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Parish Notes

Welcome to Worship

August 23, 2020

For help with Covid-19
needs or Pastoral needs
contact Pat Refsdal @
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Gathered and gifted to celebrate and share the love of Jesus

12th Sunday After Pentecost

Matthew 16:13-20

"Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.'"

Supplemental Edition - Council Update

Worship Service for August 23rd

Elim Lutheran Church in Ogden will share their online worship service link with us for this Sunday. Thanks to Pastor Bruce and their church leadership for allowing us to join-in their worship for this day. We plan to have an outdoor worship service every other week, with the next scheduled for August 30th. In addition, Pastor Bruce will be on vacation, 20 and 27 September, so we are planning to hold combined services outdoors in the parking lot for both dates.

Family Promise of Ogden

The Family Promise annual Fund Raiser is coming up in September. Just like everything else, because of COVID-19, 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, send a donation directly to Family Promise at P.O. Box 13818, Ogden Ut, 84412 or there is now an opportunity to give to Family Promise through our online giving app, Tithe.ly, located on our website page. Thanks for your generosity!

Outdoor Worship Service for August 30th

On Sunday, August 30th, at 9:00 am, we will hold our second Outdoor Worship in our church parking lot with Pastor Gordon Young. We have made some tweaks to the set-up so everyone should have a better view of our worship area. We will be celebrating Holy Communion and will have the packaged communion elements available for you when you arrive. Bring your chairs, masks and an umbrella for shade, if desired. We will have bottled water, hand sanitizer, wipes, communion elements and masks, if you forgot yours at home. We will also have a produce table for any extra garden produce you would like to share.

Please text, email or call Pat Refsdal, 908-625-2039 or Kelly Martin, 801-920-6476 to let us know you are coming so we can be prepared to support the number of attendees.

Outdoor Worship Service Procedures

- We will worship in front of the double doors on west side of the CLC
- Please sit 6 feet between family groups/Ushers will assist with seating
- Come early to get situated and not disturb others during the service
- Bring your own chairs; some chairs will be available, if needed
- If possible, print your bulletins at home - some bulletins will be available
- Communion packets will be available as you arrive
- We will ask that you respect the rule of no handshaking, hugging, etc.
- An offering plate will be available for your offering
- A box will be available to drop off your Time & Talent Sheets
- Proceed directly to your vehicles after worship, loitering is discouraged
- Restroom use is discouraged

Tithe.ly Online Giving App

We have made a few additions to our online giving App located on our webpage. There is now a giving category for Family Promise, whose big fundraising effort is scheduled for September 2020. Also for Confirmation in October, if you would like to donate towards confirmation blankets for our confirmands, that giving category has been added. Finally, email receipts have been created and will be sent confirming each of your contributions.

Pastoral Transition

Council continues to correspond with a possible candidate from the Rocky Mountain Synod who, along with her husband, continues to seek God's guidance as they discern their next calling in their ministry together. We ask for your support and your prayers as we continue the process to call a new pastor.

In the meantime, Rocky Mountain Synod continues to look for other candidates for us to interview. 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.

Pray For Rain In It's Season

Father, You have promised to send rain in their seasons so that the land will yield its increase and the trees will bear fruit, but Lord, the severe lack of rain has caused this land to become dry, the crops to wilt and the fires to burn. We ask that You would water the land and provide the rain You promised in this season. In Jesus name we pray, Amen

Ascension Sprinkler Work Crew

A special thanks to Jim Craig, Jeff & Aiden Gallop, Kelly Martin & Jeff Turner, and Eric & Pat Refsdal for working yesterday to troubleshoot and repair the church sprinkler system. It is up and running again!!

Thanks to Our Future Building Manager

A special thanks to Jim Craig who has volunteered to be our building manager and also join the Ascension Church Council. We will begin a transition to introduce Jim to the building systems and requirements. Periodic work details will still be needed to support Jim with maintenance and upkeep.

Join us for God's Work Our Hands Sunday, September 13th

Mark your calendars as we prepare for God's Work Our Hands Sunday.
Get those yellow T-shirts ready!!

Once again Renee Hart is serving as Ascension's chairman and we are teaming up with Elim to have a couple of outdoor projects along with something for those who would prefer an indoor project.

Operation Adopt a Ghost, <http://www.adoptaghost.org/> is one of our planned indoor projects. Operation Adopt a Ghost's Mission is "To serve the needs of deployed soldiers and their families through material and emotional means, and to create a community of caring among soldier supporters and adopters." The soldiers who receive these packages are from Utah.

Attached to the previous church emails on this topic, is the Deployment Packing List. This will explain that you may select to pack either Bag 1 - Toiletries or Bag 2 - Snack/drink items. There is also a list of other items that do not require being packed in a bag. There are also a few other suggestions of things you might want to do. Renee mentioned that the soldiers really like letters. The website shown above has a great description of "How to Write to a Soldier." Letters are not included in the bags. They are given to Renee and she will get them to the Adopt a Ghost coordinator.

Please contact Renee for more information. She can be reached at 801-528-2371 or via email at Reneehart63@gmail.com. When your bags, letters, and or other donations are ready, please contact Renee and she will pick up your gifts for the deployed soldiers. Remember our deadline is Sunday, September 13, 2020, for completion of this project.