

Faith Lutheran Church

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“Come to me all who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest.” -Matthew 11:28

Rest.

At the beginning of “coronamide” this was a challenge for me. It still is. It was one thing to be able to leave the office, put the work down, schedule the phone calls, meetings, and visits for another day. The sermons, studies, and reading don’t have to get done all at once. But when shelter-in-place became a thing the boundaries between work, home, life, and vocation dissolved. I imagine you’ve gone through that too?

I quickly found that I might be able to leave the building, but the portable computer screen in my pocket rarely leaves me. And it’s constantly talking. Texts from church, family, and friends. Emails demanding immediate action. Pleas for donations. Deals for movie nights and free delivery. Executive orders. 24/7 coverage of riots and protests. Political paranoia. Videos of dogs on skateboards. High scores and low battery alerts. And I *think* it might also be capable of making and receiving phone calls. Are we really meant to process this much information every moment of every day?

Whatever screen you’re looking at, I suspect it’s full of messages designed to tell you the next item you are supposed to covet, the next thing of which you are supposed to be afraid and I doubt that it includes fearing, loving and trusting in God above all things.

It’s not just the TV, computer, or smartphone. If that’s the medium and message in which we are going to bathe our brains, should we be that astounded that the generations are so willing to depart from the fear and wisdom of the Lord?

Why is it so hard to slow it down?

There is an enemy who wants to keep you from the Lord’s promised rest. The enemy wants you to forget that Jesus’ final word from the cross is “It is finished.” The enemy wants you to believe that there is so much more you need to do before God will let his face shine upon you.”

And that’s why the Sabbath; the word literally means to cease from labor, was made for you. The rhythm of everyday life interrupted by the interval of the Lord’s day. A day to be set free from the pattern of toil and worry, to call upon the name of the Lord, to have your sins forgiven, your heart strengthened, your courage renewed, your joy abound. You need rest.

Venturing out or staying at home, sitting in the pew, or watching online – whatever you’re doing, remember the day of rest. It’s a holy day for your benefit. You are hurting if you are not. The enemy is going to keep aiming at that target.

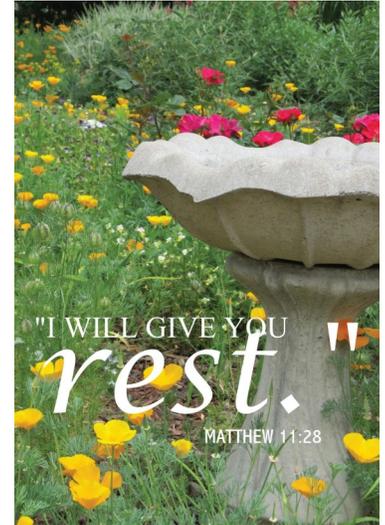
It may sound like I’m asking you to do one more thing. I’m asking you to do a lot less.

Rest in the work that Jesus has done.

-Pastor Moyer

My favorite musical group is a little-known duo known as the Gray Havens, named after a place of significance in J.R.R. Tolkien’s Middle Earth sagas. (I’m a huge nerd, but you probably already knew that.) 😊 I was inspired by a song they recently recorded in writing this newsletter pondering. You might enjoy it also.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vOdhzavvUOE>



NEW OFFICERS NEEDED

As our congregation grows and strives to fulfill our mission, we invite you to join one of the four board positions that will be available. The board works together with Pastor Moyer, the Board of Elders, Trustees, Education, Stewardship, Outreach and Music. We talk over new ideas, opportunities, facilities, outreach and ways to move the ministry toward its goals. Below are the descriptions of the board positions. We encourage each of you to prayerfully consider becoming a board member. Feel free to join our next meeting on August 20, 2020 at 7:00pm. All our meetings are open to the congregation. We would love for you to come. For more information, contact any elder or board member (Mike Stanley, Neil Hornbacher, Tom Lombardo, Timothy Mars, Bill Kiley, Tom Tesolin, Gary Tino, Guy York, Dean Ayers, Tom Buckthorpe, Sherry Hanovich and Bill Erfourth).

Congregational President:

The term of office of the Congregational President shall be for one year and the incumbent shall not hold that office for more than three consecutive terms without a lapse of one year minimum.

The Congregational President shall:

Preside over all meetings of the Voters' Assembly.

Make decisions according to parliamentary rules.

Hold their vote and have the choice of casting the deciding vote in case the votes are equally divided.

Decide all questions of order.

Have the responsibility of ensuring that all resolutions are executed by the proper officers of boards according to the wishes of the Voters' Assembly.

Be an ex-officio member of all standing boards and committees, with the exception of the Board of Elders, and shall attend personally or designate the Congregational Vice-President of the congregation to attend meetings of boards and committees whenever necessary and advisable.

Appoint an audit committee as deemed appropriate.

Be a signer of all church accounts and debt instruments.

Be an active member of the Planning Task Force.

Congregational Vice-President:

The term of office for the Congregational Vice-President shall be one year and the incumbent shall not hold that office for more than three consecutive terms without a lapse of at least one year.

The Congregational Vice President shall:

Perform the duties of the office of the Congregational President in his absence.
Succeed to the office of the Congregational President in the event of a vacancy and for the remainder of the term.

Preside at all meetings of the Church Council.

Be an ex-officio member of any standing boards and committees as delegated by the Congregational President and shall attend their meetings.

Be an active member of the Planning Task Force.

Congregational Secretary:

The term of office for the Congregational Secretary shall be one year and he/she shall not hold that office for more than three consecutive terms without an elapse of time.

The Congregational Secretary shall:

Keep accurate minutes of the Voters' Assembly and Church Council meetings for the permanent records of the congregation.

Retain copies of monthly reports of all church organizations.

Keep a roll of all the voting members of the congregation and all Church Council members, shall call the roll at meetings of the Voters' Assembly and Church Council, and shall keep a record of attendance at such meetings.

Conduct all official correspondence of the Voters' Assembly and of the Church Council, as directed.

Keep a master copy of the constitution and record all changes.

Be a signer on all asset accounts of the congregation, as well as any ancillary accounts by other organizations within Faith Lutheran Church.

Be an active member of the Planning Task Force.

Congregational Treasurer:

The term of office of the Congregational Treasurer shall be for two years and he/she shall not hold that office for more than two consecutive terms.

The Congregational Treasurer shall:

Pay all bills authorized by the Congregation. He/she shall not handle any cash or checks, but rather direct all such exchanges to go directly to the Board of Trustees for counting, processing, and depositing in the bank.

Keep an accurate record of all receipts and disbursements of the congregation in books, which shall remain the property of the congregation.

Make available the financial books and records which may be audited by an Audit Committee appointed by the Congregation President.

Submit a written report to each Voter's Assembly meeting, regularly scheduled.
Such report shall show actual receipts and disbursements compared with the budgeted amounts.

Close the books of the Church by January 31st of the following year.

Minutes from Faith Lutheran Church Voters Meeting

August 20, 2020

In Attendance — Dean Ayers, Tom and Chris Buckthorpe, Pastor Moyer, Sherry Hanovich, Neil and Laura Hornbacher, Jacque Rhodes, Bill Kiley, Mike Stanley, Sharon Vogel, Steve Tino, Kathy VanGordon, Stan Nelson, Cindy and Tom Tesolin, and Guy York.

The Voters Assembly was called to order by President, Dean Ayers at 7:00 p.m. Tom started the meeting with our Opening Prayer.

Pastor gave a devotion from Isaiah 51.

Previous meeting minutes were read by Sherry Hanovich. Chris motioned to accept minutes, Bill Kiley seconded and all approved.

Board of Education – Laura reported for the BOE. ~VBS was great! ~Sunday School programs begin September 13, 2020, from 9:45 - 10:45. ~The theme is The Armor of God. ~Patricia will hold FLY one Sunday a month as well as conduct a Bible Study on Sunday mornings during Sunday School time. ~Sunday School will be held in the community room, Adult Bible Study will be held in the Sanctuary, Confirmation class will be held in the coffee room and youth grades 9-12+ will be held in their regular room. These changes will allow social distancing. Masks are recommended, bring your own water bottle and no snacks will be served. ~Adult Bible Study, please bring your own Bible. Also, no beverages will be served. The class will be recorded for members choosing to stay home. ~Next meeting will be September 20th after late service.

Board of Elders – Bill Kiley reported that Board of Education is working on procedures for start of Sunday school. ~Pastor asked that elders light alter candles a few minutes before service, if that is not possible, candles should remain unlit in order to have service go on without interruptions. ~Elders agreed that the process of wearing masks should continue. ~Church services will continue to be recorded but may not be available for viewing until later in the week. ~The elders continue to seek candidates to fill the four officer positions. ~Next elder meeting will be September 13th after late service.

Board of Outreach – Kathy reported their first meeting, since the start of the pandemic, will be Saturday, August 22.

Trustees – Steve spoke with DTE in regards to moving the pole in preparation for the expansion of our upper parking lot. Once the pole and large spruce are removed, then the parking lot will be put in. It will be gravel and give us 20-25 additional parking spots, as well as a circle drive.

Treasurers Report – Bill Kiley presented the July Treasurers report. Chris motioned to accept the report, Sharon seconded, and all approved.

Stephen Ministry – Guy reports that the leadership group meets every other week. The people who showed an interest in training have been contacted. He is hoping to have training start up mid-September.

Music Ministry – Jacque is starting to plan Reformation Sunday. She would like to start up the choir and continues to look at options for proper social distancing.

Pastor's Report – Pastor continues to work with elders assuring contact with all congregants. ~Pastor is looking into a Bible Study and Sermon Series which focuses on today's society. It is titled Heart Work is Hard Work. ~Pastor has received positive feedback from people on receiving communion every Sunday and plans to continue. ~Women's Bible Study will be starting back up; no start date has been determined. You will need to bring your own Bible and beverage. ~The elders will resume the Living Faith messages up at the lectern.

New Business – Bill Kiley read a thank you note from Carl Petzold, thanking our congregation for the financial support. Carl received \$2,000 towards his pastoral education. The congregation also provides financial support to Evan Tino. Evan's family has had many personal setbacks. He is \$10,000 short for this year. Mike Stanley motioned to give Evan \$4,500 from our endowment fund. Congregation members can also donate towards Evan Tino's education funding.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m. by Dean. Laura closed the meeting with our closing prayer and the Lord's Prayer.

NEXT MEETING: September 17 at 7:00 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Sherry Hanovich, Recording Secretary



Our mission is to welcome and unite God's people to nurture faith through the Gospel, and provide opportunities and commitment to serve Christ through our ministry within the congregation and the community.

**This is what would have been shared at church in August by the Elder speaker.
We thought you would enjoy reading it.**

As children, most of us probably liked to play “let’s pretend.” That harmless pastime offered an opportunity for us to dream and to let our imaginations soar. Via the wonderful channels of the mind, we were transported magically to places and times that were otherwise beyond our reach.

Playing “let’s pretend” as Christians can be an appealing way to quiet the conscience and to win the approval of others. For example, we may talk a lot about reading the Scriptures, when in reality, God’s Word is seldom picked up except for the occasional times the coffee table needs dusting. We might convey the impression to others of the importance of prayer, when all the while, prayer is only the last resort in times of crisis. We might even talk about how essential it is to be a positive encouragement to others in God’s family and even volunteer to teach and help others. In reality, though, our inner attitudes are negative and result in the bearing of gossip and bad news.

Playing “let’s pretend” can have dire consequences in the Christian life when a pious appearance is meant to cover an indifferent heart. It can distort and skew a **Living Faith**. Jesus said, “You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of men, but God knows your hearts. What is highly valued among men is detestable in God’s sight.”

Playing “let’s pretend” also can extend itself into the Christian life of giving. Charles Ryrie offered this powerful statement:

How we use our money demonstrates the reality of our love for God. In some ways, it proves our love more conclusively than depth of knowledge, length of prayers or prominence of service. These things can be feigned, but the use of our possessions shows us up for what we actually are.

In fact, we may use possessions to try to gain favor with those around us or to impress other people. However, when it comes to tallying the year’s offerings to the Lord, a quick review of our checkbooks reveals the extent of our proportionate giving. As Ryrie said it so well, “. . . the use of our possessions shows us up for what we actually are.”

The Apostle Paul understood the harm of playing “let’s pretend” and the damage it could do to our faith when he wrote his second letter to the Corinthians. “Now this is our boast: Our conscience testifies that we have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially in our relations with you, in the holiness and sincerity that are from God. We have done so not according to worldly wisdom but according to God’s grace.”

Paul boasts, not of himself, but of the power of the Gospel over his life and of God’s power over sin, death and the devil. Paul was not playing “let’s pretend” as he preached and taught. Rather, by the power of the Gospel, he conducted himself in all aspects of his life — including his preaching and teaching — in God’s holiness and sincerity by God’s grace, demonstrating a life of **Living Faith**.

When Satan tempts us to play “let’s pretend” with our study of God’s Word, in our prayer life, with our abilities, and, yes, with our checkbooks, remember Martin Luther’s words: “. . . one little word can fell him.” By the power of the Gospel, with a pure heart created by God, let us conduct ourselves in all aspects of life in God’s holiness and sincerity by God’s grace.

Living Faith Stewardship Campaign

Applying Biblical Teachings

“But the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart’” (1 Sam. 16:7).

When Samuel, by God’s command, was seeking someone to succeed Saul as King of Israel, he examined the sons of Jesse. In that process, he considered their stature and physical characteristics. “When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, ‘Surely the Lord’s anointed stands here before the Lord’” (1 Sam. 16:6). But God told Samuel, “Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart” (1 Sam. 16:7).

The heart is the sum total of a person. The heart is the center for decisions, obedience and devotion. It is the heart where God’s Word is received and put into practice.

And God knows the sum total of a person, for God knows the heart. In this light, the Apostle Paul wrote a powerful warning in his letter to the Colossians, “Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming” (Col. 3:5-6). That which we appear to be to others is secondary, for God knows our hearts.

The same is true concerning our giving to the Lord. When we give, He knows the why of our decisions, the degree of our obedience and the depth of our devotion. God knows if personal greed (in the sense of putting our best image forward) or a contrite heart is the motivation for our giving.

In the midst of pleading with God for mercy over grievous hidden sins, King David wrote, “The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise” (Psa. 51:17). That must be the state of our heart — broken and contrite — when we bring our offerings to God. And this is done by the power of the Gospel which breaks the heart from sin and subdues it, bringing it to repentance in the blood of the Lamb.

With a subdued and repentant heart, centered in Christ Jesus, when we give, no matter under what circumstances, we can say with the Apostle Paul with full understanding, “. . . we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal” (2 Cor. 4:16-18).





Congratulations to those celebrating birthdays in September:

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| 1 Phyllis Acree | 16 John Krzok |
| 1 Jeremy Delor | 17 Rhonda Lavelle |
| 1 Steve Delor | 17 Mark Wilson |
| 2 Pat Labatsky | 19 Debbie Tino |
| 3 Ashton Genson | 21 Sherry Hanovich |
| 3 Carl Lemke | 21 Morgan Sawdon |
| 4 Dolores Arndt | 22 Mike Bockelman |
| 6 Rachel Ayers | 22 Sherri Steigerwalt |
| 7 Chris Erfourth | 22 Melinda Trainer |
| 10 Brittany Behr | 24 Bob Pierce |
| 10 Mike Genson | 25 Rosemarie Harper |
| 10 Lois Greene | 25 Connie Heger |
| 11 Tim Claus | 25 Stan Nelson |
| 12 Stephen Ennis | 27 Chuck Behr |
| 12 Brendan Kirchner | 27 Carolyn Wilson |
| 14 Larry House | 29 Katie Zechar |
| 16 Roberta Cook | |
| 16 Brandon Genson | |



Congratulations to those celebrating anniversaries in September:

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| Dan & Linda Brown | 9-08-1984 |
| Neil & Laura Hornbacher | 9-10-2011 |
| John & Natalie Waltz | 9-12-2009 |
| Sean & Tammy Hagle | 9-16-2012 |
| Mike & Janet Hannewald | 9-16-1972 |
| Jim & Debbie Cubr | 9-17-2011 |
| Tom & Chris Buckthorpe | 9-18-1982 |
| Dan & Andrea Reich | 9-18-2010 |
| Sandi & Mike Bockelman | 9-21-1963 |
| Bill & Theresa Erfourth | 9-22-1973 |
| Nathan & Kathy Eriksen | 9-23-1989 |
| Gary & Katie Tino | 9-25-1954 |
| Tom & Gwili McDonnell | 9-26-1970 |
| George & Sandy Rilett | 9-29-1962 |

Congratulations to



Tom & Gwili McDonnell

celebrating their 50th Wedding

Anniversary on September 26, 2020.

May God continue to bless you both with His love & care!

**Ladies
Wednesday Morning Bible Study
will resume on September 2nd
@ 9:30am !!!**



We will start back up on Wednesday, September 2nd at 9:30 am. We will meet downstairs so that we can be separated.

Please bring something to drink because, at this time, I will not be serving coffee.

Looking forward to seeing everyone returning and maybe some newcomers as well.
Everyone is invited.

Thanks,
Karen Cowart



**Our Fall Schedule Begins
Sunday, September 13th !!!**

We will be offering Sunday School, Confirmation Class, Youth Bible Study & Adult Bible Study at 9:45am. Our Sunday Services will remain at 8:30 and 11:00am. We look forward to seeing everyone as we get back to our regular schedule.

Faith Lutheran VBS 2020 was AMAZING!!

And so is our Faith Family who made it happen!! THANK-YOU ALL SO VERY MUCH!!

We were so excited to be able to have an in-person VBS this year!! During these challenging times there is still so much to be thankful for...

Thank-you, first of all, to our Heavenly Father - for your love, your word, your creations, your promises! AND a week of beautiful weather!

Thank-you to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ - for giving us your peace which surpasses ALL human understanding, and for giving your life, for all of us, so we may have eternal life with you!

Thank-you to our Holy Spirit - for sticking with us, working through us, guiding us, leading us through this crazy world!

Thank-you to Ian Hartsell - for your desire and willingness to help and lead and pass on the teaching of our Lord's word to our youth! Your patience, endurance, thoughtfulness and help were greatly appreciated!

Thank-you to Pastor - for all your support and help and for coming up with the great object lessons to go with our last minute (not totally my fault, this year I can blame the pandemic!) theme! We are thankful for your musical abilities as well as how you "armor" us with God's word! We will surely remember "THE BATTLE BELONGS TO THE LORD!"

Thank-you to MAX Lay, SEAN Hartsell, ELLIOTT Smith, LYDIA Thurm, AMELIA Thurm - You are all amazing young adults! You never cease to amaze me with how you step up/step in and make everything so FUN. Those daily skits were a highlight of VBS 2020 and you were all absolutely perfect in the parts you played. And a special thanks to Mr. STAN Nelson, for (how many years now?) directing our dramas. We love you and so appreciate your experience, ideas, and fun, easy going ways of adapting any skit to whatever we have to work with. It always turns out just great!

Also a big thank-you to Kaitlyn, Ashley, Emma and Grace, Ms. Patricia, Kathy Erikson and Sue Holloway - for all the behind the scenes running and help!! Things get done with all you girls around. It was so appreciated!!

Thank-you to Mike Stanley and Mike Acree - for setting up everything and our sound each night!

Thank-you to Bob Holloway - for (how many years now?) the VBS pictures, setup and just whatever is needed at any given time!

A special thanks to the Buckthorpes - for (how many years now?) the wonderful, fabulous fun, all the kids look forward to, VBS wouldn't be the same without it, SlipNSlide!!

Thank-you to Ms. Jacque - for your leadership, all your help and amazing ideas. You are such a blessing to all of us and your time and talents are always appreciated! The soldier board idea was just the best! And a special thank-you to Connie Schutt and Sandy and George Rilett for purchasing and making the soldier board for us!

You're all so talented and helpful. Thank-you all so much for always giving; for always showing your love for Jesus and our Faith Family!

Thank-you to Ms. Laura - for being YOU! I've been blessed a million times over since knowing you. You ran with the Armor of God theme and made our VBS amazing! You engage everyone, especially the kids, and everything is always so much fun with you around! And then put your other half into the mix... and WOW! Mr. Neil, thank-you for being YOU too!! To both of you, for always devoting so much of your time and talents and energy to the Lord and our little church family.

And especially THANK-YOU to our Faith families for joining us and bringing your children!! There's nothing better than watching these little lambs sing and dance and praise His name! Proverbs 22:6 ~ Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Love in Christ,
Phyllis Acree



Ephesians 6: 10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. **11** Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. **12** For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. **13** Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. **14** Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, **15** and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. **16** In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. **17** Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. **18** And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.



Therefore put on the
full armor of God ...

EPHESIANS 6:13, NIV





NOT ONLINE? NOT A PROBLEM!

If you know someone who cannot access online resources let them know that on Sunday mornings an LCMS worship service is broadcast on the following channels. Check listings for exact times.

Comcast—channel 399

Direct TV—channel 377

Over-the-air Digital Channel—18.4



FLY will resume meetings in September. Look for more information to come.

Youth Bible Study will begin

September 13th at 9:45am.

If you would like to join us, please let me know so I can order you a book.

Thank you, Patricia Hartsell



The men of Faith will meet again outside at Faith on **Saturday, September 12** with devotion at 11:00 and lunch at 11:30. Please email the church office if you plan to attend:

Men's B-n-B office@faithhighland.com

DON'T FRET OR WORRY. INSTEAD OF WORRYING, PRAY. LET PETITIONS AND PRAISES SHAPE YOUR WORRIES INTO PRAYERS, LETTING GOD KNOW YOUR CONCERNS. BEFORE YOU KNOW IT, A SENSE OF GOD'S WHOLENESS, EVERYTHING COMING TOGETHER FOR GOOD, WILL COME AND SETTLE YOU DOWN. IT'S WONDERFUL WHAT HAPPENS WHEN CHRIST DISPLACES WORRY AT THE CENTER OF YOUR LIFE.

PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7 (PARAPHRASED)



Welcoming the Holy

Abraham and Sarah welcomed three strangers who turned out to be the Lord. Jesus said, "If anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple," the giver will be rewarded (Matthew 10:42, NIV). An ancient Jewish proverb asserts: "Hospitality is one form of worship." A Russian Orthodox monk is said to have told a younger one, "Sometimes I see a stranger coming up the road and I say, 'Oh, Jesus Christ, is it you again?'" And an old Gaelic poem declares, "Often, often, often, goes the Christ in the stranger's guise."

Sometimes we think we must do something big to serve God. Today, when you smile at someone on the street, take time to entertain a child's question, bring cookies to a new neighbor, thank a server or clerk ... know that you are serving Jesus, that you are worshipping God. —Heidi Mann

Ark & Creation Museum Trip



We had a great time! 😊 

We hope one day soon we will be able to plan a trip that many of our church family can attend. It is really something to see.

Our God is an AWESOME God !!!

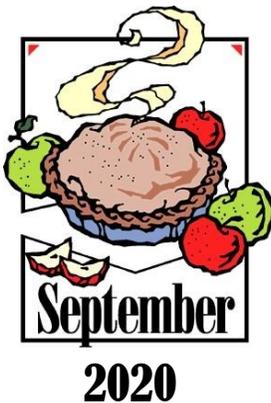
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 12:00pm AA 8:00pm AA & ALANON	2 9:30am Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall	3	4	5
6 Communion 8:30 Worship 11:00 Worship	7 LABOR DAY	8 12:00pm AA 8:00pm AA & ALANON	9 9:30am Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall	10	11	12
13 Communion 8:30 Worship 9:45 Sunday School, Youth Bible Study, Confirmation Class & Adult Bible Study 11:00 Worship 12:00 Elder's Mtg <i>Classes for all Ages</i>	14	15 12:00pm AA 8:00pm AA & ALANON	16 9:30am Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall	17 7:00pm Voters	18	19 11:00am Men's B-n-B Men's B-n-B
20 Communion 8:30 Worship 9:45 Sunday School, Youth Bible Study, Confirmation Class & Adult Bible Study 11:00 Worship 12:00 Board of Education Mtg	21	22 12:00pm AA 8:00pm AA & ALANON	23 9:30am Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall	24	25	26
27 Communion 8:30 Worship 9:45 Sunday School, Youth Bible Study, Confirmation Class & Adult Bible Study 11:00 Worship Noisy Offering Sunday	28 Newsletter SEPTEMBER 28 Deadline	29 12:00pm AA 8:00pm AA & ALANON	30 9:30am Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall	<p><i>Education Hour Begins September 13th @ 9:45 a.m. Please Join Us</i></p>		



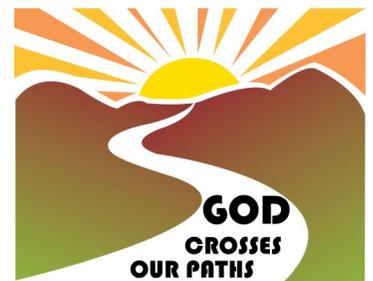
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WHEN GOD CROSSES OUR PATHS

Pastor and martyr Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote, “God will be constantly crossing our paths and canceling our plans by sending us people with claims and petitions.” Last spring, the whole world had plans canceled, first by Covid-19 and then by God “sending us people with claims and petitions.” Some needed prayers for healing or for coping with grief. Medical staff, teachers, pastors and others serving long hours needed support: meals, check-in calls, “thinking of you” cards. Parents working remotely while helping kids with distance-learning needed encouragement. Crucial nonprofit work still required donations.



Pre-pandemic, you may not have realized that staying home or wearing a face mask could be a ministry. Or that sending a card expresses love in Jesus’ name. Or that buying takeout from a local restaurant can be a gift to the owners. When our calendars empty, God “crosses our paths” in new ways — both to be with us and to nudge us toward others (even if virtually, or 6 feet apart!).