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Parish Notes

Welcome to Worship

August 16, 2020

For help with Covid-19
needs or Pastoral needs
contact Pat Refsdal @
908-625-2039

Gathered and gifted to celebrate and share the love of Jesus

Today we are blessed because our words at the top of the page "Welcome to Worship" are happening as we join for in person worship for the first time since the pandemic began. Thank you, Pastor Gordon Young, for joining us today and making it possible for us to share worship and fellowship together.

Family Promise of Ogden's annual Fund Raiser is coming up in September. Just like everything else, because of COVID, the breakfast we normally support has been cancelled. What hasn't been cancelled is the need to support this great ministry. Family Promise will be holding a "virtual" fundraising event next month. Please consider making a donation to help support this amazing ministry. You can send a check to the church or send a donation directly to Family Promise. Their address is P.O. Box 13818, Ogden Ut, 84412.

Join Us For...
God's work.
Our hands.

Mark your calendar and keep an eye on the Parish Notes for more information as we prepare for *God's Work Our Hands*, Sunday, September 13th. We hope to team up with Elim and have a couple of outdoor projects along with something for those who can't get out right now. More to come...

The 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew 15:10-28

Tips of Discipleship - Be Bold

Focus Question - *What bold thing have you done related to your faith?*

For more resources visit

<https://search.elca.org/Pages/ResourceResults.aspx?k=daily+discipleship>

August Birthdays

Hannah Hart	3
Steve Morlan	6
Melinda Tolle	8
Alan Day	24
Andy Day	28



Need Your Help With the Sprinkler System

Our lawn sprinkler system is in need of some attention - so we have planned a work detail for Saturday, August 22nd at 9:00 am to repair a broken sprinkler pipe, fix a system fault, replace some sprinkler heads, realign others and do a check of the CLC sprinkler system for needed repairs. The Refsdals completed about 8 hours of repairs this past week and are looking for some help to complete the rest of the needed work. Coffee, juice and bagels will be served. Please call Pat Refsdal, 908-625-2039 if you can assist with repairs on Saturday, thank you!!

Confirmation Sponsors

We are gearing-up for confirmation weekend which will take place on October 24th and 25th. We are tentatively planning a bonfire for Saturday evening, October 24th and confirmation on Sunday, October 25th. We are looking for confirmation sponsors for Ryan Gorsline and Justin Reese. If you are interested, please contact Pat Refsdal at 908-625-2039. The other confirmation sponsors have already been assigned.

July Giving Totals

Ministry Support Giving for July:

Actual: \$11,970 Budgeted Amount: \$13,983

Yearly Giving to Date:

Actual: \$77,343 Budgeted Amount: \$97,892

†Please Lift Up in Prayer:

- The Family of Mildred Tolle
- Lillian Hughes & Family
- Tracie Truitt, friend of Alyson's
- Kristy - Shari Morosky's daughter
- Joan Marlow
- Stephanie, niece of Gloria
- Cory, Nancy Byrne's son
- Pam Burbank
- Jessica Stewart, Dick Graves daughter
- Dan Harkin, Lillian Hughes cousin
- Delilah Sell, Lillian Hughes cousin
- Rebecca Rens and the Eyre Families
- Patti, Shari Morosky's sister
- Roy Zimmerman
- Randy and Janie Karas
- Jefferson Barrett
- Kyle and Kristen - friends of Kelly
- Karla and Lynn Davis
- Maylan Chugg, Don & Dee's granddaughter
- Julie Jensen, Mike Williams' sister
- Heather Nolting, wife of Arliss' nephew
- Levi Lewis, brother of Kelly's student
- Richard Ower, Craig Butts' stepdad
- Judy Sherman
- Holly & Libby, friends of Kim Engelby
- Matt, friend of Nancy O.
- Gloria Mike
- Chris, friend of Alyson W.
- Bee Dunham, friend of Nancy O.
- Judy Sherman

- Sean Zeller, Pastor Gene's nephew
- Cheryl, friend of Alyson
- Mark Hughes and family
- Richard, Shari Morosky's husband
- Harold and Mary VanDehey, friends of Leo Seeber
- Shelley, Diana Warkentin's friend
- Scott, son of Elaine's friend
- Ardis, Elaine Shelburne's sister
- Jason Shepherd, Nancy Byrne's nephew
- Heidi, Diane Shultz' sister-in-law
- Don Hughes
- Dick Graves
- Jim Johnson, Sharen's brother-in-law
- Skyla and Baby Hines
- Karen O.
- Charles, Melinda's brother



†Praying for Loved Ones in the Military:

- Kaleb Tarr
- Dariyan Edsinger
- Mason Bushey and his wife Ida, and family
- Brody Wilcock
- Renee Kiel
- Justin Kiel
- Kris Kiel
- Matt Malde
- Chip Reynolds
- Jason Chugg

Pastoral Transition

As previously mentioned, the Ascension Church Council has interviewed and is corresponding with a pastoral candidate from the Rocky Mountain Synod. The council is impressed with her spiritual presence, sincerity, thoughtfulness, listening skills, and her leadership abilities during the pandemic and with respect to church ministries. We sent her and her husband a large packet of information about the church, the Ogden area and Northern Utah. She has also interviewed with the Southeastern Synod, but is requesting additional information about our church, the area and rental properties in the vicinity.

In the mean time, RMS is currently working to provide additional candidates to interview and is currently waiting for a response from some of those candidates. The more interviews we accomplish, the better we are able to find the pastor most suited to Ascension Lutheran Church. More information will be provided as soon as available.

As previously mentioned, the RMS has informed us that we will not be completing another transition period like the one we experienced in 2015 - 2017. There will be no need for a Transition Team, a Call Committee nor an Interim Pastor. The Synod is going to offer pastoral candidates who would be "term call pastors". These candidates would be interviewed by the council, then voted on by the council and congregation and offered a term call. They would serve for one or two years as our pastor, then the congregation could vote to extend a full call at the end of year one, year two or not at all. We ask for your support and your prayers as we continue the process to call a new pastor - as council members, we are praying the Holy Spirit guide us all in this process and reveal to us the right path.

Free Counseling from the Utah Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health

The UTAH STRONG Crisis Counseling Program has been developed to assist people in finding ways to cope with stress caused by Coronavirus (COVID19). UTAH STRONG provides free crisis counseling services through virtual outreach, public education, emotional support, education, information and referral and will be working toward community outreach once the State opens up. There are no medical or financial screening methods to qualify to receive services. UTAH STRONG staff are available to individuals, families, community groups, service organizations, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, those experiencing homelessness, tribes and cultural minority groups. The Program is operated by the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health in the Department of Human Services and is funded through a grant by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and facilitated with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). If you have any questions or need help please call or text (385)-386-2292 or email your first name and number to UtahStrong@utah.gov . They are available 7 days a week from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.