



THE AUGUST BELL 2022

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The church is the church only when...

An historic event and a reminder of what the church is about....Marta Zachraj-Mikolajczyk received the news that she would be one of the first women ordained in the Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Poland (ECACP) on Feb. 24, the same day war thundered into neighboring Ukraine. It was the same day after she spent all day with their volunteers talking about what is going on in Ukraine," she said. As part of the Diakonia ministry in Wroclaw, a city in southwestern Poland, Zachraj-Mikolajczyk works with young-adult volunteers from all over Europe who come for a year of service in the church's social ministries (a senior center, a kindergarten, a home for orphans).

On May 7, against the backdrop of war, the church ordained Zachraj-Mikolajczyk and eight other women in Warsaw: Halina Radacz, Beata Janota, Wiktoria Matloch, Katarzyna Rudkowska, Malgorzata Gas, Katarzyna Kowalska, Karina Chwastek-Kamieniorz and Izabela Sikora. "The celebration of the ordination of the first nine women as pastors in the Lutheran church in Poland is a moment of hope that the region needs right now," said Rachel Eskesen, ELCA area desk director for Europe. "I'm so grateful for the faithful witness of this church and these leaders."

In her sermon at the ordination service, Halina Radacz acknowledged the gravity of the war in Ukraine. By that time more than 3 million refugees had poured across the Ukrainian border into Poland, many of them finding their way to ECACP congregations for help.

"Thirst for power has brought about the dramatic war on our eastern border and every other war in the world that has been and, I fear, that will be," Radacz said. "War is the most hideous human word. A desire for power is a natural human impulse, she said, but Christ calls us instead to live as servants.

"Today, as the church, we are taking another step on this journey. We want to speak about love and bear witness to it; we want to speak about equality for all and show that it is possible; we want to teach mutual respect and show how to do it. **So perhaps we are getting closer to the idea of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who wrote, 'The church is the church only when it exists for others.'**"

The church is the church only when it exists for others. How easy it is to forget that, or to turn inward, or to exclude others. **The church is the church only when it exists for others.**

Peace,
Pastor Craig

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 am

WRPQ RADIO BROADCAST • 740 AM / 99.7 FM

Join us at 11:00 am

(also streamed on their web site –

www.wrpq.com at 11:00 am)



July 31

In honor of Tyler's 16th birthday

By Al and Alene Olson

August 7

In honor of Jessica's birthday

By Dennis and Jan Dorow

August 14

By Shelley and Dave Ziarnik

August 21

In honor of Dennis' birthday

By Jan Dorow

August 28

In honor of Kiersten's September birthday

By Al and Alene Olson



ALTAR FLOWERS

Lutheran World Relief

PERSONAL CARE KITS



Bethany Women encourage you to shop and donate any of the following items to be assembled into Personal Care Kits:

- Light-weight Bath-size Towels (dark colors preferred)
 - Bath-size Soap Bars
- Adult-size toothbrushes in original packaging (multi-packs are acceptable!)
 - Sturdy Combs
 - Metal Nail Clippers

WOMEN OF BETHANY



The Women of Bethany will meet on August 9th at River's Edge on County Tk A at 9:00 am for breakfast, followed by a bible study at 10:00 am. The bible study can be found in the *Gather* magazine. If you don't have the magazine, copies of the study will be available along with the bible verses cited in the study. All women are welcome, even if you can stay for only part of the meeting!

Our Ministry Purpose

"Following Christ's command to love God and our neighbor - we seek to share our faith in worship, discipleship, service and outreach."

