

ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

July, 2021



Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

With the Fourth of July upon us, (wait – wasn't it just Easter? But I digress . . .) I have been reflecting on a multitude of recent memories. A couple of weeks ago, I was in line at City Market pharmacy. I witnessed a moment that will forever be a wonderful memory. It was a moment of unexpected respect and awe where a little girl tugged on the camo jacket of a veteran, and she asked if he was a soldier. He replied, "Yes, I was." She immediately threw her arms around his waist to give him a hug! For all of you who have served, are serving, or love one who has, you have a little girl's great respect and you have mine!

Over the past few years, I have had the great privilege of spending time with a number of our military heroes. There is one in particular though who invited me into his story about a recent trip to Washington, D.C. on one of our nation's Honor Flights. He also had stories to tell of his military service. I imagine all military members have their own stories to pass on. This little girl and this soldier, ordinary people with very different perspectives on life and the world, both understanding to varying degrees, the cost of freedom. What binds them together, more than "soldiering" though, is the life giving freedom found in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Our world is filled with ordinary people who live in Christian freedom. A freedom that calls us to love our neighbor and to serve one another; freedom that urges us on to be the heart and hands of Jesus in our world. Ordinary, everyday people who donate to the food bank, deliver Meals on Wheels or prepare those meals for our homeless outside the walls of ASLC. Then there are those who serve within our walls, helping lead worship, whether as a reader, musician or assisting minister or those who provide hospitality preparing a cup of coffee or as an usher or greeter. Jesus calls us all. We come to be fed and then we leave and enter into the mission field.

It is this freedom that finds us mowing, changing the marquee or preparing food for a sick or grieving family, decorating the fellowship hall or the sanctuary for Christmas and Easter or making sure that all is prepared as we come to Christ's table. It is also this freedom that has followers of Jesus serving as missionaries or on church councils and teaching Sunday School. It is also, how many ordinary people can so bravely serve in this country's military services.

God's grace and freedom from the bondage of sin through Jesus' obedience and sacrifice on the cross can find ordinary people doing amazing and extraordinary things. God uses us to bring His kingdom into this world, offering us a glimpse of freedom as yet unimaginable. Saint Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 9:8, **"And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work."** With God on your side and Jesus as your Savior, what might you accomplish in your freedom?

I pray that you and those you love (including all those in your family who serve our nation) have a safe and blessed Independence Day. May God bless you in all that you do, and may God continue to bless us all as we are so VERY blessed to be living in this amazing land called America.

Servants together,, Pr. Paul <><

p.s. Did you know?? It has been a while since I have brought this up, but . . . If you shop via amazon, you can sign up to have All Saints be the beneficiary of your on-line purchases. Simply sign up at www.smile.amazon.com, search for All Saints Lutheran, Austin Colorado (there are about 15 or more All Saints – so it helps to put in Austin, CO in your search). That's it! Just select us and Amazon will donate a percentage of your purchases. As of June 10, my purchases have contributed \$33.89 to All Saints. It's that easy! Please consider for future purchases.

p.s.s. - Did you know that Luther said. . . ??? *"Although the Christian is thus free from all works, he ought in this liberty to empty himself, take upon himself the form of a servant, be made in the likeness of men, be found in human form, and to serve, help and in every way deal with his neighbor as he sees that God through Christ has dealt and still deals with him."*

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 4, Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 2:1-5
Psalm 123
2 Corinthians 12:2-10
Mark 6:1-13

July 1, Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 7:7-15
Psalm 85:8-13
Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:14-29

July 18, Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

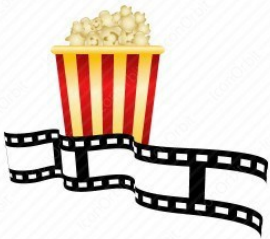
Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 23
Ephesians 2:11-22
Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

July 25, Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 4:42-44
Psalm 145:10-18
Ephesians 3:14-21
John 6:1-21

I Still Believe

Thursday, July 15, 6:30 p.m.



The true-life story of Christian musician Jeremy Camp, who fell in love and married Melissa Lynn Henning, knowing she had ovarian cancer. Camp penned his famous song, *I Still Believe*, shortly after her death. It is the latest movie from the filmmaking tandem of Jon and Andy Erwin, who previously released *Can Only Imagine*, *Woodlawn* and *Mom's Night Out*. The film has top-shelf talent, with K.J. Apa starring as Jeremy Camp and Britt Robertson as Melissa. It is a faith-based romantic film with crossover appeal.

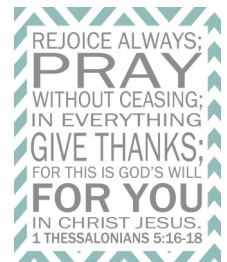
Let's Celebrate Milestones of Life

It is good to celebrate milestones in our lives. One of the members of our flock has reached a milestone in his life and will be moving on to the next phase of his life. Wyatt has graduated from high school and will be attending Colorado Mesa University working toward a law degree. To celebrate his graduation and prepare him for college, a laundry basket has been placed in the narthex for you to drop off any items that you feel will help Wyatt as he ventures off to college. You can use your own imagination and personal experience to determine what belongs in his basket. Items can be fun or practical. Have fun with it! Thank you for helping to celebrate this milestone in Wyatt's life. **Collection will end Sunday, July 26.**



Book Bible Study July 13, 2:00 p.m.

Olinda will lead us in the study of 1st and 2nd Thesalonians.



Council Meeting Highlights

May 11, 2021

Members Present: Shannon Fritchman, Marilyn Liebetrau, Don McMillan, Don Ranta, Janell Riese, Niles Riese, and Marj Seely . Absent: Pastor Paul, Wyatt Smith and Michelle Specht. Guest: Bret Specht

The meeting was called to order by Don McMillan.

Silent individual prayers were offered followed by devotions from the Psalms by Don McMillan.

The agenda was approved. The May minutes were approved.

Committee Reports:

Education Committee: No report.

Building and Property:

- Niles reported that we had a productive work day. The roof of the church is starting to show some wear.

Stewardship:

- Don Ranta thanked Del for her testimonial in May.

Worship Committee:

- The Worship Committee recommended that new supplemental hymnals are not necessary.

Outreach Committee:

- The Serenity Run for will be August 6.
- The committee is discussing options for the spaghetti dinner tentatively planned for September.

Pastor's Report:

- No report.

The Treasurer's report was approved.

January 1, 2021 through May 31, 2021:

Total Income:	\$32,101.00
Total Expenses:	\$30,416.00
	+ \$1,685.00

Month of May:

Total Income:	\$7,362.00
Total Expenses:	\$8,597.00
	(\$1,235.00)

Old Business:

- The list of unfinished business was reviewed.
- Karen McFarland has agreed to serve on the Audit Committee.

Prayers and praises were shared. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting is June 8 at 6:00 p.m.

Yours in Christ, Don McMillan, Council President

A Call for Informative ELCA Congregational Conversation

Please Join Bret and friends on June 27, 2021 during fellowship (refreshments will be provided) to discuss an open letter that Paul Hendrickson, Steve Beal, Heiko Meyer and Bret Specht have put together. The letter encourages ELCA member congregations to have conversations between pastors, councils, and congregational members about what the national office of ELCA is publishing as the positions of the ELCA ministry. The general membership is not being made aware of the positions of the ELCA has taken and that it is publishing statements on social, political, and educational issues. This is an effort to educate ELCA members about positions endorsed by the national office of the ELCA that we feel do not support or proclaim the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We would like to review a few of the statements published by the national office as the ELCA's policies that do not represent what we as members of the ELCA believe as Christians of the greater church of Jesus Christ. The goal of these conversations is to:

1. Inform the general membership of these issues and how we are being represented.
2. Confirm our congregation is actually acceptable with this representation.
3. If not, begin changing these positions in our local congregations, then at the regional synod level through informed representation at our synod meetings, and finally, through due process, changes at the national level invoked through grassroots representation.

A copy of the open letter to ELCA members and their congregations with a few examples of positions the national office of ELCA is publishing as the positions of the ELCA ministry is available on the table in the narthex. Please pickup a copy to review before the meeting.

Please pray for those from our congregation and our friends

From Our Congregation:

Sonja Anders Christine Garner
Joyce Jensen Ardis Kelly
Karen McFarland Nancy Mills
John Oien Samantha Prosser
Rosalee Ring Pastor Paul
John Realph Marj Seely

Our Family and Friends:

Tricia Dickinson (Carolyn's friend)
Tammy Hausman (Marj's daughter)
Erin Hayden (Jack's daughter)
Becky Riese (Riese's sister-in-law)
Denise Burton (Del's daughter)
Eric Rosin (Jesse's dad, Pastor's brother)
Marie Missell (Joyce's sister-in-law)
Larry Shriver (Patzner's friend)
Mike Hally (Kathy Conlin's brother)
Debbie Slater (McKinney's friend)
Cindy Gonzales (Claudia's niece)
June Huff (friend of All Saints)
Kim Quijano (Sharill Beach's friend)

Darien Bushy (Shannon's friend)
Dora Mueller (Shannon's friend)
Diana Brown (Gigi's friend)
Robert Cederberg (Son of Nelson and Marilyn)
Hatsuko West (Shannon's mother)
Maria Martinez (Wendy Harrah's friend)
Craig Tutura (McMillan's friend)
Gary Erbes (Pastor's cousin)
Mandy Colbaugh (McMillan's friend)
Adam Kamerzell (Pastor's cousin)
Ernie Puls (Arlene's husband)
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)

Our Service Men and Women:

Austin Applekamp (Scott and Gail's son)
David Boyd (Don & Gigi McMillan's nephew)
Amber Ellison (Jenifer Oien's cousin)
Jeremiah and Joshua Specht (Specht's sons)

Samantha Prosser thanks everyone who has assisted with prayers or monetary donations for her upcoming back surgery.



Thanks to our yard sale volunteers!

What an amazing group helped to raise \$2,628.56!! Monies from our craft sale were distributed to local non-profits in January. Proceeds from our yard sale will be used support All Saints with office supplies, kitchen supplies and other items needed by the church. Last November Miriam Circle assisted with the purchase of the new photo copier in the office.

Delta Food Bank

The Delta Food Bank is well stocked; however, people are not coming for food! If you know of someone who needs food, please encourage that person to visit the food bank Monday through Friday, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. County residency and number of family members are part of the information needed.

Fellowship

We are looking for a couple of people that would be willing to work together to organize and set up fellowship. Currently, we are only serving beverages except on the second Sunday of the month. We celebrate birthdays and baptismal days on that Sunday with a cake or some other treat. If you are interested in volunteering, please talk with Janell Riese.

Miriam Circle

At the last meeting on June 9, the group reviewed the yard sale. Recommendations were made if the decision is made to hold a yard sale in 2022.

Miriam Circle will take over the depositing of monies and paying for the products offered at the Fair Trade table. Checks should be written to Miriam Circle.

The next meeting will be September 5 at 10:00 a.m. Plan now to join us for Bible Study followed by the business meeting.

JULY SUNDAY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	4 Communion	11	18 Communion	25
Worship Leader	Pastor Paul	Pastor Paul	Pastor Paul	Pastor Paul
Liturgy Assistant	Diane Haupt	Don Ranta	Marj Seely	Brandy Wood
Communion Assistant	Diane		Marj	
Communion Bread	Elinor/Marj		Elinor/Marj	
Organist	Don	Don	Don	Don
Pianist	Olinda	Olinda	Olinda	Olinda
Altar Guild	Shannon		Sharon	
Readers	Brandy Wood	Marilyn Liebetrau	Shannon Fritchman	Carolyn Goller
Acolytes	Robert	Jordyn	Amber	Robert
Ushers	Bret	Lloyd	Niles	Don
Greeters	Michelle	Marilyn	Janell	Linda
Stewards	Don R/Glenn	Lloyd/Michelle	Erich/Thad	Sharon/Don Mc
Fellowship		Olinda Patzer		

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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

Anniversaries: 7/20 Shannon and Erik Fritchman 7/24 Joyce and Joel Magnuson

Baptismal Days: Marvin Harrah and Arlene Puls

ALL SAINTS QUICK INFORMATION

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Council Officers & Committee Chairs:

Don McMillan, President

Don Ranta, Vice President and Stewardship Chair

Michelle Specht, Secretary

Janell Riese, Treasurer

Shannon Fritchman

Marilyn Liebetrau, Outreach Chair

Niles Riese, Building and Property

Wyatt Smith, Education Chair

Marj Seely, Worship Chair and 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 and Shannon Fritchman

Prayer Chain: Claudia Kellogg

Weekly Bulletin:

Carolyn Goller

Joel Magnuson

Janell Riese

Newsletter:

Janell Riese and Carolyn Goller

Marquee:

Joel Magnuson

Jesse Rosin

**Please notify Pastor Paul if you or someone
in your family is entering the hospital or needs pastoral care.**

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