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Parish Notes

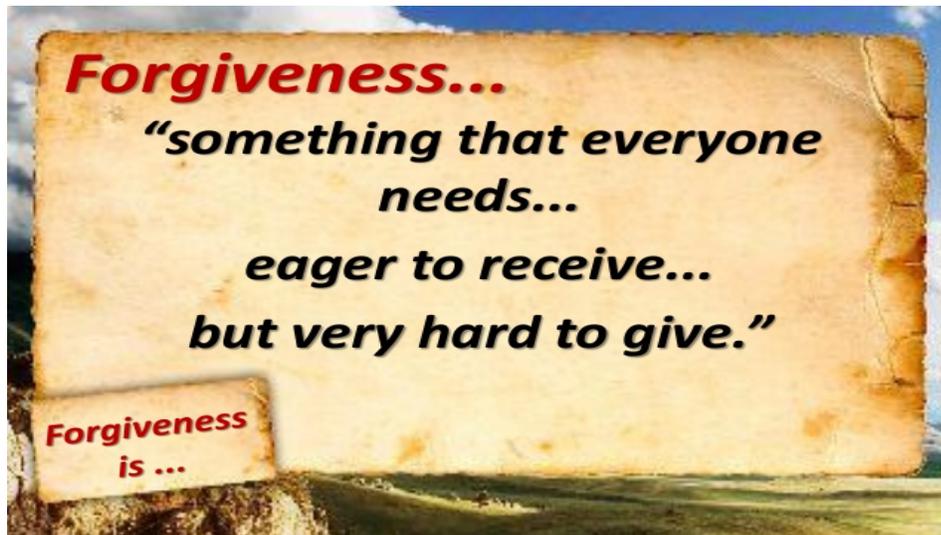
Welcome to Worship

September 15, 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
TUESDAY	11:00am	-	Bible Study
WEDNESDAY	1:00 pm	-	Book Club
THURSDAY	1:00 pm	-	Shepherding Bible Study Group – (3 rd Thursday)
		-	Game Day – (1 st Thursday)
	1:00 pm	-	Movie Day – (4 th Thursday)
	6:30 pm	-	Church Council meeting – (2 nd Thursday)
FRIDAY	8:00 pm	-	AA and Al Anon
SATURDAY	10:00am	-	WELCA Ladies (4 th Saturday)



September Birthdays

Bob Bezyack	2
Joanna Wolf	3
Linda Corey	10
Titus Hughes	14
Noah Gray	17
James Siewenie	17
Paula Del Carlo	19
Ladonna Stephens	23
Olivia Day	25
Mari Roberts	25
Jan Presley	29
Dayle Young	29
Vicki Allred	30
Shelie Ingram	30
Jeff Turner	30

Upcoming Events

Sep 19 – Rise and Shine Breakfast

Sep 19 – Movie Day -@ 1:00 PM

Sep 26 – Shepherding Group



Thanks to Kim Engelby for providing treats for this morning's coffee hour.

Rise & Shine Breakfast – There is a place at the table if you would like to attend the Family Promise Rise and Shine breakfast. Please give your name to James or Kelly.



Flowers on the altar are given by Pat and Eric Refsdal in celebration of their granddaughter Zoe's first birthday.

2025 Budget – We are looking for one or two people that would like to help the council prepare the 2025 budget. If you're interested, please speak to Sharen.

We are looking forward beginning a Stewardship campaign beginning on or about Oct 15. We are hoping to find someone in this Body that might interested in organizing and recruiting a team to do this. Please speak to Pastor Debra or Cindy if this is something you fill called to do.

The Friendly Ties Quilting Ministry is getting together on Monday, the 16th. These ladies bring such joy to the community with their beautiful quilts. All are welcome, and remember, if you can tie a knot, you can tie a quilt.



The Shack is showing this Thursday in the fellowship hall at 1:00pm.

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ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR

FRIDAY: 1PM - 6PM
SATURDAY: 9AM - 4PM

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OCTOBER 25TH & 26TH

All proceeds go to benefit the outside community through several local missions including the Lantern House, the Joyce Hansen Hall Food Bank, the Ogden Rescue Mission, Your Community Connection, the Ogden Family Counseling Center, and the First United Methodist Church.

A Letter from Bishop Johnston Aelabouni

Dear friends in Christ,

Here in the office of the bishop of the Rocky Mountain Synod, it's been a full and fruitful six weeks of ministry since my first day in office. While I have begun building relationships and learning the landscape of our synod ministries, one of my key priorities and goals has been to develop staffing plans for the office of the bishop (OOB) moving forward; and I'd like to update you now on how these plans are developing.

From my first day as bishop, I invited all current staff in the OOB to remain in their positions for a three-month period (through October 31) to allow for discernment regarding God's calling for the Rocky Mountain Synod in this new season of ministry with a new bishop. In various spaces of this synod, I have been asking, "What is the role of the office of the bishop in accompanying the people and ministries of this part of the church? What should our team keep doing, start doing, stop doing, or change? What is the help that is actually helpful?" The insight provided so far by lay members and leaders, deacons and pastors, council members and current staff has been invaluable (and is always welcome!) Based on our learning so far, the synod council executive committee has affirmed the following plan:

Continuity of Operations: I have asked our Administrative Assistant for Leadership, Yvonne Wilken, and our Finance Director, Jon Johnson, to remain in their positions. This will bring our office some important continuity of operations, especially in areas such as property, finance, and technology that the team has worked hard to improve. I have also asked our Special Assistant to the Bishop for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Pr. Barbara Berry-Bailey, to remain in her role as part of our synod's commitment to racial justice.

Strategic Planning for Advocacy: I have invited our Advocacy Directors, Peter Severson (Lutheran Advocacy Ministry Colorado) and Kurt Rager (Lutheran Advocacy Ministry New Mexico) to remain in their positions for a year of *strategic planning* to determine how advocacy ministry in the RMS can become more sustainable and more inclusive of the whole territory of our synod.

Open Positions: For the work that currently falls under called positions as Assistant to the Bishop (including transitions/call processes, candidacy and first call, communications and events, and Director for Evangelical Mission work), we are formulating *a group of positions that*



will be posted in an open call/hiring process. Anyone with a sense of call and gifts for the posted positions is invited to apply (including current staff as well as new applicants.) The goal of this approach is to build our OOB team in a process that is open, transparent, and equitable, in collaboration with elected and representative leadership of the synod. To that end, I will be working with a small hiring team representing our synod council executive committee (VP Ruth Hoffman and Pr. Matthew Weber) and conference deans (Pr. Stephanie Lord and Pr. Jeff Carlson). This team will work with me on finalizing job descriptions, interviewing candidates, and making recommendations; as bishop, I will make the final appointments to this position. (In the case of Director for Evangelical Mission positions, synods work in collaboration with the ELCA Churchwide Office on posting applications, interviewing applicants, and hiring.)

In the weeks to come, we will share more information as we have it available, including job descriptions, compensation ranges, and information on how to apply. We anticipate this process extending at least through the end of October—and we will strive to work as diligently as possible, while also leaving room for the work of the Holy Spirit in guiding our discernment and decisions. Please feel free to contact me (maelabouni@rmselca.org) or our synod vice-president, Ruth Hoffman (vp@rmselca.org) with questions or to share ideas or concerns.

I invite your prayers (and patience) for this process and for all who will take part in it. I am grateful to our current OOB staff for their faithful dedication and their openness to living and serving in a season of uncertainty; and I also ask your prayers for them over these coming weeks of discernment. As you pray for me and for our team, I will also be praying for you: for strength and health, joy and courage, and wisdom in the ways God has called and sent you into your communities and the world as bearers of the good news of Jesus.

In Christ,

Bishop Meghan

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
- Alice, Anastasia, and all the people affected by the war in Ukraine
- Brian Washburn, Kamberlynn'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
- 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 Treadw

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 jeffnkelly2@msn.com

**September
Ascension Ministries**

 SUN	 WORSHIP ASST	 ALTAR GUILD	 USHERS	 GREETERS	 ANNOUNCEMENTS	 COUNTERS
Sep 1	Pat Refsdal	Kim Engelby	Todd & Renee Hart	John & Diana Warkentin	Edith & Dave	Renee Hart
Sep 8	Arliiss Zimmerman	Kim Engelby	Patti Hall & Stefani Rhees	Joanna Wolf	Edith & Dave	Paula Del Carlo
Sep 15	Mark Denniston	Kim Engelby	Sharen Kamp	CJ Jordan	Edith & Dave	Mark Denniston
Sep 22	Kim Engelby	Kim Engelby	James Jimenez	Stefani Rhees	Edith & Dave	CJ Jordan
Sep 29	Patti Hall	Kim Engelby	Pat Refsdal	David Filanda	Edith & Dave	Pat Refsdal

If you have articles or information for the parish notes, please send them to Kelly by Friday afternoon.