

August Friendly Messenger

2020

I am very excited about our August 16th drive-in worship service! This year of 2020 is the 50th year since Lutheran women have been ordained in North America. 2019 marked the 40th anniversary of the ordination of women of color, and 2020 also marks the ordination anniversary of LGBTQA+ individuals. The ELCA gives thanks to God for the ministry of women and expresses both gratitude for all of the women who have come before and those who will come in the future.

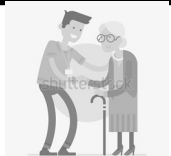
In addition to celebrating women in ministry and the gifts we bring, the ELCA also laments the obstacles that women have faced (and unfortunately continue to face) as they pursue their calls to ministry. I have appreciated how the ELCA has framed this celebration to include the realities of joy and challenge that characterize the history and experiences of women in the church. That is not true for every denomination. I went to Divinity School with an amazing and capable student who wanted to minister, but knew she would never be able to do that in an ordained capacity. She has gone on to do great things, but the reality of that prohibition is a great sadness. There are many ways for the church to grow in supporting women in ministry, but I am grateful that it is possible in the ELCA and I am grateful that Sardis looked forward and has called two women pastors. It is something to celebrate!

We, at Sardis, had big plans to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the ordination of women. The Worship & Music Committee had made plans for Pastor Anna Merritt and Pastor Mary Louise Sitton to visit for special services to celebrate their ministry and time at Sardis. However, as COVID19 has upended many of our plans, it has affected our plans for this as well. After attempts at rescheduling in this COVID19 pandemic, the safest way forward is to hold off on rescheduling until it is safe to travel, gather, and interact inside once again. We will be able to enjoy these special times with Pastors Anna and Mary Louise, just not yet!

We will, however, gather for a drive-in service on August 16th at 8:30 am for a celebration. I very much look forward to our drive-in services and feel refreshed by them. I hope you feel the same. This service will lift up the same scripture and hymns that were a part of my ordination four years ago, the service and rite that brought us into ministry together. That was one of, if not the best and most meaningful, days of my life! We will have Holy Communion that Sunday. Special instructions are provided in the newsletter about how we can do this safely. Thus far, we have been fasting on the Eucharist, but soon we may partake of the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord!

I look forward to seeing you on the 16th at 8:30 am! Remember to bring school supplies for the blessing!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Adrienne



The Fred T. Foard Senior Citizens Will not meet in August.

From the Social Committee . . . July Food Drive

The July Food Collection was a terrific success! Thanks to all who contributed. The Banoak Guidance Counselor identified seven families (15 children) who were food insecure. The Social Committee customized 7 food bundles according to the number of children. Because of the congregation's generosity, each family received peanut butter, jelly, crackers, multiple cans of pasta, corn, beans, peas, green beans and meat or fish. In addition, the packets contained breakfast foods, rice, and a few snacks. The bundles were taken to Banoak on Monday, July 13th and the families were to pick up on Tuesday, July 14th. Our heartfelt thanks to the Sardis family for supporting all members of the community and to Monica Moser, the Banoak Guidance Counselor, for coordinating our efforts to share our blessings with those who are less fortunate.

August School Supplies Social Ministry Committee

As you know, no one is sure what the 2020/2021 School Opening will look like. Students may attend in person, virtually, or be home schooled. The Social Committee reached out to Blackburn's principal and Banoak's Guidance Counselor (as of newsletter deadline – no principal had been appointed to Banoak) to discuss school needs that the Sardis Family can help address. Both schools pointed out that there is much unknown at this point. However, both schools are emptying their supply closets to give students as many school supplies as possible to help the family budget and welcome any supplies we can contribute. Regardless the type of instruction, students will need basic items, as not all work, even those choosing virtual instruction will be done online or on their Chrome laptop. Below is a list of needed supplies.

- Composition Notebook-100 sheets (marble design)
- Colored pencils-12 pack
- # 2 yellow pencils
- Crayola Washable Markers 8 pack
- Large glue sticks
- Pack of pencils topper erasers or large pink block eraser
- Loose leaf notebook paper (wide ruled 100 sheets)
- Primary Notebooks (wide ruled)

The following items are also welcome for use when students are in school:

- Band aids
- Facial tissues
- Ziploc bags
- Copy paper (white)
- Liquid soap
- Hand Sanitizer

Please bring any items you can donate to the Drive in Service on August 16th and place them in a bag at the front of your car. Pastor Adrienne will bless the donated supplies as well as the Book Bags and supplies of the Sardis Students during the service.

A Section of Martin Luther's Small Catechism

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

What is confession?

Confession consists of two parts. One is that we confess our sins. The other is that we receive absolution or forgiveness from the confessor as from God himself, by no means doubting but firmly believing that our sins are thereby forgiven before God in heaven.

What sins should we confess?

Before God we should acknowledge that we are guilty of all manner of sins, even those of which we are not aware, as we do in the Lord's Prayer. Before the confessor, however, we should confess only those sins of which we have knowledge and which trouble us.

What are such sins?

Reflect on your condition in the light of the Ten Commandments: whether you are a father or mother, a son or daughter, a master or servant; whether you have been disobedient, unfaithful, lazy, ill-tempered, or quarrelsome; whether you have harmed anyone by word or deed; and whether you have stolen, neglected, or wasted anything, or done other evil.

[Here Luther gives two examples of a confession.] . . . Then the confessor shall say: "God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith. Amen."

Again he shall say: "Do you believe that the forgiveness I declare is the forgiveness of God?"

Answer: "Yes, I do."

Then he shall say: "Be it done for you as you have believed. According to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Go in peace."

A confessor will know additional passages of the Scriptures with which to comfort and to strengthen the faith of those whose consciences are heavily burdened or who are distressed and sorely tried. . . .

NOTE FOR AUGUST:

Our next drive in service will not be the first Sunday in August, but rather on August 16th, the third Sunday and it will be at 8:30AM. We will partake in Holy Communion even if we are meeting indoors by then.



What to Remember for August 16th Drive-in Service

- Service starts at 8:30 am, weather permitting.
- Enter by the playground and look to a member of the Parking Team to find a parking space.
- If you have school supplies to donate, place the bag in front of your car after parking.
- We will bless them at the end of the service.
- We will have Holy Communion. Instructions are below. Please let someone know (you may let the Pastor know or call the office ahead of time too) if you need assistance getting out of your car to get the elements.
- You will receive a printed bulletin when you arrive or you can refer to it on your electronic device.
- At the end of the service, you may give your offering as you exit by the cemetery.

Instructions for Holy Communion

Holy Communion will be held using sealed element cups containing a wafer under the first seal and grape juice under the second seal. The cups will be placed on two tables one to the left and one to the right of the trailer where the Pastor is standing. Taking turns, when directed, one adult from each vehicle will come to the table to pick up the number of cups needed for their communing family members and return to their vehicle.

If you have children in your vehicle, please pick up a blessing card for each child before returning to your vehicle.

Once everyone has returned, the service will continue with the words, “The body of Christ given for you,” after which everyone will peel the top layer and commune together. Next, “The blood of Christ shed for you,” after which everyone will peel the second layer and commune together.

Then we will have our post-communion prayer and blessing.

*If you will need assistance getting the sealed element cups, please call the office ahead of time or let someone know that morning.

Safe Harbor reached out to us as a church in participating in this partnership. This sounds great for Safe Harbor, Sardis and anyone coming to us in need. If you would be willing to be the Sardis coordinator of this Safe Harbor project please contact Pastor Martin., or fill out this form and bring by the church.



CORNERS OF YOUR FIELD

Corners of Your Field is a partnership opportunity between local churches and Safe Harbor's ReSource Warehouse. Corners of Your Field encourages attendees of our partner churches to be intentional about selecting their gently used household items for donation to ReSource Warehouse. The stores then return a portion of the value of these items in the form of gift cards to your church to help those directly in your care.

How does this partnership work?

- Individuals or families donate their gently used items to ReSource Warehouse
- The ReSource Warehouse employee serving them will ask the name of their church
- Quarterly, your church will receive gift cards to ReSource Warehouse that can be given to anyone who comes to your church in need.
- And, donors are still able to take advantage of the tax-deduction with every gift to ReSource Warehouse

How do I get my church involved with Corners of Your Field?

You can sign up right here, right now. Share the information of your church and a point of contact and we're on our way to developing a growing relationship. You'll begin receiving resources by e-mail almost immediately and every donation made on behalf of your church will be credited to you.

Email Address _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Church Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____

As a partner church, we commit to promoting the Corners Of Your Field story to our attendees.

- Agree
 Disagree

August Birthdays

ALTAR FLOWERS

8/3 Elaina Yousef
 8/4 Terry Bledsoe
 8/6 Abbie F. Phillips
 8/7 Cash Lee Fulbright
 8/8 Dylan Covington
 8/10 Seth Revetta
 8/11 Debbie Wise
 8/12 Keri Weaver
 8/16 Joyce Speagle
 8/18 Benny Fulbright
 8/20 Darrell Jarrett
 8/23 Neal Wyant
 8/24 Edna Fulbright
 Sherrie Midgett
 Zach Purcelle
 Cayden A. Hood
 8/29 Scottie Wyant
 Karen Sigman
 8/31 Alfred Whitener

Aug 2 Robin Stuart
Aug 9 Joe & Scottie Wyant
Aug 16 Steven & Ashley Yow
Aug 23 Mike & Sherrie Midgett
Aug 30 Osama & Carrie Yousef

COUNCIL CONTACT & ASSISTING MINISTER

Tim Whitener	2nd	Ray Whitener
	9th	Gene Biggerstaff
	16th	Becky Gladden
	23rd	Tim Whitener
	30th	Jon Gladden

SATURDAY MEAL DELIVERY/IF COMFORTABLE DOING SO AT THIS TIME.

Anniversaries:
Rick & Rita Lutz 8-9
Kenneth & Margaret Propst 8-19

Aug 1 No Meal Delivery
Aug 8 Donna Biggerstaff
Aug 15 No Meal Delivery
Aug 22 Jill Bledsoe
Aug 29 No Meal Delivery

Baptismal Birthdays

5 Catherine Hood 1990
 Bruce Sigman 1962
 16 Daniel Whitener 1987
 17 Kristin A. Teague 1975
 Ethan Carroll 2014
 20 Marshall Whitener 2012
 27 Betty Jo Mitchem Weaver 1934 at Wesley Chapel
 28 Allison W. Short 1989
 ?? Bill Whitener 1942

August 2020
Sardis Lutheran Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
<p>REMEMBER: you can find this NL, the weekly calendar and Sunday Sermons on the website: https://sardislutheran.com/ mark it as a favorite and check it out often.</p>						1
2 10:30 FB Worship Live	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 10:30 FB Worship Live	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 8:30 Drive In Holy Communion and FB live Worship Service	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 10:30 FB Worship Live	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 10:30 FB Worship Live	31					

SARDIS LEADERS CONTACTS

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Council Chair: Joe Biggerstaff, biggerstaffjoe@gmail.com

Secretary/Treasurer: Jane Moretz, secretary@sardislutheran.net (C) 828-302-8458

OUR MISSION

Sardis Evangelical Lutheran Church serves together as disciples of Christ, teaches the word to invite people into a life of knowing Jesus, encourages each other in faith and personal mission through reaching out to the needs of the community and individuals.

Methods for Giving

Gifts may be made online by clicking on the green "Give" button on our NEW website www.sardislutheran.com or our Facebook page.

or

Gifts may be mailed to:
Sardis Lutheran Church
6103 W. NC 10 Hwy.
Hickory, NC 28602

or

You may bring your gifts by the church during office hours. Place your gift in the basket out front and ring the bell to alert the office of your gift.

God bless you and keep you in his care.

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