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## **Parish Notes**

### **Welcome to Worship**

August 4, 2024

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## Gathered and gifted to celebrate and share the love of Jesus

**SUNDAY** 9:30 am - Worship

(Children's Sunday School during worship)

10:30 am - Fellowship

11:00 am - Adult Bible Study

MONDAY 9:00 am - Friendly Ties Quilters (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday's)

Off for the summer

**TUESDAY** 11:00am - Bible Study

**WEDNESDAY** 1:00 pm - Book Club

**THURSDAY** 1:00 pm - Shepherding Bible Study Group – (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday)

- Game Day – (1st Thursday)

1:30 pm - Movie Day – (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday)

6:30 pm - Church Council meeting – (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday)

FRIDAY 8:00 pm - AA and Al Anon

Saturday 10:00am - WELCA Ladies (4<sup>th</sup> Saturday)



#### **August Birthdays**

<b>Hannah Hart</b>	3
<b>Carol Stafford</b>	6
Melinda Tolle	8
<b>Madelyn Durrant</b>	15
<b>Christie Denniston</b>	16
Stuart Schultz	19
<b>Katie Filanda</b>	22
Alan Day	24
<b>Cassie Barker</b>	30

#### **Upcoming Events**

**Aug 3-11** – Family Promise Host Week

Aug 11 - Via de Cristo Ultreya

Aug 18 – Blessing of the Pack Packs

Aug 23-24 - Yard Sale

**Sep 8** – God's Work Our Hands

**Sept 19** – Rise & Shine Breakfast



Thank you to Sharen Kamp and Carol Stafford for providing Coffee Hour treats this morning, also in honor of Carol's birthday!!





Come gather with us on
August 11th
At Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
2500 East 3900 South
Holladay, Utah
3:00 – 5:00p.m.

#### Ultreya means "Onward".

Join us in our journey to move Onward with Christ and each other.

There will be music, worship including communion, Abrazos and of course a Potluck.

We will also hear from Julie Miller about the latest and greatest from our

National Leaders at the Annual Gathering in Las Vegas.

Please bring something for the potluck. Can't gather without something yummy to share as we visit.

Thanks to those that helped set up for Family Promise yesterday. Our families will be with us all week, and we'll clean up the church next Sunday morning at 7:30n for those that can come and help



A GREETING FROM BISHOP MEGHAN JOHNSTON AELABOUNI

Dear friends in Christ in the Rocky Mountain Synod,

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. (Isaiah 55:10-11)

Earlier this week, these verses were spoken over me by Pr. Ruth Ann Loughry as part of our Liturgy of sending and transition. As we blessed Bishop Jim Gonia and Pr. Kim Gonia, giving thanks for Bishop Jim's faithful accompaniment of our synod for the past twelve years, and released Bishop Jim from his call as bishop of our Rocky Mountain Synod, the staff of the office of the bishop also surrounded me and prayed for me through these words.

Isaiah 55 has been a guiding text for me throughout my ministry. The whole chapter is a vision of holy abundance for all: a vision of justice, wholeness, and joy. And as I begin my call as your bishop, I offer these verses as a word of calling and promise—not only for me, but for all of us as the church, formed and sent by God's word.

And God's word, we Christians proclaim, is Jesus: the Word made flesh, God with us. In his life, death, and resurrection, Jesus is the Word of God to the world. But, as Paul reminds the early church in Rome, "How are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent?" (Romans 10:14b-15).

This is our calling as church and our mission statement as the Rocky Mountain Synod: Together we proclaim and embody God's unconditional love for the sake of the world! This is the joyful calling given by God to us in our time, in the places of this synod where we "live and move and have our being." We are not here accidentally! We are here for a purpose. We do not merely go into the world: we are sent, by the One who so loved the world that Jesus came to share our human life, to die and rise, to defeat the powers of sin, evil, and death.

This is a holy and humbling calling. On days when worry, exhaustion, or heartbreak (of both global and personal proportion) make our outlook bleak and steal our hope from us, this calling feels impossible. And so God reminds us that we are never given a calling alone—our calling always comes with God's promise. As the rain and snow bring water to the earth, nourish life, and return to the atmosphere (the water cycle is biblical and scientific!) so God declares: "so shall my word be... it shall not return to me empty." Jesus Christ, God's Word incarnate, did not return to God empty, but full of resurrection life. We, God's beloved children and Christ's own body in the world, will not return empty either. Whatever this season brings, I know this: God's Word will not fail. God will accomplish what God purposes: with us, through us, and even in spite of us if need be! May this calling and promise inspire and sustain us as church: better together.

In Christ, Bishop Meghan Johnston Aelabouni



#### Please Lift Up in Prayer:

- Bridgit Sloan, mother-in-law of Cindy and Alan's daughter
- Tracie Truitt, friend of Alyson's
- Cory, Nancy Gale's son
- Pam Burbank
- Jessica Stewart, Dick Graves's daughter
- Jefferson Barrett
- Maylan Chugg, Don & Dee's granddaughter
- Chris, friend of Alyson W.
- Henry, Nancy G's grandson
- Cheryl, friend of Alyson
- Mark Hughes and family
- Heidi, Diane Shultz' sister-in-law
- Dick Graves
- Jack, Pastor Debra's nephew
- Suzy and her family
- Bill, Linda's brother
- Scott Chapan, friend of Dick G.
- Alice, Anastasia, and all the people affected by the war in Ukraine
- Brian Washburn, Kamberlynne's dad
- Terry, Dee Brown's brother
- Charlie Tufts
- Kim, Kelly's sister
- Judy, friend of Shellie
- Mary, Sharen's daughter-in-law
- Ruth Dupee, friend of Maria

- Lynn & Carol Benson
- Don Hughes
- Betsy Daley, friend of Nicole
- Sylvia Oliva, Nicole's Mom
- Carroll & Ken, Nicole's sister & BIL
- Pat Shane, Nicole's Brother-in-Law
- Don and Dee Brown
- Sue, Sharen's sister
- Dean and Val, Mike's brother and sister-in-law
- Steve Morlan
- Levi L.
- Dale Young
- Diana Warkentin

## †Praying for Loved Ones in the Military or deployed:

- Steve Johnson
- Kaleb Tarr, Ethan Lee, Michael Connelly (deployed 13 July 17, 2021)
- Dariyan Edsinger
- Mason Bushey and his wife Ida, and family
- Brody Wilcock
- Renee Kiel
- Justin Kiel
- Kris Kiel
- Matt Malde
- Jason Chugg
- Alex Treadway

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, or would like to be added to our Prayer Warrior email group, please send Kelly an email <a href="mailto:jeffnkelly2@msn.com">jeffnkelly2@msn.com</a>

# August Ascension Ministries

SUN	WORSHIP ASST	ALTAR GUILD	USHERS	GREETERS	ANNOUNCEMENT S	Stewardship For God's Gory  COUNTERS
Aug 4	Katie Young	Kim Engelby	Todd & Renee Hart	John & Diana Warkentin	Stefani Rhees	Renee Hart
Aug 11	Arliss Zimmerman	Kim Engelby	Patti Hall & Stefani Rhees	Joanna Wolf	Stefani Rhees	Paula Del Carlo
Aug 18	Kim Engelby	Kim Engelby	Sharen Kamp	Stefani Rhees	Stefani Rhees	Mark Denniston
Aug 25	Kelly Martin	Kim Engelby	James Jimenez	CJ Jordan	Stefani Rhees	CJ Jordan

If you have articles for the Parish Notes, please email them to Kelly no later than Friday afternoon.