

Paster's corner

## Missionaries & Martyrs Robert Barnes

Robert Barnes was born in 1495 in Norfolk England. He was educated at the already ancient Cambridge

University before he became an Augustinian monk. While a monk, he learned about another Augustinian friar from Germany named Martin Luther. Barnes studied carefully the issues of the Lutheran Reformation and became convinced of the truth which Luther and others preached. After becoming a doctor of theology, Barnes became the prior of a convent in Cambridge where he is credited with preaching the first Reformation sermon from an English pulpit. This sermon took place on Christmas Eve at the Midnight Mass in St. Edward's Church. In the sermon, Barnes preached against clerical pomp, church abuses, and lawsuits of one Christian against another. Since, at the time, King Henry VIII and Cardinal Wolsey were embroiled in many lawsuits at the time, this sermon led to the arrest and imprisonment of Robert Barnes for the crime of teaching heresy. After escaping his house arrest, he escaped across the English Channel to Antwerp before making his way to Martin Luther at the University of Wittenberg, Saxony.

After several years in Germany as a friend and dinner guest of Luther, Barnes returned to England in 1531. He

was one of many early protestant theologians who met at the White Horse Inn in order to read the Bible and discuss theology. Barnes hoped to convert King Henry VIII and therefore the whole country to the truth of the Gospel. He rose in prominence in the English government, and there was great hope that Henry VIII would convert. However, at the time, Henry was trying to annul his marriage to Katherine of Aragon so that he could marry his mistress, Anne Boleyn. When Martin Luther refused to bless the king's adultery, divorce, and remarriage, the Lutheran Robert Barnes fell from the king's favor.

Barnes was imprisoned once again for his Lutheran faith, and on July 30, 1540, he was burned at the stake as a heretic. The martyr, Robert Barnes, with his last breath declared his love for God, for king, and for country as he shouted a prayer through the flames, "Lord, open the King of England's eyes!" Martin Luther mourned the death of his friend and house guest, but he also rejoiced that Robert was blessed to be called to a martyr's death and shed his blood for the sake of Christ.



Artwork depicting Robert Barnes, "The Lutheran Witness", July 2022

## **Prayer Concerns**

### **Church Members**

Keith & Linda Donley, Jeff Eager, Brenda Fifield, Dan Fischer, Lela Gilroy, Ashton Jones, Carmen Kinney, Bob & Pam Mutschler, Jerry Priebe, Ellen Romosier, Neil Schaudt, Gus Schumacher, Kathy Tallieu, Mike Wettstein, Virginia Woudstra, Mary Lou Champion, and Fran Clemens

### **Extended Family and Friends**

Mary Kay Bell and Connie Lilley—relatives of Judy Fischer The Family of Gordon Gotts Dennis Ondraika—Adam's father Donna Ferguson—Adam Ondrajka's grandmother Valerie and John—family of Brianna Haas Mary Mitchell-sister of Lela Gilroy LaVerne Heath—Godmother of Chris Durham Linda Fraley—Lela Gilroy's daughter Gary Engel—friend of Aaron Fischer Meredith Stewart—cousin of Chris McGarvie Glen Phillips—former employer of Adam Ondraika Sue Reed—Pastor Reed's wife Nick Steen—friend of Mike & Linda Harm Sam Holland—Marty Brandt's brother-in-law Kendra Haase—wife of James Haase Barb Potter—friend of Earl & Marlys Fischer Heather Strolis—friend of Earl & Gwen Hulett Ruth Balzer—friend of the LWML Danica Willis - a friend of Mary Brief Carol Gillis—John Hollenbeck's sister Joan Kuhn-Mary Brief's mother Taylor Long—a friend of OSL Kingston students Don Johnson—Adam Ondrajka's friend and coworker Cathy Khoury-Bob Mutschler's sister Carl & Cathy Mutschler—Bob's brother and sister-in-law DorisAnn Brief-Mary's mother-in-law Randy Kasdorf—Shauna Lester's Baptismal Sponsor Ken and Pam Wood—parents of Kelly Ondrajka Harvey Kaltz—Debie's husband Family & Friends of Virginia Woudstra: Heather Sunday & Ivy, Kimberly Randall, Dennis Davis, Jeanette Lasko, Janet Huber, Raymond Randall, Quinn Adamczyk, Robbie Kuechenmeister, Valerie Martin, Eugene Rushlow, and Bob Shannon

Please help us keep this list of prayer concerns up to date. If you have a family member or friend listed here who is no longer in need of prayer, please let Kelsey know in the church office. Give thanks too, to the Lord who answers prayer!

# Serving the Lord in Gladness



## <u>May Elders</u>

5/5Marty Brandt5/12Chris McGarvie5/19Jerry Priebe5/26Bob Stoick

### <u>Altar Guild</u>

Volunteers appreciated!

### Service Music

May 5th and 12th — Caleb Storm May 19th — Renea Lambert May 26th — Caleb Storm or Hanna Kern

### Sunday Morning Greeters

- 5/4 Randy & Brianna Haas
- 5/12 Don & Hannah Schank
- 5/19 Gus & Barb Schumacher
- 5/26 Bob & Jeannie Stoick



**Acolytes** 

Sam and Carter Schank

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## Homeschool Co-op News



Learning is a lot of fun for the children in the Homeschool Co-op at Our Savior. Here, you can see the Solar System drawn on the sidewalk. The boys and girls used the System for their Hopscotch path.

It's hard to see, but the sun and all the planets (including little Pluto!) are included in order. God's creation is marvelous, isn't it?

The Co-Op will continue to meet at OSL each Monday through May. In June, July, and August, the plan is to meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month with the other

Mondays as field trip days or play days at the Marlette Park. 🕲



## Spotlight on May's "Hymn of the Month" "CREATOR SPIRIT, BY WHOSE AID"

Our Hymn of the Month is a very old hymn, dating to the end of the 8<sup>th</sup> century. The lyrics are believed to have been composed by Rabanus Maurus (c. 776-856), also known as Hrabanus Magnentius Maurus. He was born in Mainz, Germany of noble parents, and was educated at Fulda and Tours under Alcuin, who is reputed to have given him the surname, Maurus, after the saint of that name. Maurus wrote extensive Biblical commentaries and other poems.

No information could be found for the origin of the tune "Gesangbuch" which simply translated means, "hymnbook".

Information gathered from Hymnary.com



"Paraclete," another name for the Holy Spirit, comes from the Greek, meaning "comforter" or "counselor." Text: att. Rabanus Maurus, 776-856; tr. John Dryden, 1631-1700, alt. Tune: *Gesangbuch ... Psalmen, Geistliche Lieder*, Strassburg, alt.: setting: The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941

Rom. 8:9; I Cor. 3:16; John 16:13; Gen. 1:2

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## Church Council Report Minutes from the meeting of April 18, 2024

The meeting of the Church Council was called to order at 7:37 p.m. by President Adam Ondrajka. Present were Adam Ondrajka, Chris Durham, Randy Haas, Karen Forys, Karrie Forys, Kathy Tallieu, Renea Lambert, and Pastor Kern. Pastor opened the meeting with a Scripture reading from Luke 15 wherein Jesus speaks about the shepherd who leaves the 99 to find the one lost sheep. A writing by Martin Luther followed, also read by Pastor.

#### The Treasurer's Report was re-

viewed. A motion to accept was made by Karrie Forys and seconded by Chris Durham. Motion passed.

#### Pastor's Report

- There has been one Baptism and one Confirmation since the last meeting, these taking place during the Easter Vigil on March 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Thirteen services have been held since the last Council meeting.

- Adult Bible Study continues in the book of Daniel.
- After a break, Confirmation Classes are meeting again regularly. Classes will run on Sundays through the month of May.
- Pastor would like to propose some possible fellowship activities be scheduled, such as (1) Euchre Tournament, (2) a Fishing Day, (3) Church Picnic, (4) Book Club. Other ideas are welcome.
- Pastor will be attending some Conferences over the next few months:
- Regional Conference on May  $6^{\rm th}$  and  $7^{\rm th}.$
- Higher Things Youth Conference during the last week of June. This is held in Mequon, WI.
- Bugenhagen Conference in Racine, WI on July 29-30, with the Kerns remaining in Wisconsin on vacation for the remainder of the week.

#### School Board Report - presented by Chairman Randy Haas

- The process of informing all parents of next year's closure is nearly complete.
- Supplies in the building are being sorted and distributed to owners, other materials are being organized.

#### <u>Elders Report</u>

• Pastor updated Council on information he received from the Michigan District office regarding the possibility of Hope Lutheran Church in Marlette exiting the ELCA. Should this happen, the congregation may wish to affiliate with the LCMS or another more conservative Lutheran church body.

## Council, continued

#### Board of Christian Education Report - given by Chairman Randy Haas

- The Board met briefly in March and elected a Chairman (Randy Haas) and Secretary (Chris Durham).
- VBS is currently in the planning stages. Dates to be determined soon. Volunteers will be needed.
- The 2023-24 Sunday School and Youth Group year will conclude on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Classes will resume in September.
- Our Graduating Seniors will be recognized during the Sunday Morning Service on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### Facilities Trustees Report - given by Trustee Chris Durham

- There are issues in the boys' restroom in the school which will be addressed.
- New faucets for the Sacristy will be donated and installed.

A motion to accept all Board Reports was made by Chris Durham and seconded by Randy Haas. Motion carried.

#### Old Business

• The Constitution Review Committee will schedule a meeting in the next few weeks.

#### New Business

- Karen Forys brought the District Pledge Commitment Form before Council. A motion was made by Karrie Forys to continue the same pledge amount (\$350 monthly = \$4200 annually); seconded by Chris Durham. Motion carried.
- A Spring Clean Up Day was set for Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00 a.m. (Rain date: Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>)
- Karrie Forys reported that the School Library has had food and other trash left on the floor. It is asked that those using rooms in the school treat the building with consideration and care.

The <u>Secretary's Report</u> from this meeting was read and a motion to accept was made by Kathy Tallieu and seconded by Randy Haas. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by Karrie Forys and seconded by Karen Forys. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned with The Lord's Prayer at 8:18 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled by May 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Renea Lambert, Secretary

# NEWS about our NEWSLETTER

The way we get "The Logos" to you may be changing, depending on how you would like to receive it. For many of you, receiving The Logos via e-mail might be more appealing.

An e-mailed version would allow you to —

- enlarge print
- see photos clearly and in color
- share the newsletter with other electronically

This method can be more timely, efficient, and cost effective. However, we know many people prefer a printed copy that arrives in the mailbox — and that option is perfectly fine too.

Can you help us out by letting us know your preference? You can do that in a couple of different ways —

- (1) Send an email that says "e-mail" or "regular mail" to: Renea.Lambert@OSLMarlette.com
- (2) Fill out one of the slips that are on the table in the Fellowship Hall at church and drop it in the return basket that's there.
- (3) Visit the church's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/ OSLMarlette) and send your choice to us through Facebook Messenger. Just say, "e-mail" or "regular mail" and we'll know what you mean. ☺

If all goes well, the new delivery system should be in place and the June issue will come to you in a new way. Please be patient with us we work through this transition. ♥ Thank you!

# + Coming in the June Issue +

- A new delivery system
- Feature articles on our High School Graduates -
  - Landon Donley, Marlette High School
  - Keira McGarvie, Kingston High School
  - Lauren Eager, Peck High School





Bring your rakes, clippers, nippers, shovels ... and whatever else might be needed to help out at the annual Spring Spruce Up Day on Saturday, May 4th. The day will start at 9:00 and run at least till lunchtime.

If yard work isn't your "cup of tea", there are chores to be done inside the building too. Window washing, light fixtures that need cleaning, general straightening up ... and so on.

Along with a sense of satisfaction (and a few sore muscles!) you'll leave with a smile on your face. Working together with your church family is always a blessing!

Here's an idea — If you can't make it to work but you'd like to help in some way, how about providing some cookies, cheese & crackers, sandwiches, chips, or something to drink? It would definitely be appreciated by hungry workers!



Rain date for Spring Spruce Up: Saturday, May 18th at 9:00 a.m.