



Worship Notes

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Dear Friends and Family,

This Sunday, after the 9 AM worship, we will have an informational meeting to discuss the possibility of having a Mini-Prime-Beef-Festival Menu for a carry-out dinner. We are looking for volunteers who want to help coordinate and serve for one night a limited menu to be a church fundraiser. Connie Larimer is taking the lead of this conversation. Anyone who wishes to help out can stay and meet in the fellowship hall, at the tables where seats are set up for appropriate social distancing, and masks continue to be required. Join in for the conversation and help see this event be successful for our congregation.

Please keep in prayer the following:



Bradley Anderson, Josie Blake, Bev Coulter, Nancy Dowell, Elizabeth, John Ellison, Linda Ellison, Dave Erlandson, Jim Erlandson, Brad and Jodie Haist, Cassie Jern & Family, Delores Johnson, Graham Johnson, Bob Kerschke, Ila Roseberry, Tucker Smith, Marjorie Swanson, Norman Worthington, Carmen, Evelyn Volz, Darrell Thirtyacre, Donna Larson, Jodie and Brad Haist
the family and friends of Carol Brissey

and Sgt. Lacey Elliott, who continues to serve our country

Please let the church office know any updates that are needed to our prayer list.

In-Person Worship Habits

Thank you. We are doing a great job reducing the risks of the pandemic as we continue following these habits:

- * If you are sick, please stay home.
- * Face masks are required for attending in-person worship. The church has extra masks if you forget yours at home.
- * Social distancing in the pews means we sit at least 6-feet apart from other family units.
- * Offering plates are at each entrance for you to place your giving as you enter or depart.
- * Communion practices include social distancing as well, follow the signs on the floor for where to receive and where to consume.

Thank you for your generous support of our ministry

Ways to Give:



Mail your envelop to the church office

Begin or continue automatic giving (ask for a form from the church office)

Bring your offering to worship and place in the offering baskets at the entrance to the sanctuary

Don't forget: You may designate your giving, for instance, for our monthly Vision and Purpose Giving. This month we support the Open Table ministry as they serve a family they have partnered with.



This week in worship

Our Old Testament story this week brings us to the brink of the water on one side, and the rushing Egyptian army chariots closing in on the other side. The Israelites are already wondering if their God has brought them out of Egypt only to die in the wilderness. But God has a surprise. As Moses raises his arms, the waters part and the Israelites are able to cross on dry land. Behind them, the waters close in on the pursuing chariots, swallowing the whole Egyptian army.

As we journey today, we often feel like we are caught between the proverbial rock and a hard place, and yet a way forward is always found, thanks to God. Join us as we find God leading us, even in difficult times.

WORSHIP
VOLUNTEER
opportunities



This Week

Worship Assistant: Pam VanKirk

Usher: Jim Johnson

Thank you to the members who came forward for Worship Assistant Training last Sunday. We have a group of 8 members who will rotate over 2 months as worship assistants.

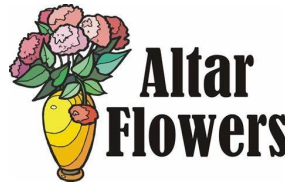
We have openings for altar flowers

September 13

September 20 Diane Carlson

September 27

October 4



**Altar
Flowers**

Faith Learning At Home

Are you missing Sunday School? Do you wish we had a chance to grow in faith and learn more about Jesus and the Bible? Well, do we have opportunities for you:

Check out our Living the Creed PDF, a take-home faith exercise for the whole family.

And ...

Check out our Wednesday 3 PM Zoom Bible study, even if you can't be on line, there is a PDF loaded to our website for your whole family to use.

Living the Creed

This week, our Living the Creed is a take-home exercise. You will find in the e-mail a PDF to download.

As you open the Living the Creed PDF, you will find an opportunity to go on a hike as a family. Learn about how God is present with you as you walk through a natural setting. Also, learn about the engineering feat at Geode State Park, where the manmade lake has been drained for renovations, and compare how long it takes for our best engineers to drain and refill a lake with the miracle of the Israelites crossing dry land when the waters were miraculously parted.

Blessings

For I pass on to you what I received from the Lord himself. On the night when he was betrayed ...
1 Corinthians 11:23

St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians was written 10 to 15 years earlier than the earliest Gospel. That means when Paul writes about what Jesus said at the Last Supper, this is the earliest written account of what Jesus said at that meal. This is why we use these words when we gather to say the prayer before receiving communion. These words tell us the promise that Jesus is found in, with, and under the bread and wine we receive for communion.

For some of us, since we resumed in-person worship, we find great joy in receiving the sacrament once again on a weekly basis. For some of us, returning to in-person worship is not advised due to health concerns, and so the separation from communion has continued. But now we have a solution. We have created home communion kits. These kits will come with all you need to receive communion at home. I will deliver these kits to your home. You will keep these kits. And then, based on a schedule that we set-up, I will bring you bread and juice, and devotional readings, so that you can receive communion and once again feel the physical presence of Jesus in, with, and under the bread and juice you receive at home.

When I visit, I will still not be able to enter your homes just yet. I want to continue respecting your need for social distancing. But I can bring these bags and briefly visit at your doorstep. You can take the communion kit inside then and following the devotional I have prepared, have a brief communion service that you host for yourself in your kitchen or dining room.

The challenge of the pandemic has forced us to think outside the box. And it is my hope that by offering communion at home in this way, all our members will receive the sacrament. I have a list of a few members who I know are home-bound. I will be calling these members directly. But I will not call the entire membership list. If you would like to receive a home communion kit, and be placed on the schedule for me to bring bread and juice, please call, text or email me. The plan is to begin bringing these kits around next week. I look forward to sharing God's gifts of Jesus through this new way.

Peace, Pastor Jamie