



The PSALM Monthly



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READING FOR JULY

July 5

Zechariah 9:9-12
 Psalm 145:8-14
 Romans 7:15-25a
 Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 12

Isaiah 55:10-13
 Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13
 Romans 8:1-11
 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 19

Isaiah 44:6-8
 Psalm 86:11-17
 Romans 8:12-25
 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 26

1 Kings 3:5-12
 Psalm 119:129-136
 Romans 8:26-39
 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52



July has arrived and the ministry of these congregations is moving on, transitioning into a different time and partnership. Thank you for the ministry that we have had together. Thank you for your willingness to explore possibilities of what ministry can look like and who we can be together. As my ministry in this place draws to a close, I will miss being your pastor.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-9 reminds us of the seasons of life. There is a time for change, a time for something new and different. For you it will be a change of leadership, maybe a change in your level of participation in ministry. A time for growth as individuals and as a ministry has come. What that looks like is about to unfold. For me there will be different changes as the rhythm of my life will morph into this thing called retirement. I am still exploring what that means.

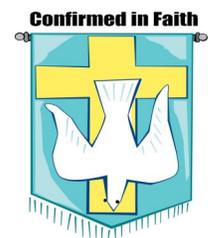
In the midst of it all God is calling us to trust. God is calling us to listen for the still small voice in our heart or to step up to fill the looming gap in ministry together. As congregations you have gone through these transitions before. You have welcomed me as your pastor and you will welcome the next pastor into your ministry as well. Moving forward we will remain in the area for a while. I look forward to seeing you out and about in the community and catching up on what is happening in your life. I value your friendship. Others will come into your lives as pastor and will fill that role in your lives.

May God's peace continue to bless you in your lives and in your ministry together. I thank God for you and thank you for our time of ministry together.

Pastor Bill



Left to Right: Luke David Wasielewski, Lily Anna Hokans, Pastor Bill, Cade Kaarle Ahonen, Thomas Andrew Trudgeon



Confirmation was held on Sunday, June 28, 2020 at Bluff Valley Park in Bessemer.

May the journey of faith continue as these young people form faith in other ways and we offer them prayers and support as a congregation.

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Women of the ELCA

All Saints Women of the ELCA met on June 11 for a pot luck lunch and general meeting. The meeting opened with the Mission Statement and devotion. The minutes of the March meeting and treasurer's report were approved and accepted.

Donations were approved for Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp (\$250), the Synod Women's Organization (\$125) and the Activity Funds of Gogebic Medical Care Facility and West Gate Living Center (\$50 each).

Please continue to collect supplies for Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits. Items needed are: medium weight dark colored bath tow-

els, soap, tooth brushes, combs and nail clippers. The can be brought to the church when we gather together again or to the church office at anytime. There is a great need for kits in the United States and around the world. Thank you for sharing!

The next meeting of All Saints W/ELCA will be held at 6:00pm on September 10.

Stay safe! Enjoy Summer!



Quilting Groups

All Saints quilters will not be meeting in July
We are still excepting donations for clean double and queen flat sheets. You may bring them to the church Mon-Fri between 9 and noon.



Prayer Shawl

Prayer Shawl Group will meet once it is considered safe. In the meanwhile we encourage you keep working on items in the safety of your homes. Stay safe all are welcome to attend. If you have never knit or crochet, we are happy to help you learn. We also make prayer cloths and plastic canvas "Cross in the Pocket" and supply those to Grandview Hospital to be placed in their waiting rooms. We recently gave shawls to Dove, Gogebic Medical Facility, and the Victims Advocate. The shawls are made to be given to anyone. Just let Cookie know in the office and we will get in touch with you to pick it up or talk to Bonnie Hongisto or Mary Nurmi . We keep track of who or where the shawls go.

FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE INTERIM PASTOR~~July 2020

*For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.
I Corinthians 3:9 (NRSV)*

The first half of this verse points to church leaders – pastors, if you will. The second half points to the congregation.

About the *pastors*, Paul says: “We are God’s servants, working together.” It seems that people in the Corinthian church were comparing pastors. It seems, in fact that they got quite worked up about this. I can almost hear it: “Pastor Apollos is bringing too many changes. Paul never did it that way!”

“Oh, yeah? Well, Pastor Apollos is a much more dynamic speaker than Pastor Paul.”

“I like Pastor Peter better than either of them. He’s so much easier to understand.”

And so on.

Paul’s answer to all this? *This isn’t a popularity contest. Each servant of the church brings his or her own work, his or her own gifts. But it is God who brings the church into being and preserves it.* (That’s my version. But read chapter 3, and you’ll see that’s the gist of it.)

About the *congregation*, Paul says: “You are God’s field, God’s building.” Individual plants, but one crop nurtured by God. Individual bricks, but one building for God. Later, Paul points to something dynamic with interactive life: “You are the body of Christ, and individually members of it” (12:27).

The ministry of PSALM – Sharon and All Saints congregations – is entering a new season. Pastors, each with his or her set of gifts, have served these congregations. The most recent, a faithful and hardworking servant, is moving into retirement. Appreciate each (past and future) for what each gives. Resist the temptation to compare overmuch. Though they have not all worked among you at the same time, they are “God’s servants, working together”.

Meanwhile, *you* are the church, and each one of you has a role to play – praying, giving, serving – and all waiting to discover what “normal” might look like when you get there.

As for me, I am honored with a fleeting but necessary role. I am to shepherd the congregations as an administrative interim pastor – essentially to help hold things together for the month of July, in a very part time capacity, until a more long term, full time interim pastor arrives. During July, you are invited to join me in the worship I lead online for my regular congregation (St. Paul’s in Ironwood) and now for you. Your secretary will see that these are made available in the venues you are used to. Something will also be sent to those who, not being able to join worship online, have received materials by mail. I am also available (subject to the limitations of these times we live in) to help with any pastoral needs. Call the PSALM office, or if it’s urgent, my home at (906)285-7045.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Doug Norquist



CONGRATULATIONS and God’s continued blessings to *Karaselle Marie and Rylee Alyn Livieri* who were baptized on Sunday, June 28th at Bluff Valley Park in Bessemer. Parents Loren Micheal Livieri and Kathy Mae Rundell. Sponsors are: Jessica Heather Rundell and Micheal John Wroblewski.



To my family of Psalm Shared Ministry,
I praise God and give thanksgiving for the wonderful adventure we have had together in our ministries. Your thoughtfulness, kindness, love and willingness to share these ministries with me over the past 10 years has blessed my life beyond measure. I will remember and cherish the friendships and the comradery that we have shared. Over the years I know that I have challenged many of you to step beyond the boundaries of your comfort zones by asking if you would consider stepping up to a committee, a ministry, as a worship helper, etcetera. I know that doing this was not an easy thing to do and even if you approached it kicking and screaming, I do hope that you realized blessings in the journey. I want you to know that I realize that some may have said yes because it was the “Pastor’s wife” asking. You need to know that when I would feel the nudge to approach someone it first took some discernment and prayer, then with the help of God I would forge ahead. Hopefully in my asking you were able to realize that I was just the messenger and Jesus was the one who sent me to you. In fact, I remember quite vividly the day I approached Carol Pikka about Prayer Shawl. When you see her the next time, ask her to tell you the story.

I know that one person alone cannot do everything in an active church, but I do know that each person can do something. A church family is not different from your own family. There are things that need to be done and families share the tasks. We are all born leaders in some way. The biggest step in being a leader or a worker in God’s kingdom is to make a commitment to whatever you do chose to participate in but chose to participate. The saints that came before set examples for you on how to live in the church family, now is the time for you to set an example for the saints that come after you. Setting the example for those that follow you will not look the same as those who came before you because we know that change is constant (even though we are uncomfortable with change it has to occur). Our parents made promises when we were baptized. We as parents made promises when our children were baptized. I call on each of you to deliver on those promises by living out your faith with your children as a family both at home and in your church family.

Church in the past was a priority but with the busyness of life we seem to have little time to make room for it. There are many in our church family that are very faithful in participation. There are also many who make it a priority only when they have something to do on a Saturday night or Sunday morning. You have the gift of being able to arrange your schedule around three different worship times. In the world today, one can get the feeling that church participation is a matter of something that is done when there is nothing better to do. God is with us all the time, perhaps we should find some time to share ourselves with him and hear his word. Remember though you will not always have a good feeling when you hear his words, sometimes you will feel convicted and that is when you need to look within yourself to listen to what He is trying to tell you.

I wrote to the confirmands this year that confirmation was not an ending of participation. It is a beginning of living a faithful life with participation within the church family and looking deeper into growing into the life that Jesus/God would have you do as a Christian. There are always going to be questions that arise and having conversation with others will help find the answers. It is your choice, what kind of relationship with Christ you will have.

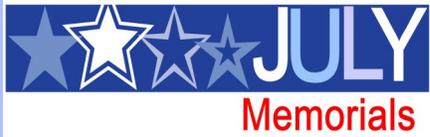
Please take the time to check out the webpage for the ELCA (elca.org) and ladies please check out the page for the Women of the ELCA (womenoftheelca.org). They have many resources for all ages. Bible studies, daily devotions, ministry programs, etcetera for any age. There are many ministries within Psalm Shared Ministry that need commitment from you, discover what you might be able to do.

Stewardship is not only about money. Stewardship is about sharing your time, gifts, love and caring for others. Your pastor is only one person and cannot do everything that needs to be done. I pray that you will step up (each of you). The harvest is great, but the laborers are few. There is a saying that 80% of the tasks are done by 20% of the people, some call it the 80/20 rule). I pray that you will all step up and make sure that this rule does not define you when it comes to the work that God is calling each of you to do.

Again, I give praise and thanks for the last 10 years that we have shared. The joy of being accepted and loved has been one of the greatest blessing I have received.

God Loves you all and So Do I.

Melzee

ALL SAINTS

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Given by: Jean Rautiola

In memory of: Tom Richter
Given by: Sandy Richter

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In memory of: Glen Hill
Given by: Holly Halvorson

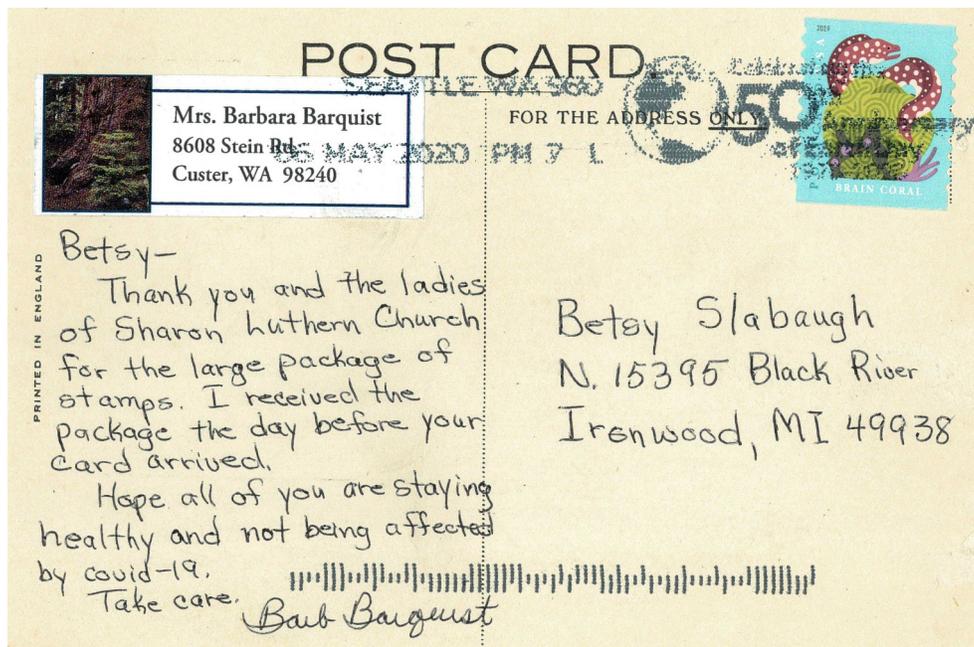
In memory of: Dale W Berg
Given by: Jeanne Thompson

Given to World Hunger by Maureen Berg




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ALL SAINTS



SHARON'S

July 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY 
5 Online Worship	6	7 	8	9	10	11
12 Online Worship	13	14 6:00 Sharon's Council Meeting	15 	16	17	18 
19 Online Worship	20 	21 6:00 ASLC Council Meeting	22	23 	24 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	25
26 Online Worship 	27	28	29	30	31 	



?? ? **Bible Quiz** ? ?

Paul declares that nothing “will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Which of the following does Paul specify as unable to block God’s love?

- A. death; life
- B. angels; demons
- C. present; future
- D. height; depth
- E. all of the above

ANGELS
LIFE depth
FUTURE present HEIGHT
demons

Answer: E (See Romans 8:38-39, NIV.)

