

ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

July, 2020

Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. - Romans 12:12 (NRSV)

Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Ninety-nine plus days ago, many were gathered in the sanctuary at All Saints for worship. We had just begun our season of Lent. It was the first Sunday in Lent. There was word that a virus had hit our nation and our state. We left worship on that Sunday not knowing fully what lay ahead of us. Within days, we knew that something called Covid-19 was impacting not only our country but also the world. We knew that it was being taken quite seriously and that we needed to follow suit. Since that time, everything as we know it has changed, often daily. We are all learning as we go, figuring out how to be church in ways that we never would have imagined. Ninety-nine days later, we are still working on how to do it. Six days ago, we gathered once again, both in a way that was familiar to us – on-line and again in-person which felt like a new experience. I was so excited, but also had a feeling of uncertainty. Amid the excitement and the uncertainty, the one thing I did know was this – God has been with us every step of the way and will continue to be with us each step of the way.

It is important to know the leadership of our congregation has been working conscientiously. They questioned what worship would look like when we came together and what precautions that would be needed. Last Sunday, it finally happened. But as we came together, we also knew not everyone was ready. We have many who are at high risk to contract the virus. Because of this, we have determined the best practices for providing safe space in the sanctuary and meeting the requirements for gathering as outlined by the various health agencies. We will also continue worshipping online. We recognize this isn't the ideal scenario for gathering as a faith community, but for now it seems the best way of bringing us all together. I am thankful for the time and effort so many people have contributed and thankful that I get to work with them in the midst of this. As local, state and national health department guidelines are updated, we will share with you.

On May 31 we celebrated the day of Pentecost, the birthday of the church. We gathered via live stream to celebrate the day. The idea behind Pentecost has been to acknowledge that the Holy Spirit is now present in the people, guiding them as they move the Church forward. This makes sense since we, the people, make up the church, and we are the church whenever and however we are gathered. A church is not a building, but rather it is the people. Together, we are the body of Christ and we are Christ's bride – the Church. We've been the church throughout the past 99 days; we simply haven't been all together in one building (YET). In many ways, we have actually been more active as the church as we've been physically apart because we have found new and different ways, and even forgotten ways to be the church together. Since March we have found different ways to continue to be the church together and we will continue to move forward in new and hopefully exciting ways in the weeks, months and years ahead.

Perhaps one of the silver linings to come from this pandemic have been the opportunities we have had to hit the pause button and reflect on how we approached life and how we can now approach it differently. I know that I have learned life lessons that I will carry with me long after we are told we can begin to resume life in a way that seems normal. I am sure you have learned life lessons as well. Maybe it has been to not take things for granted or maybe that we do not need to be as on the go as we think we do. Perhaps you have reconnected with friends and family or picked up and learned a new hobby or read that book you have always meant to read.

Whatever it is, please know this — **God is and has been in the midst of it and for that we are thankful.** I cannot wait until we are all able to be together again, whatever that might look like. Until then, continue to find God at work in the most unlikely of places. Do your part to move God's kingdom forward. Care for each other as you have been cared for.

Wash your hands. Don't touch your face. Say your prayers. **Know that God loves you** and so do I.

Servants together,

+ Pr. Paul +

Personal Worship continues in July!

All Saints Lutheran Church will continue to worship in person with less than 50 persons in attendance. Services will also be available on Zoom.

Procedures for worship:

- ◆ **Please come to worship before 10:00. Since seating distance is important, arriving on time helps all of us stay safe. Please do not visit before or after worship in the sanctuary or narthex.**

Please understand that the council and worship committee are working to provide a safe environment for each of you. You may be asked to do things a bit differently. Please have patience and understanding as we navigate our new procedures. Most importantly, **if you do not feel comfortable joining in worship in person OR if you feel ill OR have a temperature, stay home.** We will pray for you in your absence. Please follow the guidelines that the council has established. Each of us is responsible for our own health, please exercise common sense.

- ◆ Masks are encouraged, but not mandatory. Please use your best judgement for your own comfort and the comfort of others.
- ◆ When arriving at church, expect the greeter to have hand sanitizer for you to use before entering.
- ◆ You may be asked to pick up your bulletin.
- ◆ The ushers will direct you and your family to a specified seat. Even if it is “not your seat”, please sit as the ushers direct you.
- ◆ Your offering may be dropped into offering plates at the sanctuary door before worship begins. In this prolonged closure, regular giving is needed now more than ever. The usher will present the offering as usual.
- ◆ Communion, as always, is optional. No blessings will be given.
- ◆ Communion will begin from the back rows of the church. Please stay seated until the usher allows you to enter the center aisle. Please maintain distance in the center aisle. You will be offered hand sanitizer before taking communion.
- ◆ At the end of service, ushers will dismiss the congregation by rows. Please wait until your row has been dismissed. Maintain distance from others when exiting.
- ◆ Leave the Sanctuary and the Narthex immediately after worship. Visit outside of the church and follow recommended spacing.

Praise!

Council Meeting Highlights

June 9, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Don McMillan.

Members present: Sharon Johnson, Joel Magnuson, Don McMillan, Don Ranta, Pastor Paul, Marj Seely, and Michelle Specht .

Pastor shared devotions .

The meeting agenda was approved.

The May minutes were approved.

Committee Reports were given.

- Education: Confirmation will resume on Thursday afternoons from 1– 4 p.m. The time will change when school starts.
- Worship: The committee is meeting regularly to select hymns, make recommendations for worship and communion and choose new settings as necessary.

New Business:

- Movie night is postponed for June.
- The AA group will begin meeting July 10.
- The positioning of the sound equipment will change for on-line worship.
- Adult Sunday School will resume sometime in August.

Old Business:

- Fellowship will begin with beverages only on July 5.
- The Constitution Committee's work is on hold.

Sharon Johnson presented the treasurer's report. It was moved and seconded to approve. Motion passed. Giving is less, but not drastic.

January 1, 2020 through May 31, 2020

Total Income: \$32,884.00
Total Expenses: \$32,598.00
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May, 2020:

Total Income: \$6,332.00
Total Expenses: \$7,169.00
 (-\$837.00)

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next council meeting is July 14, at 6:00 p.m.

Stewardship

Thank you for continuing to support All Saints with your tithes and offerings. If you are not able to join us in our limited worship, please take a few moments to mail your offerings to All Saints Lutheran Church, 20101 Deer Creek Road, Austin, CO 81410.

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 July

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.

July 5: Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Zechariah 9:9-12
Psalm 145:8-14
Romans 7:12-23
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 12: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 55:10-13
Psalm 65:1-13
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 19: Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

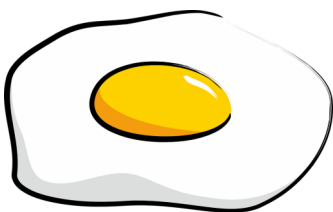
Isaiah 44:6-8
Psalm 86:11-17
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 26: Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 3:5-12
Psalm 119:129-136
Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

August Men's Breakfast

Hopefully, we will be enjoying breakfast, fellowship and prayer with each other in August. Since fellowship will be beverage only through July, we hope to start serving food in August. The men of our church and their friends will enjoy being together again!



"Patch Adams"

Thursday, July 16@ 6:30 p.m.

If you need compassion and a laugh, plan to join in for Patch Adams.

Look for details about reservations!

Patch Adams is a 1998 American semi-biographical comedy-drama film starring Robin Williams. The movie is set in the late 1960's/early 1970's and is based on the life story of Dr. Hunter "Patch" Adams and the book [Gesundheit: Good Health Is a Laughing Matter](#) by Dr. Adams and Maureen Mylander.



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Serenity Run

The Serenity Run International is seeking a variance from Delta County to continue the Annual Serenity Run held in Cedaredge. If that variance is approved, **All Saints Lutheran would be the first stop on July 31**. Watch for more details. This is an excellent opportunity to volunteer for a great cause!

Please pray for those from our congregation and our friends.

From Our Congregation:

Ada Boelter Roger Grudt
Joyce Jensen Ardis Kelly
Lee Martinson Nancy Mills
Olinda Patzer Pastor Paul
John Realph Peggy Saxton

Our Family and Friends:

Craig Tutura (McMillan's friend)
Karen Wagner (McMillan's friend)
Shirley Hughes (Rosalee's daughter-in-law)
Mandy Colbaugh (McMillan's friend)
Mark Hausman (Marj's grandson)
Adam Kamerzell (Pastor Paul's cousin)
Ernie Puls (Arlene's husband)
Quinn Family (Patzer's friends)
Bill and Carol Braun (Kellogg's friends)
Kathy Skipton (Friend of All Saints)
Father Tom
Kristy Lahoe (Gigi's friend)
Dan Egberg (Bloemker's friend)
Judy Champion (Bev McKinney's aunt)

Bill and Kim Vezzoso and Jo (Sharill's friends)
Lyle Moldrem (Sharill's brother)
Susan Martin (Mindy's mother)
Lee Ann Brewer (Gigi's friend)
Dallas Jensen (Joyce's husband)
Mike Calhoun (Kellogg's friend)
Connie Stromenger (LuAnn's sister)

Our Service Men and Women:

Austin Applekamp (Scott and Gail's son)
David Boyd (Don & Gigi McMillan's nephew)
Jeremiah & Joshua Specht (Specht's sons)
William Westcott (Marj's grandson-in-law)

Traveling:

Wilma and Mark Reever

In Mourning, Family and Friends of:

Norah Stromenger (LuAnn's niece)
Dick Prosser (Jack's brother)
Milford Knutson
Izetta Hanson (Doris Babbel's aunt)
David Champion (Bev McKinney's uncle)

Equal Exchange



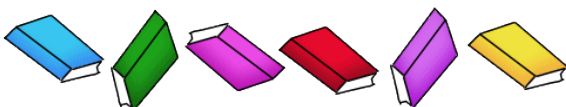
Check out new items for purchase at the Equal Exchange table in the narthex. All items are purchased from a cooperative of producers

around the world. The goal of Equal Exchange is to provide an income to the independent farmers and producers.



Spaghetti Dinner Update

The annual spaghetti dinner is postponed to a date yet to be selected. The beneficiary will be the Cedaredge Library.



Miriam Circle Notes

The ladies of Miriam Circle plan to meet in August. When we resume our meetings, each woman of the church is invited to join us. Business meetings are preceded by a Bible study from Gather Magazine, published by Women of the ELCA. The Bible study usually sparks thought provoking questions for consideration.

At this time, **no decision has been made about a yard sale.** We will consider the pros and cons of having a yard sale at our August meeting. Miriam Circle has traditionally hosted two fund raising opportunities. The craft fair held in November celebrated its 25th anniversary last year. The yard sale is usually held in May. The funds raised from the craft fair are donated to non-profits in Delta County. The funds raised from the yard sale are used to support All Saints with fellowship supplies, paper goods, and cleaning supplies. Other items or services are purchased as needed, like the recent carpet cleaning.

JULY SUNDAY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	5	12	19	26
	Communion		Communion	
Worship Leader	Pastor Paul	Pastor Paul	Pastor Paul	Pastor Paul
Liturgy Assistant	Joel	Marj	Don	Diane Haupt
Communion Assistant	Marj		Michelle	
Communion Bread	Marj		Marj	
Organist	Don	Don	Don	Don
Pianist				
Altar Guild	Shannon		Claudia	
Readers	Marj	Duane	Jesse	Janell
Ushers	Bret	Duane	Bret	Don Ranta
Greeters	Michelle	Sharon	Michelle	Linda
Stewards	Jack/Erich	Lloyd/Janell	Don Mc/ Claudia	Don R/Rick Saxton
Fellowship	Beverages	Beverages	Beverages	Beverages

To provide refreshments for Fellowship, please sign up on the white board by the kitchen window or call Janell, 835-3928. To usher or greet at worship, sign up on the white board on the cupboard in the back of the sanctuary. Help your congregation by offering your time.

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All Saints Special Occasions for July

Birthdays: 7/4 Arlene Puls 7/12 Olinda Patzer 7/20 Joyce Jensen
7/23 Chris Nielson 7/25 Karen McFarland 7/28 Brenda Slagg

Baptismal Birthdays: 7/22 Joyce Garman 7/?? Marvin Harrah 7/?? Arlene Puls

Anniversaries: 7/24/1971 Joel and Joyce Magnuson
7/20/2016 Erick and Shannon Fritchman 7/29/1978 Duane and Sharon Johnson



ALL SAINTS QUICK INFORMATION

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Council Officers & Committee Chairs:

Don McMillan, President and Building and Property Chair

Joel Magnuson, Vice President and Worship Chair

Michelle Specht, Secretary

Sharon Johnson, Treasurer

Marilyn Liebetrau, Outreach Chair

Don Ranta, Stewardship Chair

Wyatt Smith, Education Chair

Marj Seely, Financial Secretary

Memorial Fund: Executive Committee

Finance Committee: Treasurer, Financial Secretary, and Executive Committee

Non-Council Committee Chairs:

Fellowship, Janell Riese

Readers, Olinda Patzer

Ushers and Greeters: Niles Riese and Bret Specht

Altar Guild: Alice Spika, Shannon Fritchman, Claudia Kellogg

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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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