

ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

August, 2020

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” John 3:1-2

Chances are you’ve heard of the game “Telephone.” In case you are unfamiliar, it works like this: You have a group of people either standing in a circle or sitting in a straight line. The person on one end whispers a phrase into the next person’s ear and it gets passed down the line. The phrase can only be said once so the person must listen carefully. One shot is all each person has. Normally the end result is the person at the other end doesn’t end up with the phrase that the first person shared. Somewhere along the way words get jumbled, assumptions are made and we end up with an inaccurate story. It’s no one’s fault really, but rather the work of the whole group. Sometimes a person (or more) in the group who thinks it is funny to mix up the phrase on purpose. The truth is, while it may be funny in the moment, it isn’t helpful in the long run. It can be difficult to sometimes agree with those around us. You might even call it impossible. Remember, however, that all things are truly possible when God is involved. Give your problems, your worries, your joys, your sorrows, your celebrations—give them all to God and give thanks that you have been claimed as a child of God and you are invited to the banquet table where all are welcome as a guest of honor.

I’ve experienced this kind of communication in the past, in various places, but maybe I have been a bit naïve as I have also found it to be quite common in the church. In our brokenness, when we have an issue, rather than addressing the person responsible, we engage in this game of telephone in hopes that our request is met. Why is that? Are we so afraid of approaching someone directly that we look for any way to get out of it? How many times have we seen or heard someone having an issue with another and it is internalized and the separation grows. When it finally arrives to the intended person, it is hardly recognizable from the original issue. What I’ve found when I hear things two and three times removed from the actual request, I have more questions than the person sharing the information with me has answers. Do you see the problem here? I’ve got questions that need answers and so now I’ve got to go to the person who had the question/concern in the first place to get the answers I need. Even if I don’t have any questions, I still have to explain my answer to this person and then they have to go back to the original person who may or may not like the answer I’ve given. WHEW!!! Is it only me or does that sound exhausting? I am exhausted just trying to write this out.

Wouldn’t it be much simpler to ask the person directly the question you have? Then there is no need to go back and forth between people. You will probably have your answer more quickly! How might you work to be in unity with others, especially those you might not agree with or those who have upset you? Often it is easiest to simply dismiss them and walk away. It takes much more effort to find a solution or a common ground. After all, aren’t we called to be in community together, even when it’s difficult?

Nicodemus wanted to talk to Jesus, to help “straighten him out” from what he thought was sketchy teaching. Nicodemus also didn’t want to approach Jesus when others could see him so he went at night. What Nicodemus learned was that he didn’t know everything he thought he did because he also had bad information. When the two talked together they understood each other better.

Unfortunately, a person that inspired this article will most likely never see it. I encourage you to ask people direct questions, with love, remembering that they are a child of God. Find out why something is or isn’t being done. This applies not only within the church, but also, in our world. How much simpler would life be if we talked to one another rather than send our messages down the telephone line in hopes that the message at the end is the same as the beginning.

We are all community together. Through the good, the bad, the happy, the sad, the hurt the joy—no matter what—we are in this together because we have all been claimed by God as His children. To me, that is as good a reason as any to work together despite differences we might think we have.

Blessings to you this month of August! Even amidst pandemic woes, I pray the summer is good to you! Remember the words of wisdom in our restrooms – “Wash your hands, say your prayers – Jesus and germs are everywhere!”

Claim Your Baptism! Pr. Paul <><

p.s. Did you know?? I am so pleased with the hard work our confirmation youth have been putting in this summer. We have doubled our class time to 3 hours weekly so that we can catch up from time missed because of the virus. Please encourage them in their studies and share in the joy that they bring to our class time.

p.s.s. - Did you know that Luther said. . . . ??? “God writes the Gospel not in the Bible alone, but also on trees, and in the flowers and clouds and stars.”

Personal Worship continues in August!

All Saints Lutheran Church will continue to worship in person with less than 50 persons in attendance.

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.**
- ◆ **Masks are mandated by the state for the next 30 days. Please enjoy worship with your mask in place. Fellowship will resume after the mandate has been lifted.**

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, so please exercise common sense.

- ◆ 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. 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 July 14, 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, Psalm 11:4.

The meeting agenda was approved.

The June minutes were approved.

Committee Reports were given.

- Worship: The With One Voice hymnal will be used beginning July 12. We will use Setting 5.
- Pastor would like new members to join us as soon as possible. (After this meeting and the state mandated masks, new members will join us hopefully at the end of August.)

New Business:

- Barb Cairns is asking to be relinquished from her duties keeping church records. We appreciate all that she has done for All Saints and will miss Barb and her work.
- There was discussion regarding the use of memorial funds.

Old Business:

- The council discussed how Zoom worship is working. The last Zoom worship will be the last Sunday in July. (That decision may be revisited in light of the state mandated mask order.)
- There was discussion about possible upgrade of equipment in case Zoom worship is reactivated.

Sharon Johnson presented the treasurer's report. It was moved and seconded to approve. Motion passed.

January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020

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| Total Income: | \$48,619.00 |
| Total Expenses: | \$46,438.00 |
| | +\$2,181.00 |

June, 2020:

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| Total Income: | \$9,403.00 |
| Total Expenses: | \$7,036.00 |
| | +\$2,376.00 |

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next council meeting is August 11, at 6:00 p.m.

HELP!!!

We have a dire need to fill some very big shoes! Barb Cairns has decided it is time for her to relinquish her duties for All Saints. Her activities were voluntary and her devotion to us will be greatly missed. We need volunteers to step up and help us with statistics like attendance, new members, voting members, roster, birthdays, baptismal days and anniversaries. She has graciously offered to help in any way to make the transition as smooth as possible. Please let Pastor, Barb, any council member or me know if you are willing to help with part or all of these duties. You all can make a difference. Please consider serving your church in a new capacity.

Peace of Christ be with you all,
Don McMillan, Council President

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 August

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.

August 2, Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 55:1-5
Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

August 9, Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:9-18
Psalm 85:8-13
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

August 16, Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Psalm 67
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15:(10-20) 21-28

August 23, Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 51:1-6
Psalm 138
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

August 30, Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 15:15-21
Psalm 26:1-8
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

Serenity Run Friday, July 31



At this time, the Serenity Run will be held on July 31. The first stop on this “poker run” will be All Saints Lutheran Church. The riders will arrive at All Saints around 9:15 to 9:30 a.m. This is an excellent opportunity to volunteer for outreach in the community. Call Marilyn Liebetrau or Carolyn Goller if you can help.

Please pray for those from our congregation and our friends

From Our Congregation:

Sonja Anders Ada Boelter
Roger Grudt Jordyn Huff
Joyce Jensen Claudia Kellogg
Ardis Kelly Marilyn Liebetrau
Lee Martinson Nancy Mills
Pastor Paul John Realph
Peggy Saxton

Our Family and Friends:

Jody Seely (Marj's daughter-in-law)
Willa Sorenson (Martinson's friend)
Vernette Mackley (Sharill's friend)
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)
Father Tom
Ernie Puls (Arlene's husband)
Quinn Family (Patzer's friends)
Bill and Carol Braun (Kellogg's friends)
Kathy Skipton (Friend of All Saints)

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 Reeve
Pam Spika (Alice's daughter)

In Mourning, Family and Friends of:

Jane Koland (Joel's sister)



**Miriam Circle
August 5, 10:00 a.m.**

Miriam Circle will be meeting on Wednesday, August 5 at 10:00. Social distancing will be in effect and masks are mandated. Our business meeting will be followed by our Bible Study. The main discussion for our meeting will be whether or not we'll have a public yard sale on October 2 and 3 (a suggested date at this time).

Please let me know if you have any other agenda items to be discussed!

Miriam Circle is open to all ladies attending All Saints - whether a church member or not! Join us on August 5!

Barb Cairns, Meeting Facilitator

AUGUST SUNDAY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

| | 2 Communion | 9 | 16 Communion | 23 | 30 |
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| Worship Leader | Pastor Paul | Pastor Paul | Pastor Paul | Pastor Paul | Pastor Paul |
| Liturgy Assistant | Joel | Don | Marj | Diane Haupt | Don |
| Communion Assistant | Joel | | Marj | | |
| Communion Bread | Marj | | Marj | | |
| Organist | Don | Don | Don | Don | |
| Pianist | | | | | |
| Altar Guild | Shannon | | Alice | | |
| Readers | Elaine | Carolyn | Joel | Carol M. | Linda |
| Ushers | Niles | Lloyd | Don | Duane | Niles |
| Greeters | Janell | Marilyn | Linda | Sharon | Janell |
| Stewards | Lloyd/Erich | Don Mc/ Janell | Don R./ Karen | Claudia/ Lloyd | Lloyd/ Erich |
| Fellowship | | | | | |

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 August

Birthdays: 8/1 Victor Young 8/4 Linda Ranta 8/16 Mark Reeve
8/22 Jordyn Huff 8/27 Wilma Reeve

Baptismal Birthdays: 8/6 Tucker Johnson

Anniversaries: 8/11/1963 Kelly and Claudia Kellogg
8/12/1950 Gordon and Marian Thomas
8/27/1949 Dallas and Joyce Jensen



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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Janell Riese

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Janell Riese, Carolyn Goller and 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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