

Lay Coordinator ♣ June 2010

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Time for honoring graduates, changing over to the summer church schedule and planning those rummage sales!



They are busy doing spring-cleaning at **Sauk City First**. They will be having a rummage sale and bake sale June 11 and June 12 with all the proceeds going towards their mission trip to Back Bay in Biloxi. They have also started their organizational meetings to get ready to participate in the Sauk Prairie Relay for Life August 6.

Columbus Olivet will also have a Relay for Life team at their local Relay that is July 16. Last year they raised \$2,500! The fun continues, they have a Fireside Dinner Theater Trip planned for July 29.

Madison Plymouth will hold their bi-annual Yard Sale on Saturday, August 7.

I think of reading books in the winter when its cold in front of a fire but our churches embrace summer reading too! Here are two new titles. **Madison Orchard Ridge's** Java and Jesus group is reading *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor and their women's group is reading *The Virgin of Small Plains* by Nancy Pickard.

Speaking of **Orchard Ridge**, they again ran a driver over 50 safety course this spring, what a great idea! More information is available through AARP.

Belleville First will honor their graduates June 6 with a special service and a Senior Breakfast. **Janesville First Congregational** will honor their grads June 13. They invite all grads to wear their caps and gowns to church.

Janesville First will hold "Sirchio in the Summer" for their Sunday School beginning June 6. Bryan Sirchio will explore Bible stories and life lessons through music periodically throughout the summer during their regular Sunday School time.

The summer Sunday School program for **Madison Orchard Ridge** is called "Children and Youth in the Garden." They will stay in the sanctuary for the beginning of every service and then go to work and play in the Children's Garden plot and their pantry plots.

Monticello Zwingli informed the congregation how nice it was that their facility is being used. Seven area groups meet there! Their building isn't the only thing being put to work- they will be having a Moon Beach Work Camp June 13-19!

Not too early to plan those fall activities! **Madison Orchard Ridge** will be holding a Congregation Retreat at Pilgrim Center October 15-17. The retreat is designed to help adults and kids deepen their faith and sense of community.

Here is something to mark on your calendars. As I have mentioned before, three of our SW congregations are joining together in their Food Resource Bank project. There will be having a big barn dance and an auction of their home-grown pork on October 16 called Swing n' Swine. My daughter has recently introduced me to the concept of "happy meat", can't get much happier, plan to come and bid!

Madison First Congregational is producing a summer musical with all participants being in first through middle school. They will present the musical on June 20.

Madison Lake Edge is hosting a whole month of free "chair yoga" lessons. The group meets for four Friday nights.

I hope I see many of you at the Wisconsin Conference Annual Meeting in Green Lake coming up in just a couple weeks. I will be at the Wisconsin Council for Health and Human Services booth handing out coffee mugs. Please stop by and say hello!



Paoli Zwingli celebrated Pentecost Sunday by confirming three youth. As Pastor Sara reminds us, "The act of confirmation occurs in a person's life in that moment the Holy Spirit blesses and bestows upon this one who comes forward in affirmation of their belief, however, The WORK of confirming our faith is a process that takes a lifetime."

Go and serve!
Nancy