

Announcements

OFFICE HOURS: Mon – Fri 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

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Sunday In-Person Worship – In-Person worship is welcome! **Masking is required for in-person attendance.** Masks will be available at the door for those that need one. Registration at the door and distancing will remain in effect. Worship will continue to stream online weekly at 10:30 am.

WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER - We plan to begin Wednesday Morning Prayer on September 29. We meet synchronously at 10:00 in person in the Chapel, and at the same time by Zoom. Pre-registration is recommended because The Chapel capacity with physical distancing is six persons. We follow Morning Prayer in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (page 298), and use the Daily Lectionary readings, Year B (page 1138).

BIBLE STUDY - Its time to regroup! We adapted the ELCIC National Bishop's suggestion and were reading through the Bible together. Bishop Susan provided Bible Reading guides over the summer, so let's check in on our summer Bible reading and decide what we would like to read together and how we would like to read together. Is meeting together in person an option? Do you prefer to meet by Zoom? A combination of the two? Is 12:30-2:00 p.m. on Tuesday a good time?

Confirmation Ministry begins this fall! Individual, family, congregational group and inter-church learning and worship experiences provide youth with opportunities to explore their faith and develop closer ties with Christ and his church. Events and activities are planned according to pandemic safety protocols and Saskatchewan Health Authority mandates. Join us around the fire pits at Meewasin Park from 4-4:45 ish on October 3rd! Family members welcome too!

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THE BOOK OF REVELATION AND THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC - Interest in the Book of Revelation has increased during the pandemic. Many people are questioning God's role in these events and wondering about the future. Interpreters are relating current world crises to the signs in the Book of Revelation, especially the Four Horses of the Seven Seals in Chapter Six. In response to requests from several people, Pastor Ron plans to offer an evening study on the Book of Revelation. Please call Kaylyn in the church office at 306-653-2442 or email her at zion.office@sasktel.net to express your preference for time and day and in-person or remote meeting. The duration of the study will be decided at the Introductory Session.

NEWS FROM THE SOCIAL OUTREACH COMMITTEE

We are finishing the distribution of quilts, blankets, baby bundles, school supplies, and personal hygiene items collected for the We Care program, to community organizations in Saskatoon. Sanctum 1.5, Indian-Metis Friendship Centre, White Buffalo Lodge and Egadz have received items. In the future we hope to provide some of the donations to the Food Bank as well.

We have decided that **we will continue** to collect quilts or blankets, baby items, and personal hygiene items. Some of these items may be given out by church staff; in other cases we will keep in touch with the community organizations as mentioned above and distribute on an on-going basis. On the back of the bulletin is a list of items for hygiene kits and baby bundles. You may donate an entire kit or items from the kit. If your preference is to donate money, this would be welcome also – remember to mark your offering for the Social Outreach Committee.

Stay tuned for information regarding Christmas Charity - Mitten Tree and Collections for Interval House.

You will notice that our emphasis has changed from world relief to “close to home” relief. However, even though we will not be collecting We Care kits to be sent overseas, CLWR is still active in many areas of the world and donations are always needed. Their web-site hi-lites 4 countries that need help: Farmers in El Salvador, Haiti earthquake response, Covid crisis in India, and Restoring hope in Lebanon. More details are available on their web-site www.clwr.org

Thank you for your interest. If you have any questions or suggestions, please talk to one of our committee: Jackie Smith, Lori Farmer, and Linda Jarock.

GATHERING

Instrumental Music & Centering Prayer

Welcome

Confession & Absolution

Songs of Invocation & Praise: “All Heaven Declares”, “All the Way my Savior Leads Me”

Prayer of the Day: Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

The Lesson – James 5:13-20

Children's Message

The Holy Gospel – Mark 9:38-50

Homily:

Song of Inspiration & Reflection: “Refiner's Fire”

MEAL

Presentation of the Gifts

Offertory (instrumental)

Intercessory Prayers: Requests & Responses

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Songs: “What Kind of Love is This?”, “Wait for the Lord”

SENDING

Community News & Notes

Benediction

Sending Song: “Nothing but the Blood”

Hygiene Kit

(pack in a re-usable bag or zip lock bag)

- small liquid soap
- wash cloth and hand towel
- toothpaste and tooth brush
- wide tooth comb
- small pkg of band aids
- small Vaseline
- nail clippers and emery board

Baby Bundle

(can all be wrapped in a receiving blanket)

- 2 sleepers
- 2 onesies
- 2 receiving blankets
- 1 sweater or sweatshirt

In Our Prayers: Derwin Hall, Andrea Nostbakken, Nandari Swamy, Martin, Weldeyesus family, Mallory Jess, Wally Cubbon, Cecelia Jurgens, Vibs Paulsen, Vi Stalwick, Gloria Hamp, Betty McManus, Aaron Froese, Glenn Wood, Borgny Lokken, Samhara & Saraq, Thor Kliev, Ivar Moen, Don Peterson, Louise Dahlen, Robert Lammon, Terry Fisher, Mary Kamineski, Kendra & Javan, Terry Afseth, family of Margaret Baun

Scriptures:

James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Mark 9:38-50

John said to him, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

'If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell.' And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

'For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.'

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 26, 2021

10:30 am

Lutheran Contemporary Worship



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