

National Marriage Week is scheduled for February 7-14, 2018. The USCCB website has resources available for your use in our parish(es).

For resources to prepare for marriage or to strengthen marriages visit this website:

[www.foryourmarriage.org](http://www.foryourmarriage.org).

For videos, study guides, and catechesis on why marriage is unique, visit:

[www.marriageuniquereason.org](http://www.marriageuniquereason.org).

For national studies and statistics as well as resources for marriage, visit:

[www.nationalmarriageweekusa.org](http://www.nationalmarriageweekusa.org).

### **HAVE YOU PURCHASED YOUR POPCORN YET?**

Our youth are going on the Mission Trip this June and will be selling Mike's Popcorn as a fundraiser. Mike's is a small Wisconsin business and has ties to one of our members at Our Lady of the Lakes. It is a great product and a great opportunity for us to continue to raise funds. Thank you for your consideration and most importantly thank you for your prayers and continued support as we work towards our Youth Mission Trip

Bev Carpentier has moved to Myrtle Beach, listed below is her new address.

Bev Carpentier

101 Brightwater Dr. Villa #1120  
Myrtle Beach, SC 29579

Sympathy to the Family of Leo Chartrand.  
Funeral will be February 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am at the  
Fristad Lutheran Church in Centuria.

### **"Lord, I Hate Buttermilk"**

A visiting Priest was attending a men's breakfast in Ohio farm country. He asked one of the impressive older farmers in attendance to say grace that morning. After all were seated, the older farmer began:

"Lord, I hate buttermilk."

The Priest opened one eye and wondered to himself where this was going. Then the farmer loudly proclaimed, "Lord, I hate lard." Now the Priest was overly worried. However without missing a beat, the farmer prayed on "And Lord, you know I don't care much for raw white flour." Just as the Priest was ready to stand and stop everything, the farmer continued, "But Lord, when you mix 'em all together and bake 'em up, I do love fresh biscuits." "So Lord, when things come up we don't like, when life gets hard, when we just don't understand what you are sayin' to us, we just need to relax and wait 'till you are done mixin', and probably it will be somethin' even better than biscuits."

Amen

### **Luck Museum 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Silent Auction 'Art Walk' Fund Raiser**



Paul Oman

Art on display now  
until auction night

Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>

6:00-8:00 pm

Wine & Cheese Social

Featuring artists: Paul Oman,  
Sr. Kristine Haugen, Merilee  
Thorstad, Ann Fawver, Gillian Henry,  
Marnie Johansen, Carol Adleman,  
Cindy Cutter & Walt Fluegel



Artist: Merilee Thorstad

**Proceeds  
to benefit the Museum  
301 Main St., Luck**

## BRING FAITH TO LIFE

Sometimes it is difficult to think about God's will. Our fierce human independence balks at the idea of someone else's will being important, even if it is *God* whose will we are considering. Yet each of us has moments in which we sense what we are called to do: dreams of making a contribution in the life of another; a simple act of kindness that could make a real difference; a sense of purpose or fruitfulness in which we may find meaning in life; a desire to show compassion, share mercy, forgive another, or give of ourselves in a new and substantial way. St. John XXIII understood these interior promptings that are glimmers of the will of God: "Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do."

### Cancer Support Group - Faith Lutheran Church

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## IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE

Lent is a season in which to repent and change and grow.

**Let's be honest.** None of us is perfect. We all have areas in our lives that need to change. We may be too focused on ourselves, personal pleasure, or the drive to accumulate material things. We often ignore the needs of the poor, fail to reach out in love and service, or shun those who are different from ourselves. Or, we may simply be so caught up in the daily swirl of activities that we do not take time for God or consider how we might act or grow as a follower of Jesus.

**Growing as a disciple is all about change.** It's about looking at where we are in relationship to God and discerning what steps to take to get closer to Jesus' way of love. Being a disciple is about conversion — becoming more like Christ, day-by-day, decision-by-decision.

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