

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ANGELA

Typically, at this point in the summer, SSLC would be excitedly announcing its plans for the fall – Kingdom Kids programming, Breakfast Club (5th and 6th grade), Confirmation, maybe even some adult education opportunities. Yet, 2020 continues to be anything but typical. As of the writing of this, we are waiting to hear from Governor Walz concerning statewide schooling plans (we should hear in just a few days), and we are also waiting for final decisions from Becker and other school districts. We recognize how stressful this time is for our families, not knowing what the school year will look like just yet. We continue to pray for all of the students, teachers, staff, and parents during this time, and we pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as leaders make decisions that are neither simple nor easy.

As for your pastors and faith formation leaders, we are also in the midst of a decision process. On the one hand, we are preparing as we would in any other year – recruiting teachers, outlining schedules, nailing down curriculums. On the other hand, we have several contingency plans on the backburner as we recognize that Kingdom Kids and Confirmation may need to look different this fall. There is much opportunity for new approaches and experiences. We've already had a taste of it this summer – partnering with Faith Lutheran and St. Marcus for Vacation Bible School was an unexpected blessing!

We will be making final decisions and announcements around our faith formation programming in the next few weeks. Rest assured that faith formation will happen this year, one way or another! We take seriously the promises made by the church at baptism – that we will, to the best of our ability, support each child of

God on their journey of faith and come alongside families to help teach, guide, and pray for them all. The only question for us is how to best provide that support in the midst of everything else. There are many moving parts – but we know God is at work in and through it all.

Once decisions have been made by the school districts, we should be better able to discern how SSLC can best provide faith education for families while keeping one another safe and without adding unnecessary burden. As I said above, be on the lookout for more announcements to come!

I'll say it again and again – may God continue to be our strength as we navigate this pandemic together. The fellowship borne of the Holy Spirit continues to be the glue that holds this community together, and I have no doubt that same steadfast love and commitment will guide us into the fall. The Lord bless and keep you all.

Love in Christ,
Pastor Angela

COVID-19 RESPONSE PLAN

Please note, this plan primarily focuses on our weekly worship services. Plans for other church activities such as Kingdom Kids, Confirmation, etc. will be solidified as fall approaches.

OPENING REMARKS

We continue to follow the guidance of the ELCA, our local bishops, and the CDC as we slowly return to our typical worship services. As simple as that may sound, it is not a clear-cut process. This is everyone's first global pandemic. Your pastors and council are attempting to take a measured approach to reopening, and we do so knowing that different churches around the state are following their own path back to some level of normal. Some churches have an in-depth screening process in place at their doors. Some churches are choosing to remain closed to in-person worship until the fall. We trust our congregation members to continue to follow both state and local public health restrictions, as well as to be respectful of our church guidelines as outlined below. All of that said, please be aware that your council and pastors continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation in Sherburne county. All phases and dates outlined below are subject to change as the situation continues to evolve.

PHASE 2 (Beginning July 12)

- Sunday Worship Options Reconsidered
 - *Virtual service – pre-recorded
 - *Need for 8:00AM drive-in service reviewed week-by-week based on needs and participation
 - *9:30AM indoor service
 - Sign-in when you enter, assigned spots in sanctuary (no RSVP needed)
 - No communal singing or speaking. Exception made for Lord's Prayer
 - Communion celebrated on 2nd and 3rd Sundays using prepackaged single-serve packs
 - Masks required in our building for the good of the other (SSLC will provide if needed)
 - Offering baskets available in narthex – no passed offering
 - Birthdays celebrated in worship with a round of applause, anniversaries celebrated with usual blessing
 - No coffee fellowship following service
 - No nursery available
 - Pews sanitized after service, no books in pews
 - Utilize FM transmitter if we reach sanctuary capacity
- Office continues to be officially open on Mondays only; both pastors in on Wednesdays; Pastor Angela works from home Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Online devotionals on Tuesdays and Fridays only
- Baptisms allowed as private family events
- Homebound visits resume based on individual's and pastor's comfort levels. Adhere to any care facility rules.

PHASE 3 (Decision to move into Phase 3 is at the discretion of the council and pastors)

At our August council meeting, we will compare recent statistics and trends of local cases.

- Sunday Worship Options Reconsidered
 - *Virtual service – pre-recorded
 - *Need for 8:00AM drive-in service reviewed week-by-week based on needs and participation
 - *9:30AM indoor service
 - Sign-in when you enter, but no assigned/directive seating. Households continue to sit a comfortable social distance apart.
 - Return to communal speaking, but no singing
 - Masks strongly encouraged in our building (SSLC will provide if needed)
 - Communion celebrated on 2nd and 3rd Sundays using prepackaged single-serve packs
 - Offering baskets available in narthex – no passed offering
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PHASE 4 (Begins when local, state, and federal COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, along with continued evaluation by council and pastors)

- Sunday Worship
 - ◇ Return to one (or two, in the fall) service only with livestreaming. Prerecorded virtual worship discontinued.
 - ◇ No masks required in service
 - ◇ Return to singing and speaking corporately, passed offering
 - ◇ Communion celebrated in usual fashion: two-service schedule, home-baked bread, individual wine cups
 - ◇ Coffee fellowship resumes
 - ◇ Nursery space available during Sunday services
- Wednesday worship discontinued until start of confirmation year
- Church office open Mondays – Thursdays
- Online devotionals discontinued
- Baptisms in Sunday service

We understand that there are a variety of opinions and conflicting information when it comes to wearing masks. However, please understand that cloth masks are meant to keep those around you safe from catching any virus you might have, not vis versa. With this focus on protecting the neighbors worshipping with us, we respectfully ask that you wear a mask. In addition, we welcome congregational feedback particularly in this area, and our mask rule is subject to change based on that feedback.

CHURCH NEWS



Thank you to all families who donated items for the SAFE families drive, it is very appreciated!

PASTOR'S SCHEDULES

You can contact either of them any time by cell phone or email:



Pastor Angela (952-212-3355 call or text) email: angela.lamoore@gmail.com ;

Pastor Hollie (763-516-6115 call or text) email: hholtwoehl001@luthersem.edu

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYER REQUESTS: Jarod Johnson (friend of Pozorskis), Jackie Massman (Gloria Kydd's niece), Lucas Horton (friend of Dave and Shelly Whitcomb); Lynn Pavelka (Harshman's friend), Duane Szczech (husband of pianist Marcia Benson), Tony Rassat (Shelly Bluhm's Dad), Dwight Moen (friend of Don Erickson), Dean Derosier (Dave and Shelly Whitcomb's friend).

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING:

MILITARY PRAYERS: Pastor Daryl Thul, William Tinkler III, Kelly Smith, Tyler Brott, Kyle Whitcomb, Chandler Wiltsey, Caleb Vekved, David Bley, Derik Smith, Logan Gallus, Richard Buckalew, Matthew Peabody, Adam Thom, Jeremy Schuch, Ryan Munsterman.

IF YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO SHOULD BE ADDED TO OUR PRAYER LIST OR PRAYER CHAIN, PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR ANGELA OR PASTOR HOLLIE.

CHURCH NEWS

Thank you to: Nancy Alickson and for helping with offering maintenance; Tammy Miller-Hess for weeding the Prayer Garden; Mark Bistodeau for lawn mowing; Mark Bistodeau for using his trailer for drive up worship; Buster Graning for his mowing and trimming at the cemetery; Sandy Empting for cleaning all the nursery toys and scrubbing the Prayer Garden bench; Rich Alickson and Richard Harshman for cemetery stone maintenance.



GRADUATE QUILTS

Graduate quilts will be gifted on Sunday, August 2.

You may come to the drive in service at 8 am, or the in sanctuary at 9:30 am.

If either of these times will not work for you, please contact Pastor Angela or Pastor Hollie to set up a time for a blessing and pickup on either Monday, August 3, or Wednesday, August 5.

Thank you to our Graduate Quilters for their gifts of time, talent and treasures:

Nancy Alickson
 Alberta Brown
 Ella Arneson
 Sandy Empting
 Marilyn Humble
 Jeanette Harshman
 Nita Lerdahl
 Shelly Bluhm

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

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| 8/01 Sarah Rathlisberger | 8/17 Benjamin Anderson |
| 8/03 Isabel Galles | 8/18 Stacey Baldry |
| 8/03 Megan Waldbillig | 8/20 Tracy McCalla |
| 8/04 Tony Lysdal | 8/22 Richard Johnson |
| 8/05 Marilyn Humble | 8/22 Felicia Jensen |
| 8/05 Ava Ewald | 8/23 Lance Barthel |
| 8/06 Kara Zoller | 8/23 Gage Gallus |
| 8/07 Sherlyn Kipka | 8/24 Ron Peterson |
| 8/08 William Hales | 8/24 Easton Mielke |
| 8/08 Kasen Harren | 8/24 Chelsey Rathlisberger |
| 8/09 Lester Krei | 8/25 Joshua Robertson |
| 8/10 Sabrina Jensen | 8/25 Curt Enerson |
| 8/11 Gus Baldry | 8/27 Ben Hales |
| 8/12 Kaden Traut | 8/27 Maddie Harkin |
| 8/16 Carol Campbell | 8/28 Josh Harren |
| 8/16 Sage Puhl | 8/28 Kristin Forner |
| 8/17 Donna Bergman | |

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| 8/28 Sydney Busch |
| 8/30 Jeanette Harshman |
| 8/31 Randy Bader |
| 8/31 Quinn Radeke |
| 8/31 Brittney Stang |

ANNIVERSARIES

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| 8/01 Ginny and Jim Kampa |
| 8/03 Richard & Jackie Johnson |
| 8/05 Brett & Stacey Baldry |
| 8/07 Bill & Sandy Empting |

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| 8/07 Ben & Sarah Hales |
| 8/12 Lance & Racquel Barthel |
| 8/14 Paul & Denise Fowler |
| 8/16 Curt & Carey Janisch |
| 8/16 Jared & Cheri Hendricks |
| 8/18 Brad & Ruth Thom |
| 8/18 Randall & Hollie Holt-Woehl |
| 8/21 Roger & Marilyn Humble |
| 8/23 Joel & Becky Heitkamp |
| 8/26 Tom & Peggy Gilyard |
| 8/26 Garron & Lisa Orton |
| 8/28 Greg & Michelle Prokott |

SIMPLY GIVING ONLINE OFFERINGS

This is a partial sample of what our form is to sign up for online offerings. You can also download a pdf from our website under "Active Faith" and scan and send it to the church office.

Thank you!

"SIMPLY GIVING"

AUTHORIZATION FOR AUTOMATIC TRANSFER

I authorize South Santiago Lutheran Church and the financial institution named below to initiate electronic debits from my checking/savings account. This authority will remain in effect until I notify you in writing to cancel it in such time as to afford the financial institution a reasonable opportunity to act on it. I can stop payment of any entry by notifying my financial institution 3 days before my account is charged.

NOISY OFFERING FOR AUGUST



AUGUST 23

FOLEY C.A.R.E

We support area neighbors 60 and over to continue living independently in the home of their choice through community volunteerism throughout Benton County.

Neighbors helping neighbors is what CARE (Community Action Respecting Elders) is all about. Seniors can benefit by living independently in the home of their choice as long as possible, with help of the services our program provides. CARE takes the burden off family members faced with senior challenges.

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JUNE OFFERINGS

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| General Fund | 18,075 |
| Building Mort | 3,320 |
| Other Income | 20 |
| Bldg Repairs | 490 |
| Backpack Buddy | 20 |
| Youth | 20 |
| Total | 21,945 |

JULY 9, 2020 COUNCIL MINUTES

Attendance: Bill Rogers, Mike Peabody, Lyn Peterson, Janelle Uecker, Michelle Prokott, Bert Robb, Jeff Mateyka, Melanie Mielke, Izzy Swanson, Pastor Holy-Woehl, Pastor LaMoore, Pastor Thul – Deployed

No minutes received for this meeting, sorry!

2020 VBS PHOTOS



