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bless  
America*

# Outreach

Pastor's Corner

July 2023

## Reflection on the Wisconsin Annual Conference 2023 in Green Bay

I attended the 2023 Annual Conference, which was held June 9-12. This year's theme was "On Earth as it is in Heaven" – Engaging in Transformative Community Building based on Philipians 2.

The overall tone of the conference was one of grace. We had worship, prayer, and praise time very often, and the Bible studies were good. There were no heated debates on agenda items that I was concerned about, just gentle comments and mostly voting.



A fun part was a participatory theater presentation. It was about a church with a cross-cultural appointment and how the members of the congregation are divided by language issues (derived from racism) and how to overcome them. They invited two people from the audience to stand in for some of the actors and do an impromptu play. It was very funny and provided insight into how to overcome the challenges associated with cross-cultural appointments. I think our church is already doing a good job.



The saddest part was when 43 churches were approved for disaffiliation and 4 churches were approved for discontinuance.

At the ordination service on Sunday, it was a special time to see Rev. Ho Lee, who invited us to Wisconsin, ordained as an elder pastor. I'm grateful that the Harmony Choir I'm in performed well. We sang two songs, the "Hallelujah" from Handel's "Messiah" and the "Prayer" of St. Francis. You can watch these videos on the Wisconsin Conference website.

On the last day of the conference, one special thing happened: it was the birthday of Ann, our lay member of Annual Conference. I was glad that my family and I were able to sing Happy Birthday to her in the hotel dining room.

There are still issues to pray about and problems to overcome. There are still conflicting views on sexual orientation. Therefore, we need to pray that the Church will go the way the Lord wants it to go.

As you can see from the statistics released by the denomination, membership is declining rapidly. This is a global trend. But let us all pray that the Lord will use us as laborers in the harvest and send out laborers into the harvest.

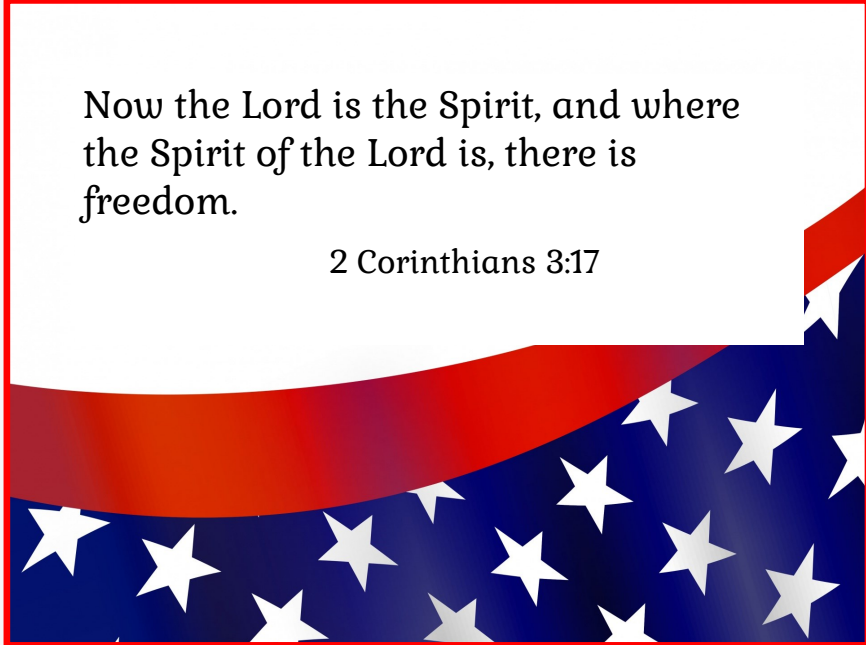


*He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Luke 10:2*

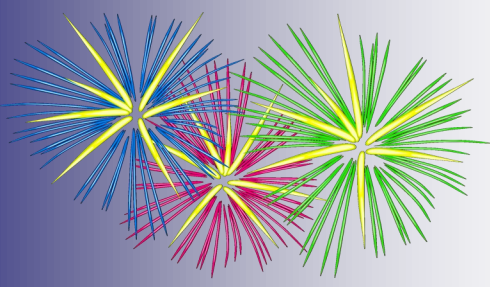
In Christ,  
Pastor Dr. Hyuntae Kim

# July Anniversaries

13 Jim & Gloria Williams




## Happy 4th of July!



# July Birthdays

- 5 Nicholas Fichtenbauer
- 5 John Kramschuster
- 7 Traci Bauer
- 9 Paisley Saxe
- 12 Kim Bursaw
- 12 Judy Winsand
- 13 Ray Johnston
- 15 Sherry Brixen
- 16 Memphis Bishopp
- 20 Donald Ede
- 20 Kim Fillmore
- 20 Finn Sandberg
- 23 Linda Davis
- 24 Katie Komro
- 24 Kim Snyder
- 25 Lisa Saxe
- 27 Kayla Klevgard
- 29 Kyle Bishopp
- 29 Christine Kramschuster
- 30 Jay Branger

Keep in Prayer...



**Members who are in long-term care facilities**

**Military Veterans**


**All Firefighters, EMTs, Police and Military Personnel**

*Brothers and Sisters in Christ around the world*

**Marie's Peach Ice Cream Parfait Pie** Ann Yelle

1 pkg. lemon Jello	1-1/2 c. sliced fresh peaches
1/2 tsp. almond extract	whipped cream
1 pt. vanilla ice cream	chopped nuts

Prepare your favorite crust. Boil 1-1/4 cups water. Add Jello; stir until dissolved. Immediately add ice cream, cut into pieces. Stir until melted. Add almond extract. Chill until thickened, but not set, 25 to 30 minutes. Fold in peaches. Turn into pie shell. Chill until firm. Top with cream and garnish with chopped nuts.



Ann reported she created a new Designated Memorial fund for Larry Lindsay and removed the account for Youngja Kwon as the proceeds had been sent to Healing Guatemala.

Finance Secretary (Kolleen Branger)  
Kolleen reported she is learning the duties of Finance Secretary and it is going smoothly.

Motion made by Rita McDonnell and seconded by Jim Williams to accept the April 2023 Executive Summary and Memorial Report. Motion carried.

United Women in Faith Report (Linda Johnston absent)

Ann Yelle presented the following report:

On May 10, 2023, Women in Faith met with 10 people present.

Old Business: The Sunshine Pins were given to Lori and David Boley at a worship service. Five women attended Aspire in Eau Claire on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Discussion took place regarding graduation Sunday to be held on May 21<sup>st</sup>. If a graduate cannot attend the service, Pastor Kim does want to meet with the graduate and parents.

New Business: Karen Lier presented a Pro Fry fryer to the church in memory of Fay Ehlert. Karen's sister, Cindy Maki, won the fryer at her place of employment and in turn is giving it to the church in Faye's memory for the making of rosettes. We were reminded that we continue to need more fryers, lefse grills, and other lefse making equipment. Ann Yelle informed the group that she had been contacted by Ginny Gunderson about our church handling the pie and ice cream at the July 4<sup>th</sup> community event. Discussion took place with a decision made that we have too few people, especially at a holiday, to handle this. Ann Yelle will inform Ginny of our decision to not take on this responsibility. We were reminded that we are to serve one thing after our meetings, either a sweet or a sand-

wich. The possibility of switching meetings back to the first Wednesday of the month was discussed.

Trustee Report (Sonny Sandberg, Chair)

Sonny inquired regarding filling the custodian position. Sonny will talk to Mike Stoughton.

Sonny indicated that the masonry work to the southeast corner of the church should be done soon.

Debbie Duncanson inquired about possibly having the church building listed with the historical society. Discussion ensued.

SPRC (Jim Williams, Chair)

Jim reported there will be a meeting in June as the quarterly meeting.

The new secretary seems to be doing real well.

Worship Committee (Rita McDonnell, Interim Chair)

Rita reported there will be a meeting in June to plan the calendar for the summer, and a meeting in August or September to plan for Advent/Christmas.

There will be refreshments on Sunday for the graduates. Kolleen Branger will take photographs.

Lay Leader (Rita McDonnell)

Rita presented a project/event planner form for use when having events.

Lay Member to Annual Conference (Ann Yelle)

Ann reported she will be attending Annual Conference from June 8 through 12, 2023.

Motion to adjourn made by Julie Brunsch, seconded by Kolleen Branger. Motion carried.

### Account Balances 5/31/2023

Checking	\$129.26
Elevator Repair	\$524.00
Local Disaster	\$390.00
New Ministries	\$2019.80
Christmas Walk	\$8000.00
Scholarships/Youth Awards	\$260.00
Sunday School	\$825.18
<b>Total Account Balances</b>	<b>\$12,148.24</b>

Be thinking  
of ideas!

Our Savior's UMC  
Christmas Bazaar  
is November 4!



# Highlights from the May Council Meeting

Minutes of Our Savior's Church

Council Meeting

May 18, 2023

**Council members present:** Pastor Kim, Jim Williams, Rita McDonnell, Julie Brunsch, Kolleen Branger, Ann Yelle, Debbie Duncanson, Sonny Sandberg, Jan Bechel. **Visitor:** Pastor Hae Jin Bahng.

**Meeting called to order** by Chairperson Debbie Duncanson.

Pastor Kim opened with prayer.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

### United Methodist Church Calendar

Trinity Sunday – June 4.

Peace with Justice Sunday – June 4.

Father's Day – June 18.

### Our Savior's United Methodist Church Calendar

Sundays – 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, in-person and online; Communion 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday; coffee/sweets 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays.

### Activities on the Calendar

Thursday, May 18 – Council meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 21 – High School Graduate Recognition.

Wednesday, May 24 – Choir practice, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 24 – Baccalaureate Service at Mondovi High School, 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 28 – Pentecost Sunday, choir sings.

Sunday, June 4 – Holy Communion.

### Secretary's Report

Motion to accept April 2023 Secretary's Report made by Kolleen Branger and seconded by Julie Brunsch. Motion carried.

### Pastor's Report

**Pastor's Report from April 21, 2023,**

### to May 18, 2023:

Tuesday, April 25, Visit Robin and Julie Brunsch's house.  
Sunday, April 30, 3:00 p.m., First Responder Community Worship Service at Central Lutheran Church.

Thursday, May 4, 9:00 a.m., Clergy Check-In via zoom.

Saturday, May 6, 11:00 a.m., James Bryan Young's (Dawn Moy's brother) graveside service at Gilmanton Cemetary.

Tuesday, May 9, 9:30 a.m., Circuit Meeting at Pepin UMC.

Thursday, May 11, Noon MACA Pastor's Meeting at Zion Church.

Thursday, May 18, 9:00 a.m., Clergy Check-In via zoom.

Thursday, May 18, 2:00 p.m., American Lutheran Homes Communion Service.

### Pastor Kim's offsite schedule:

Monday, May 22, 11:00 a.m., Wisconsin Annual Conference Harmony Choir rehearsal at Columbus UMC.

Wednesday, May 24, Mondovi High School Baccalaureate.

Thursday, June 1, 9:30 a.m., Annual Conference Clergy Session at St. Paul's-The Springs UMC, Stevens Point, WI.

July 11-14, the General Conference and Family Retreat of North Central Jurisdiction Korean Association of the United Methodist Church at Colorado Springs.

### Pastor's Absence:

Sunday, June 11 (Wisconsin Annual Conference from June 9 to 12).

Sunday, July 2 (study leave from June 26 to July 2).

On Sunday, June 11, Rita will be

the speaker.

**Visitor:** Pastor Hae Jin Bahng.

Pastor Jin gave a presentation on revival projects. Discussion ensued.

**Finance Committee** (Jay Branger, Chair)

Jay reported he had nothing to report since last Council meeting.

**Executive Summary** (Julie Brunsch, Treasurer)

Checking account totals are as follows: Beginning balance of \$16,071.61; deposits of \$8499.09; interest of \$10.03; expenditures of \$11,396.76; uncleared transactions of \$396.72 with an ending balance as of April 30, 2023, of \$12,787.25. Checking account reconciled with bank statement. Internal account balances are Checking \$168.27; Elevator Repair \$524.00; Local Disaster \$390.00; New Ministries \$2019.80; Christmas Walk \$8500.00; Scholarships/Youth Awards \$260.00; Sunday School \$925.18 for balance of \$12,787.25. Other accounts: Building/Restoration \$1969.04; Youth Fellowship Account \$4243.73.

Julie reported she used \$2500.00 from the Christmas Walk fund to cover April bills.

We received a \$24.07 Amazon Smile donation.

Current checkbook balance is \$745.20 with \$4717.13 in known bills for the month of May.

Julie received a request from the Buffalo County Fair for a monetary donation. Jay Branger made a motion to not donate. Jim Williams seconded. Motion carried.

**Memorial Report** (Ann Yelle, Chair)

Balance as of March 31, 2023, \$18,310.56 with credits of \$852.08 with ending balance of \$19,162.62.



## United Women in Faith

July 12 @ 2 pm



The **PICKLE PROJECT** will continue this summer as one of our major fundraising events. Jay and I are looking and hoping for the last week of July/first week of August, so put it on your calendars! As in the past, we will need a great crew to see this to completion. If you know of someone who might like to participate and has not in the past, give them a friendly nudge in our direction. You will be hearing from me soon. Here's to a great fundraiser! -Christine Kramschuster

### Buffalo County Fair Booth



We will be looking for volunteers to help at our UMC fair booth in two-hour increments **August 3-6**. You can call or email the church office to sign up.

### Sunday, July 16

10:00 am

Combined Worship with *Holy Communion*

Rainbow Lake Park

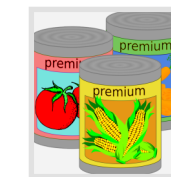
Gilmanton

*Potluck to follow; bring your lawn chair; in case of rain, the service will be held inside the church*



Food Pantry Sunday is

July 30



### Ingathering Success at Annual Conference 2023

Ingathering 2023 was a huge success and we are awed by your generosity. You are people with hearts for service and love of others. The truck was jammed packed with donations. As Ingathering 2023 ended we barely had room for our drivers, Chuck and Karen's luggage, and still be able to close the door!



You brought in 1,456 Personal Dignity kits, far outdoing last year's 977. You also brought 246 Home Care kits, so many sewing machines, medical equipment, bikes, school kits, shampoo, laundry detergent, blankets & more weighing in at 15,720 lbs. In 2 days a total of \$5,161.66 was donated.

If you would like to make a donation please write a check to: Wisconsin Conference add "Ingathering" to memo line.

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Photos and the excerpt shown above are taken from an article published on the UMC Wisconsin Conference website (<https://www.wisconsinumc.org/news-detail/2023-annual-conference-summary-highlights-17462674>).

# July 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 9:00 am Gilmanton Worship 10:30 am OS Worship; Choir sings	3	4 Independence Day Office closed 	5	6	7	8
9 No service in Gilmanton (fair) 10:30 am OS Worship; Hope Gospel presentation at service	10	11	12 12:30 pm Membership Committee 2:00 pm United Women in Faith	13	14	15
16 10:00am Combined Worship at Rainbow Lake Park, Gilmanton—Potluck, bring lawn chair, service inside church if inclement weather	17	18	19 6:00 pm Council Meeting at OS	20	21	22
23 9:00 am Gilmanton Worship 10:30 am OS Worship	24	25 August newsletter deadline	26 6:30 pm OS Choir Practice	27	28	29
30 8:30 am Gilmanton Choir Practice 9:00 am Gilmanton Worship 10:30 am OS Worship; Food Pantry Sunday	31					

## Worship Service Helpers

	Worship Leader	Greeters/Ushers	Money Counters
<b>July 2</b>	Mary Beth Pichler	Rita McDonnell & Sue Sie	Marvin Moy & Mary Beth Pichler
<b>July 9</b>	Mike Bruning	Jim & Gloria Williams	Deb Bruning & Katie Sandberg
<b>July 16</b>	Rita McDonnell	Randy & Dora Johnston	Donna Moy & Jan Bechel
<b>July 23</b>	Brendan Williams	Mary Beth Pichler & Jan Bechel	Mary Beth Pichler & Linda Johnston
<b>July 30</b>	David Boley	Bill & Karen Lier	Bill Lier & David Saxe
<b>Camera Operators: Lori Boley &amp; Saul Ness</b>			

### A Message from the Finance Chairman

Happy summer! I hope this message finds everyone enjoying summer and time spent with family and friends.

The summer months often reduce Church attendance due to weekend activities and personal travel. As a result, weekly offerings typically decline and the Church's ability to pay monthly expenses becomes more difficult. This year is no different as we have used nearly \$7,000 of emergency funds through the first five months of the year to meet our local operating expense needs.

We need everyone's help in keeping our monthly expenses paid and the Church financially sound. This can be accomplished by contributing to the offering during Sunday services, mailing funds to the Church office, or by making an electronic payment via the offering link for Vanco at <http://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z3D4/home>.

You can also scan the QR code below to get to the Vanco site. There is also a GIVE button on the church website home page that will take you directly to the Vanco site. The address for the Church website is [www.oursaviorsumc.org](http://www.oursaviorsumc.org).

My goal is for all of us to increase our offerings to eliminate using our emergency funds to keep our expenses paid, since this source of funding is limited and quickly decreasing. I hope and pray you will remember the Church and its financial needs as you go about your daily lives as the Church is always here for you to provide spiritual assistance and support during times of need. There is an old saying that many hands make light work! I am convinced that if we all pitch in, the financial needs of the Church will be met! In God we trust.

Jay Branger  
Finance Chairman

