

# ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

## September, 2021



Beloved Siblings in Christ,

Paul's Letter to the Romans is probably my favorite book in the Bible for a variety of reasons. The most notable is how Paul lays out the idea of salvation for all, rather than for a select few (meaning only those of Jewish faith). He gives us a solid blueprint for living our lives focused on God rather than focused on society. It is a difficult task, no doubt, but one we are to strive for in our daily lives.

This New Testament Epistle is as relevant today, as it was when Paul was writing to the Romans. Its overarching theme is that we are all in this together, that we should not look at one another and see anything but a brother or sister in Christ. Again, a very difficult task to do, but one that Paul suggests we need to strive to do every single day. **<sup>9</sup>"if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup> For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"** (Romans 10:9, 12-13)

As most of you should be aware we are entering into a busy time at All Saints (and in the community in general). September is always a month filled with activity and establishing routine that has escaped us over the summer. From September to June we have one routine, from June to September we have another. No doubt a quick look at your own life you will see this routine as well. During the month of September, we also look at how each of us have been called to steward the gifts we have been given and how they can help the greater church.

We are not alone in this routine, but as Paul suggests, we are in this together. Every one of us is a part of this community, and I encourage you to be active in our community. Find ways to be involved, to share the gifts that God has given you, and to help others see how God is at work in their lives. I continue to be impressed with how this congregation continually steps forward to share their gifts in so many varied ways. My prayer is that we continue and remain in prayer as to how God is calling us now to be his church.

In this month, we will be talking more and more about how you can use your gifts here at All Saints. We will rejoice in how you already use your gifts. As the ELCA mantra goes "We are church – Better Together!" We have been given the task of sharing the good news of God's love together to all people. **<sup>4</sup> For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. <sup>6</sup> We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: <sup>7</sup>prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>8</sup>ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.** (Romans 12:4-8 – NRSV) May God continue to reveal God's glory and grace to us in new and exciting ways. Have a wonderful September!

Our Consecration Sunday is September 26. I am hoping that you can begin prayerfully considering how God is calling you (and your family) in the life of this congregation, through time, talent and giving.

We were tagged by Delta's mayor one day, as he called us "The biggest little church in the county." That alone helps us to identify who we are and how we are called. You all are such an amazing gift to me and the life of this community. I am excited to see how God will call us and lead us in the future. What an exciting time it is! Thanks be to God!

Servants together,

Pr. Paul <><

**p.s. Did you know??** I have often been asked questions about Liturgy and why Lutherans follow a Liturgical, even more important the Historical Liturgy form of worship. I think there are 8 reasons, so over the next 8 months, I will reflect on "Why we love the Historical Liturgy." To start, let's begin with a basic definition of "Liturgy": it is the order and structure of a formal church service.

Reason #1: **The Liturgy protects the congregation from the Pastor** – There are both good and bad pastors (especially from the pulpit). For the pastors that preach a less than Christ-filled message, the liturgy will protect the congregation. A 10 minute circus sermon is overshadowed by 30 minutes of liturgy – the Scriptures, the Apostles' (or Nicene) Creed, the Lord's Prayer, the message in the hymns and the rest of the order of service. **Why do we love the historic liturgy? The liturgy protects a congregation from a pastor who has a bad sermon, two bad sermons, or weeks and months of bad sermons.**

**p.s.s. - Did you know that Luther said. . . ???** "To progress is always to begin always to begin again" — Martin Luther, *Commentary on Romans*.

## STEWARDSHIP



The Stewardship Committee is preparing for its busiest time of the year. Stewardship Sunday, August 29, will begin the season of prayer and reflection for giving of time and talents in 2022. On Consecration Sunday, September 26, Pledge Cards for 2022 will be received. The congregation will receive Pledge Cards on August 29. We plan to have brief individual Testimonials during the Worship by each Sunday beginning on August 29 through September 26. The volunteer opportunities listed below keep our church healthy. If you have an interest in any of these activities, please let one of the council members or committee chairs help you get involved. They are listed on the last page of the newsletter.

### On-going Activities

**These activities keep our church running on a weekly basis:**

- Adult Sunday school
- Altar preparation, banners, communion
- Preparing breakfasts for Abraham Connection
- Building maintenance and repair
- Bulletin
- Confirmation Classes
- Fellowship
- Grounds upkeep
- Men's Breakfast
- Monthly Bible study
- Music: Bells, choir, piano, organ, special music
- Newsletter
- Prayer Chain
- Stewards (counters)
- Ushers/Greeters
- Worship
- Youth Sunday school

### Groups

**These individuals/groups coordinate and execute the activities of the church.**

- Council, elected
- Worship Committee
- Altar Guild
- Building/Grounds
- Education
- Fellowship chair
- Financial Secretary/Stewards (Counters)
- Liturgy Assistants
- Miriam Circle
- Newsletter chair
- Nominating Committee
- Organist
- Outreach
- Pastor
- Pianist
- Readers
- Stewardship
- Head Ushers

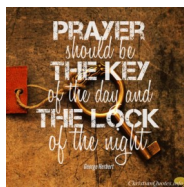
## Please pray for those from our congregation and our friends

### From Our Congregation:

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| Sonja Anders     | Christine Garner |
| Joyce Jensen     | Ardis Kelly      |
| Karen McFarland  | Bev McKinney     |
| Bob McKinney     | John Oien        |
| Samantha Prosser | Rosalee Ring     |
| Pastor Paul      | John Realph      |

### Our Family and Friends:

- Sheila Parks (Sharill's friend)
- Gene Wright (Marsha's brother-in-law)
- Rea Coleman (friend of All Saints)
- Carlee Jo Bronkowski (McMillan's friend)
- Vicky Downey (Carol Martinson's friend)
- Jessica Rodriguez (McMillan's daughter)
- Tricia Dickinson (Carolyn's friend)
- 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)
- Hatsuko West (Shannon's mother)
- Craig Tutura (McMillan's friend)
- Mandy Colbaugh (McMillan's friend)
- Adam Kamerzell (Pastor's cousin)
- Lyle Moldrem (Sharill's brother)
- Susan Martin (Mindy's mother)
- Lee Ann Brewer (Gigi's friend)
- Dallas Jensen (Joyce's husband)

### 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)
- William Westcott (Marj's grandson-in-law)
- Damon Jenson (Joyce and Ardis' great grandson)

### Family and friends in mourning:

- Ernie Puls (Arlene's husband)

## 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 September

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.

#### September 5, 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 35:4-7a  
Psalm 146  
James 2:1-14  
Mark 7:24-37

#### September 12, 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

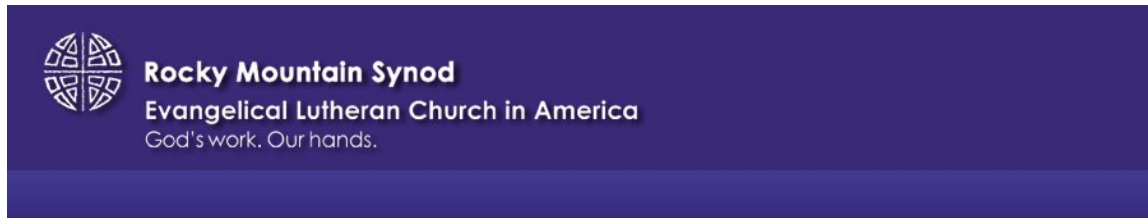
Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 116:1-9  
James 3:1-12  
Mark 8:27-38

#### September 19, 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 11:18-20  
Psalm 54  
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a  
Mark 9:30-37

#### September 26, 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Numbers 11:4-29  
Psalm 19:7-14  
James 5:13-20  
Mark 9:38-50



### Wyatt Smith, Rocky Mountain Synod Council Member

My duty serving on the Rocky Mountain Synod is to keep lay ecumenical order. This means keeping the balance between Clergy and Lay authority in church governance. The Synod Council functions much like our church council functions. I ran for my current position in 2017, losing to an established candidate. However in 2019 at the ELCA National Assembly, I was asked if I would finish her term. This term ended in 2020. I ran a second time and lost by a slim margin. The elected council member was removed because of a significant number of absences. I was again asked to fill the role on the council.

The Synod Council meets at least once a month. We are scheduled to meet in person in Denver quarterly. We meet via zoom for the remaining meetings. The major challenge I face as a council member is being taken seriously. As a young person, my opinions on certain matters often fall on deaf ears when spoken within the larger group. To combat the naive fog that plagues my words, I had to develop personal relationships with the members of the council.

The personal relationship building strengthened my voice on the council. The other council members are willing to listen to my views and opinions even though we represent different generations.

# Council Meeting Highlights

## August 10, 2021

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

The meeting was called to order by Don McMillan.

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

The agenda was approved. The July minutes were approved.

### Committee Reports:

Education Committee:

- No report. Pastor advised, beginning August 29 for three weeks, Adult Sunday School will focus on stewardship and evangelism according to Sister Mary Clarence from the movie "Sister Act."

Building and Property:

- Niles reported that the water bill was normal for the last month. He will fix the urinal in the men's room.

Stewardship:

- No report. Testimonials will be given beginning August 29.

Worship Committee:

- A change in setting is coming September 12. The committee selected hymns for August and part of September.

Outreach Committee:

- The Serenity Run was a success and generated \$106 by serving 84 guests.

Pastor's Report:

- He will send the council a written report by Friday.
- He gave an update on the youth who will be confirmed on October 31, Reformation Sunday.
- The Theological Conference is September 20 – 23. Pastor will leave after church on Sunday to stay in Loveland and finish the journey to Little America in Cheyenne on Monday.

The Treasurer's report was approved.

### January 1, 2021 through July 31, 2021:

Total Income: \$57,879.00  
Total Expenses: \$51,850.00  
+\$6,219.00

### Month of July:

Total Income: \$7,435.00  
Total Expenses: \$8,850.00  
(\$650.00)

### Old Business:

- Karen McFarland and Rick Saxton will audit the 2020 books on Friday, August 13.
- Committee budgets need to be given to Don McMillan.

### New Business:

- Bret suggested that the 2020 Pledge card include an option for opting out of providing financial support to the ELCA. The plan was adopted by the council.
- Marilyn will draft a letter to the Rocky Mountain Synod addressing concerns about how the Rocky Mountain Synod and the National synod address current national and local issues.

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

The next meeting is September 14 at 6:00 p.m. Yours in Christ, Don McMillan, Council President

### Miriam Circle September 8, 10:00 a.m.

Join in the planning for the coming events. As usual, we will follow the meeting with Bible study by Carolyn.

### Bible Study September 21, 2:00 p.m.

Marsha Thomas will lead us in a study of Philemon and Titus. Join us for thought provoking discussion, laughter and amazement.



**Augustine: Son of Her Tears**  
Thursday, September 16, 6:30 p.m.  
Parisian filmmaker Hedi returns to his native Algeria to create a documentary about St. Augustine, the philosopher and theologian who shaped Western thought. In parallel stories the two men struggle with their beliefs on love, family, truth, and God.

# SEPTEMBER SUNDAY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	<b>5 Communion</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>19 Communion</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Pastor Paul	Pastor Paul	Pastor Paul	Pastor Paul
<b>Liturgy Assistant</b>	Don Ranta	Veronica Schroeder	Diane Haupt	Brandy Wood
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Don Ranta		Diane Haupt	
<b>Communion Bread</b>	Elinor/Marj		Elinor/Marj	
<b>Organist</b>	Don	Don	Don	Don
<b>Pianist</b>	Olinda	Olinda	Olinda	Olinda
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Shannon		Sharon	
<b>Readers</b>		Duane Johnson	Mitch Thomas	Marsha Thomas
<b>Acolytes</b>	Robert	Jordyn	Amber	Robert
<b>Ushers</b>	Bret	Lloyd	Niles	Don
<b>Greeters</b>	Michelle	Marilyn	Janell	Linda
<b>Stewards</b>	Don R/ Michelle	Sharon/Rick	Erich/Don R	Don M/Thad
<b>Fellowship</b>		Outreach		

This newsletter was made possible by contributions from: Carolyn Goller, Marilyn Liebetrau, Carol Martinson, Don McMillan, Olinda Patzer, Janell Riese, Cristi Rivero, Pastor Paul, Marj Seely, Wyatt Smith, and Bret Specht.

## All Saints Special Occasions for September

**Birthdays:** 9/10 Michelle Specht    9/22 Jesse Rosin

**Baptismal Days:** 9/5 Carol Martinson    9/18 Joyce Jensen

**Anniversaries:** 9/11/1982 Janell and Niles Riese

9/22/1996 Michelle and Bret Specht    9/25/2010 Anna and Dean Kenner



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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: Shannon Fritchman and Sharon Blanchard

Prayer Chain: Claudia Kellogg

**Weekly Bulletin:**

Carolyn Goller

Joel Magnuson

Janell Riese

**Newsletter:**

Janell Riese, Carolyn Goller, Sharon Blanchard

**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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