



Today is Blanket Sunday!

From October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024, St. Mary's Community Quilters have donated over 4800 hours to make 384 Quilts. 202 were sent to Lutheran World Relief this past week. Locally we donated 84 to ELCA Outreach Center, 85 to Grace Welcome Center, 7 to the Lutherdale Auction, and 1 as a door prize during the Mission Fair. This ministry is only possible through the generous donations we receive, including cotton fabrics, threads, and sheets for backings. Our largest expense, the batting, has risen over 20% in the past 2 years, so we appreciate the monetary donations and Thrivent cards we are offered. Also, many thanks to Ralph Tollas (and his subs) who set up tables for us weekly. We welcome new helpers to join us on Monday mornings from about 8:45a to 11:45a. You do NOT need to know how to sew to be involved. Some have helped from home if Monday mornings are already busy. Thank you again! Lynda Ryan, SMLC Community Quilters' co-leader.

We need TRUNKS & we need CANDY DONATIONS! IF YOU'D LIKE TO DO EITHER, PLEASE CONTACT MICHELLE AT SMLCYouthED@gmail.com.



Date: October 27, 2024
Time: 10:30 am - Noon
Location: St. Mary's Lutheran Church in the WEST Parking Lot

We hope to see you and your family there!
 This is a free event for our neighbors!

Carthage College

“CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM, POLITICAL VIOLENCE AND PARABLES OF CHANGE” with Michael Brandon McCormack, PhD. Chair and Professor Pan-African Studies, University of Louisville.

Join in on this FREE to the Public Lecture at Carthage College's Siebert Chapel on **Wednesday, October 23 at 6:00pm.** ***Followed by an event sponsored by Carthage's Office of Equity & Inclusion: **Panel of Speakers including Bishop Paul Erickson, Prof. David Duncan & Dr. McCormack on Thursday, October 24th 3:15pm** at the Campbell Student Union, Main Auditorium, SU 200. *Contact the church office if you wish to carpool to these events!*

Make Note

Keep these dates & notes in mind this week:

- Nkoaranga Orphanage** donations accepted through October. Contact WELCA members Cheryl Hayes or Anne Winkle.
- Sunday School** meets during worship time: come up for Kids Connection. And, remember..."*With God, all things are possible, no matter whether we have things or not. Take time to talk with your family this week about the blessings you have from God, yet also how God is all we really NEED.*"
- Gonnie's Exercise Class Resumes**—Weekly on Wednesdays at 4:30-5:30pm in our gym! Use the east doors (open) and bring your water bottle, comfy clothes, and any free-will offering if you want to donate towards using the gym space.
- STOP BY FELLOWSHIP HALL AFTER WORSHIP TODAY TO PAY FOR YOUR LUNCHEON TICKETS as we celebrate our 150th Anniversary on 11/24! \$15 Cash/Check; \$15.50 w/QR code. 12-under are free. All are welcome! RSVP by 11/3.**

For a full list of Church Calendar Events & Happenings, go to our church's website <https://www.stmaryslutheran.org>

November 3 at 2:00pm

St. Mary's 150th Concert

here in our sanctuary. It is free and open to the public. We will share Jubilate!, Adult Choir, Contemporary Worship Team, organ selections and the premiere of our 150th Commissioned Hymn by Dr. Brian Schoettler, and Rev. M. Seltz. A light reception follows. Volunteers needed for this event.



November 24th

150th Anniversary Day of Celebration

beginning with worship at 10:00am. Catered luncheon in our gym to follow with special guests, a short program & time for fellowship and celebration together! We will need more volunteers for that service, too.

Council Connection for October is Patricia Mason godslittlesinger71@gmail.com 721-8065
 Worship Attendance: October 5: 29 & October 5:116