, 9am-noon & by appointment

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