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Pastor

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Trinity News

I saw a meme on Facebook that really hit home. I don't remember the exact wording but it basically said, "Who knew that when we changed the time last spring we would wake up in the Twilight Zone."

Before coronavirus, the primary methods of disseminating information were the weekly worship gathering and a monthly newsletter we've been mailing by snail mail and by email. Today, our communication and messaging includes more use of texting, phone calls, online worship services and social media posts. All of this is an attempt to make sure everyone is getting the information they need to stay connected to the faith family. But I wonder if we're communicating all we need to get across.

As one can imagine, my mailbox is filled daily with helpful hints from all kinds of individuals on what the church needs to be doing during all this. One particular article caught my attention. It was written by Pastor Josh King in Conway, Arkansas. I want to share a quick summary of 4 things he says the church needs to hear as I would apply them to our situation.

1. HOPE

This is the one thing no other outlet is pushing. It's also the one thing we the church can offer. Hope is a calm confidence that the God who has always been faithful in the past will be faithful in the future. Hope doesn't pretend there's no problem or that everything will go back to the way it was before. Hope does, however, convey a trust in Jesus that's much stronger than any fear can shake.

2. "CELEBRATE."

If you're like me, and several of you are, this season has felt like we're spinning our wheels. There's very little to see. Before we all went inside (to quarantine, shelter in place, hibernate or whatever it could be called) we could see one another and could keep in touch catching up on the latest knowing that we could return next week to see one another. We were making small changes and improvements around the church. There was always a feeling of movement. Some of that has been lost. So I want to reassure you that the church is still moving and is still on mission. One example is that through our online services, people outside of our congregation are being reached.

3. "I DON'T HAVE ALL THE ANSWERS."

Anyone who says they know what's coming next is guessing or lying. This is new territory. Sure, our country and this world have dealt with things like the Spanish Flu and the Bubonic Plague, but this is happening in a world hyper-focused on social media with the undeniable influence of politics and worldviews. This is different, and I would be the first to say that I don't have all the answers but with God's help and your prayers we will continue to do our best.

4. "I STRUGGLE, TOO."

Finally, even though we want to say hopeful things and celebrate the wins, we can't ignore that what has happened to our country has been traumatic. With little warning, children weren't allowed to go back to school. Working parents took on the added load of homeschooling, and nearly every church leader became a student of digital media.

People who were accustomed to getting long, daily breaks from one another are now together 24 hours a day, every day. That's been hard on people in a real and deep way. I want to assure you that it's OK to not be OK. I am struggling at times and I am aware this is a difficult season and want to assure you that I am here to walk through it with them. More importantly God is here with you and has promised to walk beside you so that we can continue to be a people "Praising God, Maturing in Christ, and Reaching Others through the Holy Spirit."

August BIRTHDAYS

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| 2- Clayton Reuther | 21- Wayne Johnson |
| 5- Megan Clark | 22- David Rios |
| Dean Lindemann | 23- Giselle Garcia |
| 6- Deborah Fojtik | Caiden Georgi |
| 7- Emily Gresham | 24- Ray Lehrmann |
| 11- Luke McGaw | 25- Rebecca McGaw |
| Gilbert Meyer | 30- Ed Cavey |
| 12- Ann Schueler | 31- Ryan Clark |
| 14- Dorothy Klobedans | Robert Tucker |
| Milton Riske | |
| 15- Sharon Vyvial | |

Wedding Anniversaries



- Aug. 7 '93 - Steve & Kim Gunter "27th"
- Aug. 12 '00 - Jason & Lisa Lindemann "20th"
- Aug. 14 '93 - Charles & Deanne Newton "27th"
- Aug. 14 '76 - James & Carolyn Rudel "44th"
- Aug. 28 '82 - Lynn & Connie Butler "38th"

August ALTAR FLOWERS



- 2- OPEN
- 9- Gibson & Joanna Baafour
- in celebration of Ann Schueler's Birthday
- 16- OPEN
- 23- OPEN
- 30- OPEN

Helping Hands AUG. FOOD DRIVE

August 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30

NEEDED:

- Aug. 2 CANNED FRUITS
- Aug. 9 R A M E N S O U P S ,
CANNED SOUPS
- Aug. 16 P E A N U T B U T T E R ,
JELLIES
- Aug. 23 CANNED VEGETABLES
(all types)
- Aug. 30 CANNED MEATS

These are the current items needed but they will take anything. The Helping Hands barrel is located in the overflow area. Thanks!

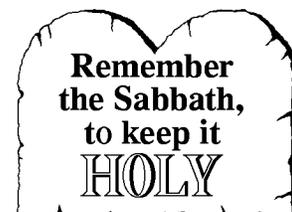
THOSE WHO SERVE

August Counters

- 2 - Rebecca McGaw
- 9- Nancy Regetz
- 16- Ella Mae McConnell
- 23- David Petrusek
- 30- OPEN

Greeters

- 2- Lee Schwebel
- 9- Milton Riske
- 16- Leona Panas
- 23- Jr. High/High Sch S.S.
- 30-



A Mother's Love

There is a legend
that an angel
came down to earth
to take something beautiful
back to Heaven
and he took a bouquet of roses,
a baby's smile
and a Mother's love.
When he reached the Heavenly realms,
the roses had withered,
the baby's smile had vanished,
but the Mother's love
endured forever.



The family of Elizabeth Weiss Stern would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to each and every one for the sympathy cards, food, flowers, phone calls, memorials and words of comfort at the loss of our precious Mother. We will certainly miss her, but just as the poem states, her love will last forever in our hearts. We are deeply appreciative of your kindness and thoughtfulness,

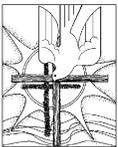
Bill & Marie Plemons
Sandy & Randy Muegge
Debra & Butch Butler
John & Deb Stern
Reggie & Valerie Stern

Youth Confirmation

Winter Taylor Cuellar

daughter of William & Brandi Gutierrez and Joseph & Jeannie

Cuellar, was confirmed on Sunday, July 12, 2020. She has three brothers, Ty, Max and Noah; and two sisters, River & Willow. Her Confirmation verse is: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16



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The Board of Elders meet each month on the first Tuesday at 7:00 p.m

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LUTHERAN HOUR ... heard on Radio Stations: KHCB 1400 AM on Saturdays at 4:00 am & 5:30pm; KHCB 105.7 FM, on Sunday, at 12:30pm; KKHT 100.7, Sunday at 6:30pm; and KSEV 700 AM, on Sunday at 6:30am.

Aug. 2: "Christ's Resurrection Makes Everything New" – There s power in doing good works for the sake of others, but that kind of civic righteousness can't compare with the perfect righteousness of God which covers us through faith in Jesus Christ.
Aug. 9: "Over the Darkness, God Hovers" – A 5-year old boy once observed, "God has the whole world in His hands-but sometimes He drops it." Aug. 16: "A Wrong Comparison": Dr. Wallace Schulz.
Aug. 23: "Fear and Faith" - by Rev. Dr. Ken Claus.
Aug. 30: "It's Not Over 'till Jesus Says It's Over" By Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz.

CLOSER LOOK **at Our Budget**

We need \$ 3,730.00 weekly Attendance per Sunday

July 5-	4,395.00	20
July 12-	3,544.77	41
July 19-	2,785.00	36
July 26-	3,530.00	28

Y-T-D Offering thru July 26: 93,797.17
Total Needed for 2020 Budget 111,900.00
Y-T-D under Budget needs: \$ - 18,102.83

*We cannot direct the wind,
but we can adjust our sails.*

<u>Sun</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tues</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat</u>
<h1><u>August 2020</u></h1>						<u>1</u>
<u>2</u> 9am Intergenerational SS 10:15 Worship w/communion	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u> 7pm Elders Mtg.	<u>5</u> 6pm Worship Team Practice	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>9</u> 9am Intergenerational SS 10:15 Worship	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u> 6pm Worship Team Practice	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>16</u> <i>9am Intergenerational SS 10:15 Worship w/communion</i>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u> 6pm Worship Team Practice	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>
<u>23</u> 9am Intergenerational SS 10:15 Worship	<u>24</u> <i>Back to School!</i>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u> 6pm Worship Team Practice	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>
<u>30</u> 9am Intergenerational SS 10:15 Worship	<u>31</u>	-	-	-	-	-