



# The Good Tidings

Arena Congregational Church

May 2017

CELEBRATING OUR PAST-EMBRACING OUR FUTURE

Affiliated with the Wisconsin Congregational Association



## Family Movie Event: Saturday, May 13, 7:00 p.m.

### The Movie is Rogue One

From Lucasfilm comes the first of the Star Wars standalone films, "Rogue One: A Star Wars Story," an all-new epic adventure. In a time of conflict, a group of unlikely heroes band together on a mission to steal the plans to the Death Star, the Empire's ultimate weapon of destruction. This key event in the Star Wars timeline brings together ordinary people who choose to do extraordinary things, and in doing so, become part of something greater than themselves.

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## One Love is the theme for the Wisconsin Congregational Youth Camp 2017

WCA Camp 2017 is the week of Sunday, July 9 through Saturday, July 15

Who can come to camp?

**Mini Kamp** is for students completing grades 3-5 in the spring of 2017. **Junior High** is for students completing grades 6-8 in the spring of 2017. **Senior High** is for students completing grades 9-12 in the spring of 2017.

What is WCA Camp all about?

WCA Camp is about strengthening connections of friendship, fellowship and faith - with yourself, with others, with scripture and, most of all, with God. If you're interested in strengthening these connections while having lots of fun and meeting new friends, you'll have an awesome time!

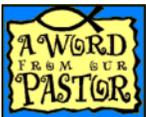
What do you do at camp?

Faith Worship & Singing Small Group Discussion Campfires Cabin Devotions Bible Study Communion Personal Reflection

Fellowship Stargazing Nature Hikes Organized Activities Free Time Games Random Dancing Deck Party

Fun Swimming Volleyball Ropes Course Arts & Crafts Soccer Ultimate Frisbee Disc Golf

Financial help is available from our church and through the Clayton Wakefield Memorial Fund.



Thoughts from here and there . . . This is a humorous piece that I collected some years ago. It is to be read tongue-in-cheek.

Seven helpful hints to show your mother your appreciation on Mother's Day<sup>1</sup>

1. Wake your mom up after you get home on Saturday night and ask her to wake you early enough in the morning so that you can fix her breakfast in bed before church.

2. Invite two or three of your best friends to Sunday dinner to celebrate Mother's Day. Ask mom to cook

something special. Be sure your friends tell you mom, "Thanks for having us over. We would have had to fix our own dinners because our moms wanted to have the day off."

3. After dinner, clear the table and put all the dishes in the sink so it is easier for your mom to wash them.

4. Offer to change the vacuum cleaner bag after she finishes vacuuming your room.

5. Gift wrap and give you mom your clothes hangers, since you never hang up your clothes anyway.

<sup>1</sup> Faith Lutheran church, Dunedin. FL.

6. Remove all the "things" growing under your bed. When planted in flower pots, they make excellent Mother's Day gifts.

7. Change the sheets you put on your bed for Easter and take down the Christmas wreath from your bedroom door.

Of course you might want to reconsider these seven suggestions. They might have a tendency to aggravate rather than to celebrate. I am sure that you can make up your own creative list of seven things that will demonstrate to Mom how much she is loved and appreciated.

### SERMON **Sermons for May**



May 7, May Day, Christian Home Month, Heritage Month: Lesson: Acts 2.42-47, Sermon Title: The Uncommon

The description of the early gathering of believers has something important to tell us. It is uncommon, ideal, and may not be achieved again which is too bad.

May 14, Mother's Day: Lesson: 1 John 5.1-5, Sermon Title: Coach

Good coaches are vital to the success of the team. Have you ever thought that Mom is also a coach. This is not for a team but for family life.

May 21: Lesson: Acts 17:22-31, Sermon Title: God, Unknown

I once stood in the Aeropause in Athens. I was in the Navy and on liberty. The Aeropause is a place where Paul spoke with the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers. When he told them about Jesus and

his resurrection, they said, "What's this babblers trying to say with these strange ideas he's picked up?" Others said, "He seems to be preaching about some foreign gods." Paul reasoned with them, but with little success. What do we know about the Unknown God, (Acts 17:18, NLT) .

May 28, Memorial Sunday, Ascension Sunday,:

Lesson: 2 Peter 1.3-10, Sermon Title: Generous Love

Heroic stories abound of men and women who gave their lives to save the lives of comrades in action. Jesus is a hero. He gave his life on the cross to save all humankind, or as many as would receive his sacrifice for themselves.

June 4, Pentecost: Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13, Sermon Title: One Body, One Spirit

What a day! Unusual and confusing to many who were present. The good news was proclaimed and people were converted to this new way of life. Perhaps we would use a new Pentecost?



### **Special Days in the Secular and Church Calendar**

May 1, (S)Fellowship Day, Christian Home Month, Rural Life Sunday

May 2, National Teacher Appreciation Day

May 4, National Day of Prayer

May 6, Nurses Day

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May 13, Mother's and Daughter's Breakfast, 8:00 a.m..  
 May 14, (S), Mother's Day, Ascension Sunday  
 May 15, (S), Pentecost  
 May 20, Armed Forces Day  
 May 25, Ascension Day  
 May 28, (S), Memorial Sunday, Ascension Sunday

**Put Aside Business.** Drop what you are doing to just be there for the child, especially in a crisis. The child will conclude, "I must matter. I'm loved."

**Take Children Seriously.** Put yourself in a child's shoes and value what is told you.

**Really listen.** Look interested. Face the child and lean forward a little. Let the child finish first. Avoid thinking of what to say next. Notice the child's body language such as posture, sighs, tears, and inflection of voice.

**Give nonverbal messages.** Make the child feel important by giving the child positive facial expressions, eye contact, loving touches, and attentiveness.

**Speak positive words.** Children want to hear good things about themselves. Use a balanced approach. Be sincere.

**Enjoy the child.** You never outgrow your need of contact with children. They help to keep us young. Children are very good at reading our attitudes. When you have fun, everyone wins.

**What Makes Kids Popular?**

The kind of parent you are may make a difference between having popular or unpopular children, according to a Louisiana State University study of 3-to 5 year-olds. When you set limits, explain consequences, and encourage good judgement, you'll probably have popular kids. On the other hand, if you're short-tempered, you may produce unpopular kids who yell, threaten, and hit to get their way.



**Officers for 2017 - 2018**

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**A Promise and A Prayer**

Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age," (Matthew 28:20b, NRSV)



**A Thought**

You are never alone, even when you are alone. There is a friend to share life with you. There is a comforter to support you. There is a teacher to guide you. There is a Savior to rescue you. Jesus has promised to be with us to the end of the age.

**A Prayer**

What a relief. You, my God, have provided for my every need. Jesus meets all my needs. His word inspires and comforts; it encourages and strengthens; it sustains me in all of my experiences. Thank you God. Amen.

**Spotlight On the Family**

**How to tell children, "I Love You!"<sup>1</sup>**



Ask yourself what situations made you feel loved as a child. Are you doing things like that for or with the children who come into your care?

Lisa Hart, author of, "The Winning Family," (LifeSkills Press), gives these how to communicate love tips.

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**Recipe of the Month**

**Danish Apple Cake**

From the recipe files of Helga Shultz

- 4 to 5 medium-sized apples
- 3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) butter at room temperature plus 2 tbs. melted butter
- 3/4 cup, plus 2 tbs. sugar
- 3 eggs at room temperature

- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1/4 cup chopped almonds

Butter an 11-inch tart pan with removable bottom or a 9-inch square pan.

Peel, core and slice apples.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

Cream 3/4 cup butter with 3/4 cup sugar. Beat in the eggs, salt and vanilla until light and fluffy. Stir in the flour and mix well. Spread batter into the prepared pan and press the apple slices into the batter. Brush on the melted butter and sprinkle with remaining sugar and almonds.

Bake for 30 of 40 minutes or until the cake is golden brown.



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**Meetings**

Governing Board: Second Monday 6:30 p.m.

Men's Breakfast will not meet this month. We will be hosting a Mother's Day Breakfast on May 14. Watch for more news.



**Greeters**

- May 7 - Jim Favreau Family
- May 14 - Joyce Reimann
- May 21 - Ray and Colleen and Family
- May 28 - Joe and Carol Hodgson
- June 4 - Judi Salava



**Adult Study Group**

Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. We are meeting at the home of Steve and Karen Wilkinson, 817 Brown St., Arena. We are exploring the origins and teachings of Scientology. We will not meet on May 24.



**Worship On Compact Disks**

The Worship Services are recorded each week on a CD so that you may share in the fellowship and enjoyment of worship. If you would like to listen to a service to share the music, pray the prayers and learn from the sermon call either Steve Wilkinson, 753-2131 or Pastor Shultz, 574-0707 and a CD will be delivered to you. Let us know if you need a CD player.



**Missions**

We are supporting the Congregational Mission of Jardin America with a gift of \$40 a month through the missions program of the National Association of Congregational Christians. We also contribute \$50.00 a month to the Arena Food Pantry, and \$25.00 a month to

the Food Pantry at the Spring Green Community Church. If you would like to donate canned or dried food products you may put them in the barrel in the entry. Thank you for your support of our local and foreign mission projects.



**Something to Think About**

**In Flanders Fields**

**By: Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, MD (1872-1918) Canadian Army**

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow  
 Between the crosses row on row,  
 That mark our place; and in the sky  
 The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
 Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
 We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
 Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
 In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
 To you from failing hands we throw  
 The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
 If ye break faith with us who die  
 We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
 In Flanders fields.



**Humor**

Outdoor church sign at Faith Temple Church, Sioux Falls, SD, on Mother's Day: 'AND GOD RESTED ON THE SEVENTH DAY AND MOM TOOK OVER.'—Via Rev. Jeff Hayes

'You can fool all of the people some of the time; you can fool some of the people all of the time; but you can't fool a Mom.'—Msgr. Joseph P. Dooley Martins Creek, PA

Motherhood: 'Another reason why we need God's constant help.'—via Patty Wooten, RN, Santa Cruz, CA

A group of small children in Sunday school was asked, 'What is a mother?' One little boy replied, 'A mother knows what is important. That is why God asked her to be a mother.' A little girl replied, 'A mother is the only one who can make it stop thundering when she sings a song.'—via Bud Frimoth, Portland, OR

FMC member Kay DeKalb Smith, a Brentwood, TN, comedienne, reports: 'Last year for Mother's Day, my 10-year-old daughter, Allie, presented me with a book on her reflections of me as a mother. My favorite page was the one titled, "My Mother's Greatest Athletic Event." Allie wrote: "My mother can talk on the telephone for one whole day and she can wash clothes and clean the house at the same time."

The words on a plaque on the wall of a home: 'My house is clean enough to be healthy and dirty enough to be happy.'—via Roger and Frances Wentz Portage, WI

'First God created man; then he rested. Then God created woman, and nobody has rested ever since.'—via Catherine Hall, Pittsburgh, PA

'Laugh and your husband laughs with you; weep and get what you want.' Charles J. Milazzo, St. Petersburg, FL

'If I had my life to live over... I would have cried and laughed less while watching television - and more while watching life.'—Erma Bombeck



## Memorial Day

*Remember Those Who  
Gave Their Lives*

MEMORIAL DAY  
A day of tender  
memory,  
A day of sacred hours,  
Of little bands of  
marching men,  
Of drums and flags and  
flowers.

A day when a great  
nation halts

Its mighty throbbing pace,  
And by its need of gratitude  
Shows love with willing grace.  
A day to keep from year to year  
In memory of the dead;  
Let music sound and flowers be laid  
Upon each resting bed.

—Emma A. Lent

Come and join the Arena VFW for a  
Memorial Day observance at the Arena  
Elementary School, May 29.



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to men of good will...”

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We offer our love and condolences to Marie Bryant at the time of the death of her husband Delbert L. Bryant.

He was born on the family farm on May 16, 1929 to Howard and Emma (Roberts) Bryant. .

Delbert L. Bryant, age 87, died on April 15, 2017 at Agrace Hospice Care, Fitchburg.

## Mother's Day Breakfast 8:00 am, Saturday, May 13, 2017



In celebration of Mother's Day, the men will be serving breakfast to all mom's, guests of mom's and children of mom's.

### Come and enjoy!

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