

ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Newsletter

June, 2018

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

At the beginning of the year, we started in the Gospel of Mark. It was just a short quick look as Lent arrived and we focused much of our time through the Easter season. Well, we will pick up where we left off in June starting in the 2nd chapter of Mark's Gospel.

There is a sense of URGENCY in Mark's Gospel. For starters, it the shortest of the four Gospels (16 chapters), weighing in at a full five chapters than the next shortest, John (21 chapters). No waxing poetic for Mark! While John makes a sort of "throwback" comparison that places Jesus, the Word Made Flesh, back at the beginning of all creation, in the Word God Spoke that brought all things into being. Matthew and Luke harken back to the beginning of Jesus' life by telling the story of his birth (along with a couple of genealogies thrown in for good measure). Mark's beginning is much more to the point. So let me catch you up just a bit on what we heard.

"The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." (Mark 1:1)

Then he quotes some Scripture and moves on to the coming of John the baptizer (Mark's name for him, not mine), who was sent to prepare the way for Jesus' big entrance. Get in, say what you need to say, get out. That's Mark's style. But notice what he's doing as well in that one, short sentence. The beginning of the good news. Not the beginning and ending. It's a subtle reminder to his hearers that this good news (aka the Gospel) that started in and through Jesus is still going on today, wherever and whenever today might happen to be. It took root and started in a particular place and time, but it is still going on today—in places and times all around the world. Even – or especially – in your own place and time.

No mincing of words, either. It takes all of 110 words and only 5 verses to dispense with John's arrival and preaching, which is roughly between half and one-fourth the words/verses the other three Gospel writers use (Matthew: 270/12, John: 348/18, Luke: 478/20). Get in, say what you need to say, get out. After Jesus is baptized and emerges (victorious, we must presume, since Mark characteristically wastes no words telling us) from being tempted in the wilderness, Jesus preaches his first sermon. All thirteen words of it (fifteen in the original Greek). Imagine me giving a thirteen-word sermon some Sunday (Just don't count on it!) (Good old Mark, some of you are probably thinking right about now.) Here it is:

"The kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe the good news!" (Mark 1:15)

Again, note the urgency. The kingdom of God has come near, almost like a comet comes near a planet before soaring off to some remote corner of the galaxy—or even universe. Better catch it before it's gone! Jesus is God's comet, swooping in on us here on planet Earth, bringing with him good news of God's kingdom come, on earth as it is in heaven. Good news of a new and different kingdom than that of Caesar, the ruling Roman monarch of the time. Good news of deliverance for the poor and outcast of society, those on the outside looking in, those oppressed by the evil that seems so strong.

And then there is one little word. A word Mark uses like it's going out of style and he has a closet full he needs to get rid of before it does. The word is εὐθὺς (euthys) in the Greek, usually translated **immediately** or at once in English. It appears 41 times in Mark's Gospel—11 times in the first chapter alone! And to give you a wider point of reference, this Greek word appears only ten more times in the rest of the New Testament. You think maybe this is an important word for Mark? "Follow me." And immediately they left their nets (and for two of them, their own father) and followed. For Mark, the life, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus wastes no time, demanding that we give it our undivided attention. From beginning to end Mark puts us on the fast track, until we find ourselves trying to catch our breath, outside the empty tomb with the women, staring open mouthed at a young man who is telling us, proclaiming to us, the good news of God's kingdom that he is risen, that we are to go and tell, to proclaim to, his once and future disciples this very same, life-transforming good news. **Immediately.**

May the urgency of this good news surround us as we pick up where we left off and hear Mark tell his urgent tale in the year ahead.

Servants together,
Pr. Paul <><

p.s. - Did you know that Luther said??? *"The Bible is alive, it speaks to me: it has feet, it runs after me; it has hands, it lays hold of me."* (Luther's Works, vol. 9, 24)

Council Meeting Highlights April, 2018

Present: Sharon Johnson, Joel Magnuson, Don Mc Millan, Don Ranta, Niles Riese, and Pastor Paul. Marilyn Liebetau and Wyatt Smith were absent.

Don called the meeting to order. After individual silent prayers, the agenda was then approved. Pastor Paul gave his report. The minutes of the March and April Council Meetings were approved.

The Council approved the use of All Saints by Bereavement Support. The group will meet Tuesdays from 3:30 until 5:00 p.m. This group is sponsored through HopeWest Hospice and will meet for approximately 10 weeks.

The Council also approved the use of All Saints by a subgroup of the AA group that meets on Friday nights. This group will meet Tuesdays from 6:00 until 7:00 p.m. This group will not meet on the second Tuesday of the month since Council meets on this evening.

Joel gave a written report from the Worship Committee.

Verbal committee reports were given, with nothing to report from education and building.

Sharon gave the treasurer's report.

Don McMillan reminded the Council that the Constitution needs to be revised.

Closed with the Lord's prayer.

Thank You to Bell Ringers:



The Ding-a-Lings will take a break in June. Many thanks to the faithful that have rung several times since September. They include: Barb Cairns, Carol Martinson, Don McMillan, Joel Magnuson, Erich Patzer, Wilma Reeve, Janell Riese, Jesse Rosin and Paul Rosin. It is their talent, time and dedication given to the praise of God. Many thanks. Olinda Patzer

Better Together

Miriam Circle Hosts the Ladies of Zion and All Saints Lutheran Churches

On Saturday, May 19, Miriam Circle hosted a buffet brunch for our Christian sisters. The theme of day presented by MC Claudia Kellogg was "Better Together". Sharill Beach, Jordan Huff, and Janell Riese provided musical selections. Olinda and Linda Ranta presented a dramatic reading about Mary and Martha. The food was prepared by Miriam Circle members. The room was festive thanks to Chris Neilson, Olinda and our quilters and crafters! Thanks to those who served as Hostesses: Sharill, Carolyn, Linda, and Del.

Looking For a Way to Deepen Your Worship Experience?

For many people, looking at the Bible readings before Sunday helps put the message in the context of their lives. As you read the lessons, ask yourself: Is there anything in the readings that relate to your life right now? Is there anything that surprises you in the readings? Disturbs you? Try doing this and see if following this on a weekly basis strengthens your personal faith life, and deepens your worship experience.

The Lessons for Worship in June

These are the Bible readings that we will hear during our worship services this month. They are provided that you might use them for personal devotion and meditation.

June 3 – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 5: 12-15
Psalm 81: 1-10
2 Corinthians 4: 5-12
Mark 2: 23-3: 6

June 10 – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

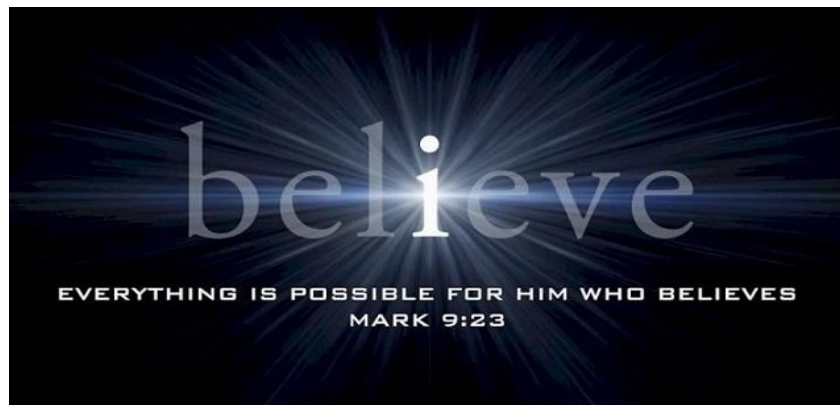
Genesis 3: 8-15
Psalm 130
2 Corinthians 4: 12 -5:1
Mark 3: 20-35

June 17 – 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 17: 22-24
Psalm 92: 1-4, 12-15
2 Corinthians 5: 6-17
Mark 4: 26-34

June 24 – John the Baptist

Malachi 3: 1-4
Psalm 141
Acts 13: 57-80
Luke 1: 57-80



SONS OF NORWAY

Vestafjell Lodge invites those interested in Scandinavian heritage and culture to join lodge members at the lodge meeting and our first ever Indoor Picnic at 1 PM on Saturday, June 2, at the Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 3133 Patterson/F Road. Pulled pork and all the fixings will be provided. Bring samples of your hobbies and skills for 'Show & Tell'. Guests are always welcome. For more details, call 245-5649 or 858-6702, or visit our website, www.vestafjelllodge.org.

2018 Yard Sale Update

Thank you to the twenty-one different volunteers who worked approximately 375 hours from Monday through Saturday to raise \$2,175.32. These estimates do not include those who made donations to the yard sale. It also does not include the number of hours volunteers and donors spent sorting their own donations, making signs, preparing newspaper articles and ads, baking and shopping at the yard sale!



We will not calculate the hourly wage for this endeavor! However, the money raised from the yard/bake sale is used to buy supplies for the church office and kitchen, food for new member receptions, memorial service receptions and potlucks. It also has supported special requests when needed for our church. We are thankful that money raised can help us defray some of our expenses. Our success is shared by all of us!

Miriam Circle Meeting

June 6, 10 :00 a.m.

Bible Study followed by business meeting

This month's Miriam Circle's Bible Study is titled "Let Us Pray" with the scripture lesson coming from 1 Samuel 12:12-23. One of the paradoxical thoughts to ponder in this lesson is: "We pray to God, and sometimes God answers in ways that God would rather not." The business portion of the meeting will be planning the Father's Day Potluck. Everyone is welcome.

June Bible Book Club

June 12, 2:00 p.m.



The Tuesday afternoon Bible Book Club will begin the study of the book of the Acts of the Apostles. Acts of course begins with the ascension of Jesus and the wonders of Pentecost. A good discussion is planned for the start of this study. Most books of the Bible will be completed in one session but Acts is too long for that. Come join in the study of how our church began.

SUNDAY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	June 3	June 10	June 17	June 24
	Communion		Communion	
Worship Leader	Pastor Paul	Joel Magnuson	Pastor Paul	Joel Magnuson
Liturgy Assistant	Joel	Milford	Marj	Donelle
Communion Assistant	Don Ranta		Elinor Knutson	
Communion Bread	Elinor		Elinor	
Organist	Don	Don	Don	Don
Pianist	Olinda	Olinda	Olinda	Olinda
Altar Guild	Alice		Claudia	
Readers	Marj	Claudia	Barb	Carolyn
Ushers	Lloyd	Steve	Niles	Don R.
Greeters	Marilyn	Lenie	Janell	Linda
Stewards	Lloyd/Rick	Don Mc/ Janell	Claudia/ Erich	Don Ranta/ Jack
Fellowship	Wilma	Lenie		

To provide refreshments for Fellowship, please sign up on the white board by the kitchen window or call Janell, 835-3928 to say you can help! Volunteers are needed to usher and greet. Help your congregation by offering your time.

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All Saints Special Occasions for June

Birthdays: 6/1 Don McMillan 6/1 Gigi McMillan 6/5 Bev McKinney
 6/6 Duane Johnson 6/10 Virginia Young 6/13 Marilyn Cederberg
 6/21 Lavonne Althoff 6/25 Marvin Harrah 6/30 Donna Scherer

Baptismal Birthdays: 6/1 Penny Morton 6/4 Gordon Thomas 6/4 Kelly Kellogg
 6/? Chris Nielsen

Anniversaries: 6/1 Ron & Chris Nielsen 6/4 Mark and Wilma Reever
 6/8 Marvin and Wendy Harrah 6/29 Lee and Joyce Garman

ALL SAINTS QUICK INFORMATION

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Wyatt Smith, Education Chair
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**Please notify Pastor Paul if you or someone
in your family is entering the hospital or needs pastoral care**

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