

Messenger



Dear Friend of MacArthur Park Lutheran Church and School,

I am hearing lots of conversation these days about paying for a possible building program and staying current with ongoing expenses. Since I am writing this during the week before Trinity Sunday, I thought I would talk some about stewardship from a Trinitarian perspective. I want to describe three common myths and three not as well understood truths about stewardship and giving.

Myth #1: People give out of loyalty to the church.

In the twentieth century, this myth had some truth about it. People were more tied to institutions in those days and loyalty was a common reason to give.

Today we are seeing far less loyalty to every institution and those who remember the days of institutional loyalty are advancing in years. Furthermore, more and more

groups are now competing for discretionary funds.

Myth #2: People will give to a demonstrated need such as a budget deficit.

Any truth to this myth can be refuted by looking at the federal government.

Our federal government has accumulated one of the largest deficits in world history. Yet I see few people crying out to give more of their hard earned money to the federal government. Deficits do not motivate giving.

Myth #3: People will give more to the church if the pastors are young, good-looking, intelligent, articulate, and witty.

This myth is a no-brainer. If this myth were true, MacArthur Park Lutheran Church and School would have more money than Donald Trump.

So much for the most commonly held myths about stewardship and giving. Now for the three most important truths.

Truth #1: People give where they approve of the

mission of the group and are participating in that mission.

Where giving is a problem in a church, lack of mission clarity is often a major contributor. And among younger generations in particular, active participation in the mission of the group is important. People want to identify with what their money is doing.

Truth #2: People give where the leadership of the group is trusted.

You may have noticed more fund raising letters coming from pastors, bishops, university presidents, agency executive directors, and the like.

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MacArthur Park Lutheran School



June is here and we have closed another school year. It is such a rewarding process to see children grow not only physically but, emotionally and in their academic skills. We had a high enrollment of 65 children this year and felt very blessed to have so many children enrolled. Our staff was wonderful and we had 11 employees. The school is such a great mission for our church. We are blessed to have a strong partnership between the church and school.

We are having summer camps in June for our enrolled students and VBS will be the last week in June. The school office will be open every day to give tours and accept enrollments. We will be closed in July for maintenance and reopen in August for the staff to get ready for the new school year.

The annual rummage sale is set for September. Due to many people's generous donations, we are running out of storage. If you have very large items it would be best to hold them till September.

We pray everyone has a safe and fun summer vacation. Remember to always spread the word about MPLS.

MPLS Staff

INSURANCE DAMAGE CLAIM

Whew! This storm phenomena which continues to bombard the area with hail every time it storms, is taking a toll on our church, our buildings and surrounding property. After these last string of storms and after a thorough inspection of all church property, our insurance adjuster from "Guide One" insurance estimated our Full Cost Replacement figure of \$82,288.08. Minus depreciation of \$18,806.52, an actual cash value check of \$63,481.56 was issued to our church.



Our church council along with our property manager will review the damages and prioritize repairs. Lord willing, I hope the weather improves so we may proceed with these repairs.

Many blessings, Abel Flores, Support Chair

Dear Fellow Members of MacArthur Park
Lutheran Church,

This is an update on the financial details of this year's Stewardship drive. The information comes directly from Beverly Buchhorn, our financial secretary.

There are a total of 156 possible giving units in our congregation. As of Friday, May 13th, 70 units had returned pledges. Those 70 represent \$246,430.01 in expected giving.

For the 86 non-pledgers, their projected giving amount will be \$70,628. This is based on their previous giving. The total of those two numbers added together is \$317,058.01 which constitutes how much we expect in general fund income for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2016.

Please note that the budgeted amount for the same time period last year was \$325,285 for 9/1/15-8/31/16.

If you have already turned in your pledge, on behalf of the congregation and its ministries, I thank you! If you have not turned in your pledge, please prayerfully consider how you may be able to contribute. You may bring your envelope to worship and place it in the collection plate, or mail it to the church office.

Yours in Christ,
Beth Borstad, Inviting Chair
MacArthur Park Lutheran Church Council

BECAUSE OF
GOD'S GREAT MERCY 

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The reason is people give to trusted leaders. If the current leadership is weak or in transition, the letters are often signed by trusted former leaders and elders in the organization.

Truth #3: People give more where the organization is transparent and communication is frequent.

You may have also noticed more appeals for money from all kinds of non-profits. Financial statements are often included.

Trust in the organization is important. People do not give to groups they do not trust or who do not share relevant information.

Giving and stewardship are important to the life of any congregation. We will need to remember these truths of giving and not allow ourselves to believe the myths.

I hope you have a blessed summer as we continue to live the gospel and change the world.

Peace, Pastor Paul

Education and food to follow

Only *one* service June 12-Aug. 7

On June 12 the church picnic will follow the one worship service at 10 a.m.

From June 19-Aug. 7 there will be only one worship service at 9:30 a.m. Christian Education opportunities will be available for all ages following the service. Refreshments will be offered at that time also.

This will be an opportunity for those who regularly attend one or the other of the present services to meet and visit with each other.

Pastor Heather Hansen and Music Director Leigh Anne Seitter are planning a variety of special services for these summer Sundays.

On Aug. 14 the regular schedule will resume with services at 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

That day, during the time between services, there will be a reception for Pastor Paul Ziese and Choir Director Carla Lockett in honor of their twenty years of service to MacArthur Park Lutheran Church.---srp



Congregation votes yes

Building Committee meets with BoDen

The congregation of MacArthur Park Lutheran Church voted at its May 15 called congregation meeting to approve hiring BoDen design/build company to move forward with the building process.

Now BoDen will have various studies done with regard to plats, drainage, etc., and will provide a conceptual rendering of a building based on needs as previously determined by the Facility Task Force, the Building Committee and the congregational forum.

After the congregational vote, the Building Committee met with the BoDen representatives, including the architect, to discuss different options. After evaluating the sanctuary and education building, it was determined that it would not be worthwhile to try to renovate or add on to either building. The BoDen recommendation is that a new build would be more cost effective than a renovation.

The Building Finance Team will be working with the Mission Investment Fund, the financial area of the ELCA, to develop a plan for a capitol campaign to raise the funds for building. There is approximately \$350,000 in the building fund at this point.

At each step in the building and finance process, there will be congregation informational sessions and congregational votes.

Design/build is a term from the construction industry and describes a method in which the design and construction services are contracted by a single company. The design/build contractor is the single point of responsibility for the project.---srp

Congregation Council Meeting Minutes ~ May 17, 2016

In Attendance: Suzette Price, Robin Bullington, Melissa French-Stephenson, Pastor Heather, Bill Sweda. Others in attendance: Paige Marg.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm with a devotional and prayer from Suzette Price. The group reaffirmed its commitment to the purpose statement and guiding principles.

Actions:

- Minutes of the April 19, 2016 Congregational Council meetings were approved as printed.
- A written financial report was received from Treasurer Maureen Folkerts. April operating receipts were \$23,931.88 and total expenses were \$35,522.53 with a loss of (\$8590.65). Year to date operating receipts were \$235,853.19 and total expenses were \$283,853.19 with a loss of (\$47,470.34). For April, MPLC School operating expenses were \$30,897.15 and total expenses were \$20,876.50 with a net income of \$10,020.65. Year to date operating expenses were \$220,090.38 and total expenses were \$165,325.31 with a net income of \$54,765.07.
- Pastoral Acts –Georgina Rice was received into membership by affirmation of faith.
- A NESAs garage sale on October 15, 2016 was approved with a motion by Robin Bullington and a second by Bill Sweda.
- The support of non-profit organizations will be capped at \$50.00 per meal or event for Pastor Ziese and Pastor Heather. This was approved with a motion by Melissa French-Stephenson and a second by Pastor Heather.
- There will only be one worship service for the summer from June 12 through August 7. The church picnic is on June 12 with one service at 10:00am. Worship on the remaining Sundays will be at 9:30am with fellowship and bible study following the service. This was approved with a motion by Robin Bullington and a second by Bill Sweda.
- The congregational annual meeting has been set for August 28, 2016 at 12:15pm for the purpose of approving church and school spending plans, electing council and other positions and hearing reports.

Discussions:

- Pastor Heather gave an update on the Annual Roadmap for Mac Park. She also reported that enough money has been raised for the youth to attend Confirmation camp and the Disciple project.
- A 20th anniversary celebration for Pastor Ziese and Carla Lockett will be on August 14th.
- Paige Marg reported that the Building Committee met with an architect and the Design-Build team of BoDen to discuss different options. Their recommendation is that a new build would be more cost effective than a renovation. Many more meetings and discussions will need to occur.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16pm with a closing prayer from Suzette Price.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Bullington, Congregation Council Secretary

News Around Mac Park and Our Community

Just a reminder -- we do not publish a newsletter in July. We will print the July worship assistants, birthdays, anniversaries and calendar. These will be emailed and copies available on the table in the back of the church in late June.

Our Christian sympathy to Jodi and James Vlasak on the death of her father, Paul Weiss in Ohio, and to Denise Bilderback on the death of her sister, Debbie Clark on May 1 in California.

Congratulations to Emily and Nick Garza on the birth of their daughter Leila Ann on May 2 at 8:25 am. She weighed 5 lbs. 1 oz. and was 18 ¾" long. Congratulations also to her grandparents Tony and Sherill Whiteman and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins!



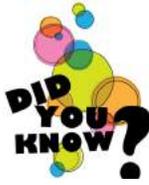
Habitat for Humanity of San Antonio Build for Better



Thank you to all who participated in our spring fundraising event, the annual "Square Foot Campaign". We will build with the Lutheran Cluster of churches in the fall, and since Coleman Ridge will be completed with dedication of the final house (#185) on July 22, we will move our building skills to a new neighborhood.

As part of the REnewSA Target Area of Council District 6 on the Westside, two new Habitat build areas are currently being prepared for future homes. One of the greatest aspects of building in this area is that so many resources are already located there including schools, churches, medical facilities, parks, six bus stops, and Highways 90 and 151 nearby. There will be 21 homes built in Hope Village and 167 in Lenwood Heights. Our fall house will be built in Hope Village so look for further information on our building partner for the Cluster and for a request for volunteers.

Habitat SA is very happy to be celebrating 40 years of building decent, affordable housing in San Antonio. Between 1976 and the end of 2015, 947 homes have been completed. That's quite a record! If you are at least 14 years old and interested in volunteering before our Cluster house begins in the fall, please contact the volunteer scheduler at 210-223-5203, extension 161. ~*Jeanette Pierce*



**By: Suzette
Price**

These Mac Park members serve on the boards of ministries the church supports. Jeanette Pierce serves on the San Antonio Metropolitan Ministries board. Claudia Torkelson serves on the Agape board, and Jamie La Fuente is on the board of Christian Assistance Ministry.

MacArthur Park Lutheran School students checked out a total of 2,461 books from the school library for the 2015-2016 school year. Three year olds could check out one book a week for a total of 249. Four year olds could check out 2 books a week for a total of 636 books. Kindergarten students could check out 5 books a week and had a total of 760 books, and first graders could check out 6 books a week for a total of 816 books.

Collin Gill made the highest SAT score among seniors at Judson High School. He will be attending The University of Texas at Austin.

Vacation Bible School



MacArthur Park Lutheran Church

June 27-July 1, 2016

8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

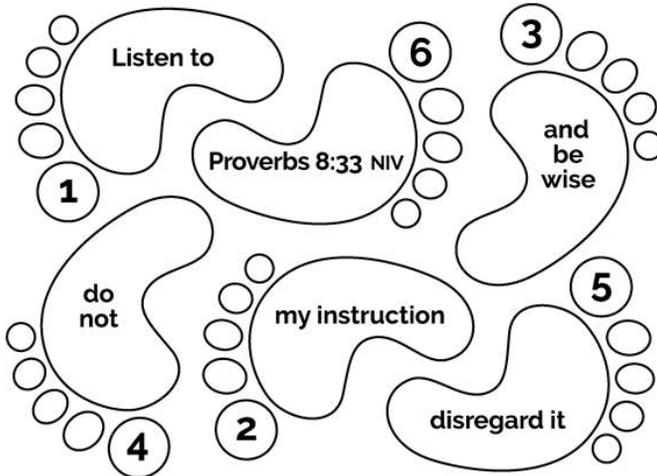
- Cost: registration \$30.00
- Ages 2yrs-middle school
- Lunch served each day



FOLLOW OUR
FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS

In the book of Proverbs, a father urges his son to listen to his wisdom, which he received from his heavenly Father.

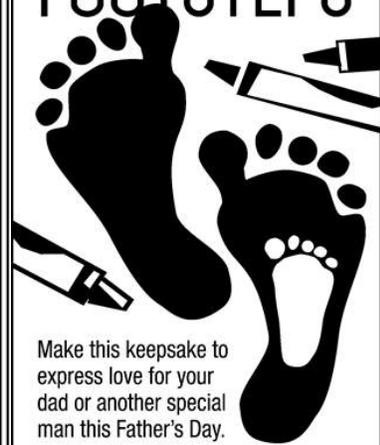
Directions: Starting at 1, follow the footsteps and write the words in order on the blanks below.



“ _____ ;
 _____ .”
 _____ : _____

Answer: "Listen to my instruction and be wise; do not disregard it."
 Proverbs 8:33, NIV

In my
FATHER'S
FOOTSTEPS



Make this keepsake to express love for your dad or another special man this Father's Day.

What you need:

- White construction paper (11" x 13" sheet)
- Pencil
- Black permanent marker
- Crayons or paint

What you do:

1. In the center of the paper, trace your foot in pencil. Darken the outline with marker.
2. Color or paint the footprint. Let it dry.
3. Trace your father's foot (same one) on top of your footprint (with yours in the middle of his).
4. Color or paint his footprint. Let it dry.
5. Sign your names and the date at the bottom.

Stitches from the Quilters



Quilter “Dude” of the Month: Bob Hunt (Part IV) Bob went to work with the Texas Highway Department in 1955 and stayed with them for 38 years and retired as a projects manager.

He started with the Highway Dept. as a “checker.” That job entailed giving “coupons” to gravel truck drivers for each load of gravel they brought to a construction site. Evidently the drivers were paid by the truckload. Then, Bob became an “inspector” for all phases of highway construction.

(See you in July for Part V.)



“Lady Lorraine” Quilt: Well, folks, the quilt netted \$2159.11, and the money goes to the Mac Park School.



Here we see Henry Sladek mixing the tickets up (he said to make sure his made it to the top).



Here Kevin Ott and Henry are picking the winning ticket. Notice Henry’s eyes are shut!!!



AND... the winning ticket belongs to.... (Wait for it.) Gregg Baumgardt!!!!



Here we see Gregg’s little dog “Ladybug”, Rosy Giglio, Mary Alice Rupard and Pastor Paul Ziese presenting the quilt to Gregg’s Mom-Patricia Richmond!!!

Gregg’s Mom will give the quilt to Gregg’s brother and sister-in-law in Ft. Worth, Texas.



“Bernice Raney’s Double Wedding Ring Quilt” is almost finished. It will be the next quilt that will go up for tickets!!!!

*Yours in Christ,
Mary Alice Rupard*

“Post”-ings from the Stamp Group

June 3, 2016

6:15 pm – Juniors

7:30 pm – “Show and Tell”

June 4, 2016

9:30 am – Saturday Bourse – Bldg #6 – Small bourse

June 10, 2016

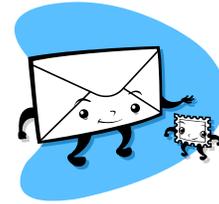
7:00 pm – Auction – Come find some real bargains

June 17, 2016

6:00 pm– SUMMER PICNIC – FIRESIDE ROOM - \$7.00 ticket if purchased ahead of time. \$8.00 on the night of the picnic.

June 24, 2016

7:00 – Bourse – Philatelic Flea Market, buy, sell and trade- get good bargains



“To our dear friends at MacArthur Park Lutheran Church: Once again you have stepped up and helped meet the needs of St. Vincent De Paul and the brothers and sisters in need that we serve. Through the ‘40 Cans for Lent’ project, together we gathered 8,330 pounds of cans for an estimated value of \$9,502. Your congregation is the epitome of what working together for the Lord is all about. God Bless You! Chris Garcia, Secretary SVDP”



“Dear MacArthur Park Lutheran, Thank you so much for inviting me to attend and speak at both services last Sunday! It was wonderful meeting you all—everyone was very kind! :-) Take care!! Kristin Rivera, Meals On Wheels Volunteer Services”

“Dear Friends of Habitat: Thank you for your \$2,800 and \$1,200 contributions to Habitat for Humanity of San Antonio. This kind gift will enable us to partner with hard working families who need a ‘hand up and not a hand out’. Your kind gift enables Habitat for Humanity of San Antonio to continue building decent and affordable homes in partnership with families in need. On behalf of Habitat’s Board of Directors, staff and partner families, thank you again for your kindness. In Partnership, Natalie Griffith, President and CEO, and Stephanie C. Wiese, CFRE, Vice President”

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Service	May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22	TOTAL
8:30am	65	81	60	61	267
10:45am	84	61	96	145	386
Offering	\$6,037.00	\$4,294.63	\$3,008.00	\$2,984.27	\$16,323.90
Sunday School	16	14	29	18	77

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following:

Dale Beaver, Jr., Fred Beaver, Evelyn Garza, Dorothy Imig, Dewey Johnson, Deborah McHorse (on hospice), Ryan Nunn, James Peters, Jonathan Petrutsas, Carlo Reyes, and David VanLydegraf. Family and friends of Jeanie White.

Those undergoing chemo and/or radiation treatments: Barbara Bowden, Collin Cash, Rob Milliman, Jr., and Montsho.



DIRECTORY UPDATE

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Kathy Helmke

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PASTORAL ACTS

5/15/2016 New Member Received

Georgina (Gina) Rice received into membership by affirmation of faith

5/22/16 Affirmation of Baptism

Sydney Rae Crane
Duncan James Grove
Hannah Elise Hansen
Jarrett Drew Pauling
Joshua Lance Vlasak



Congratulations to our youth!

**WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBER
RECEIVED MAY 15, 2016**

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NO July newsletter
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**Deadline for August
 2016 newsletter is:
 Wed., July 20, 2016**



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Welcome to MacArthur Park Lutheran Church and School
 † **MacArthur Park invites you for Sunday worship.** †

SUMMER SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

June 5: 8:30 and 10:45 am Worship with Holy Communion
June 12: one worship service at 10:00 am with picnic to follow
June 19 and 26: one worship service with Holy Communion at 9:30 am,
followed by refreshments and Christian Education opportunities

Lutheran Hispano-Latino Spanish services at 9:30 am with Holy Communion every Sunday in our chapel. All Spanish speaking (first or second language) welcome to share the joy of the Spirit.

Website: www.pilhlsa.com/home

† Our **School** has a Christian environment for students **ages 18 months–1st Grade** †

2015 — 2016 Congregation Council

Suzette Price, President	Renee Staul, Sending Chair
Melissa French Stephenson, Vice President	Abel Flores, Support Chair
Robin Bullington, Secretary	Beth Borstad, Inviting Chair
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