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From the desk of Vicar Ann Bjorklund

From the Vicar...

Hello People of Faith!

Things are everchanging in our communities as we navigate the challenges of trying to keep one another safe as we are dealing with the coronavirus and COVID-19. In order to prepare for opening the church building for in-person worship services, a lot of work has been done by many people. Your Church Council, other members of Faith, and myself have been receiving and researching many, many pieces of information and receiving guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), Countryside Health, and considering best practices as we seek to care for each one of you as we have been longing to see each other and worship in person again.

As decisions have been, and are continually being made regarding how we re-open the church building and gradually add activities, I am constantly reminded of these verses as we are trying to keep each of you as safe as possible:

"34When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, 35and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 36"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" 37He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' 38This is the greatest and first commandment. 39And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' 40On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Matthew 22:34-40

Although I'll be distancing to try to keep each of you as safe a possible, I look forward to seeing you again. If you are unable to attend or choose not to worship in person at this point, please know that I will consider you there in spirit, and look forward seeing you again when it seems safer.

Blessings!

Vicar Ann

Welcome Back!

We have missed you! Our first Worship service back in the church will be on Sunday, July 5th at 9 am. We will be using the Narthex doors only to enter and exit the building. Congregation members are asked to bring their own clean masks; masks will be used while in church unless medically or physically unable. Faith does have a limited supply of masks to use, if you need one. Ushers will be seating and dismissing you. Members of the same household should sit together. Hand sanitizer is encouraged and is available. No physical contact will be utilized for sharing the peace or other greetings. No printed materials will be handed out; however, they are available on our website. Pew cushions are removed. If needed, please provide your own cushion. Pews *not* available for seating have been taped off. There will be no singing, except by those leading worship.

We understand that this information can be overwhelming. We are all just trying to follow procedures and keep everyone healthy and safe!

People of Faith:

The coronavirus and COVID-19 have brought about a time of unprecedented uncertainty, but it also presents us with the opportunity to think in new ways that we, as people of God, can be in community even though we're physically apart. In these times of challenge, we want to know what you need...

What challenges are you having?

Do you need groceries or prescriptions?

Do you need to go to appointments?

Do you need to have someone to talk with?

Do you need to be able to figure out how to connect with your faith community?

Please call the church office, Vicar Ann, or one of the Council Members so we can make sure that we are living in community as Christ calls us to.

Welcome to our new treasurer, Becky Mortenson.

There will be a **Special Congregational Meeting** in the Narthex on Sunday, July 12, at 10am after the Worship service. This meeting is to discuss the current Pastor situation and the options that are available to us at this time. If enough discussion occurs and everyone is in agreement, a vote could be put in front of the congregation members during this meeting. We strongly urge you to attend this meeting.

People of Faith:

Some people have expressed a desire to have communion. As we seek to fulfill your desires to participate in the sacrament, as well as tend the safety and well-being of each of you, we will be offering Holy Communion as follows:

Holy Communion Service: We are planning to hold brief Holy Communion services on **Wednesday, July 15 and Wednesday, August 12, at 4:30 and 6:30pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Go online (www.faithlutheranmadison.org) to sign up or call the church office.

Some things you should know:

- 1) Being mindful of loving and caring for our neighbors, we will practice *physical distancing* upon entering, upon exiting, as well as during the service. This means that you will be ushered to your seat., ushered out, and there will be no lingering following the service.
- 2) *Masks* are encouraged. If you don't have one, there will be some available for use. We will wash them upon their return. You are encouraged not to touch them or your face during this time.
- 3) *Hand sanitizer* will be used. We will have someone dispensing sanitizer to each individual to limit contact.
- 4) *All hard surfaces will be cleaned* before and after the use of our space.
- 5) *We encourage only communion age individuals attend as we try to limit contact and promote distancing. We also suggest that older individuals consider attending the earlier service to allow families the ability to attend together in the evening.*
- 6) *We request that you leave personal items in your vehicle or at home.*
- 7) If you are *at risk*, we encourage you not to attend. The things that might inform your decision would be not feeling well, age, weakened immune system, underlying health issues including issues breathing, cancer treatment, etc.
- 8) Watch for a *sign-up* sheet online or call the office to give your time preference. We will be limiting attendance to 30 people per service.

If you desire communion and are not able to participate or choose not to attend, please call Vicar Ann or the church office to make arrangements.

Faith Lutheran Church website

Make sure you get updated information about our worshipping community and how we can best serve one another by checking out our website: www.faithlutheranmadison.org

Don't forget that you can see current happenings on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/MadisonFaithLutheranChurch/>

****Ronda Helgemo, Education Coordinator**

Confirmation students:

I have set aside July 14th from 2 - 4 pm to make tied blankets for Sanford Children Hospital. Social distancing will be used. If you have done all your sermon notes, you can pick up your candy bar. Hope everyone is having a great summer!

****Global Missions**

To think of the changes in our world in the last 6 months nearly makes our heads spin! A few Global Missions committee members had the pleasure of traveling to Watertown, SD on Monday, June 29 to serve the Watertown Banquet. We assisted the usual banquet volunteers who run a fine show! This is an annual event for many years now and we can always see God's hand very clearly as we carry out his mission to serve and love on others. This year brought some real changes in the whole event. In past years, 12 or so of us travel to the banquet in our trusty bus and serve up about 180 delicious meals and sit and visit with the guests. The Pantry historically provides the bulk of our hot meal and the rest is prepared by our committee and friends. We can always count on Stan O to have his yummy cupcakes as the star of the dessert table! We had kept in touch with our friend Heidi who chairs this weekly banquet, and she told us about the new format that they are using to continue to run the banquet safely during the COVID pandemic. 3 committee members got together and put together 80 delicious and nutritious sack lunches (the Pantry still came through with sandwiches, chips, and cookies and we added a fruit and veggie to the mix and provided an excellent meal to about 50 attendees. They came through one entrance of Grace Church, collected their lunch, got a hearty greeting from those who were serving and exited through another door and ate in their cars or took the meals home. A very different scenario from in the past as we have loved the fellowship happening at the Watertown Banquet! We had some left over meals and another volunteer is a retired police officer and stated that the guys on the force and the firemen really appreciate getting the left overs and we all agreed that they could use the support now more than ever so the rest of our meals went to this most worthy group. The current state of our world events can be very scary and anxiety producing but may we keep in mind, God will never leave our sides, we just need to remember he is there. Blessings to all as we continue to work through social distancing, mask wearing and raw hands from constant washing.

Global Missions Committee

****Stewardship Board**

We are receiving good news as worship service will now move indoors! However, whether you choose to worship indoors or watch the service online, we ask that you continue to give your time, talents and offerings to help our mission in supporting God's work.

In addition, we are still looking for 1-2 individuals who would like to be part of the Stewardship Board. If interested, contact the church office or one of the board members: Bart Hill, Brian Fernholz, Josh Ludvigson, Warren Trygestad

"The Generous will prosper. Those who refresh others, will themselves be refreshed." Proverbs 11:25

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1 Trisha Bormann
1 Jade Martin
1 Andy Tostenson
3 Syllas Griess
3 Ed Shelstad
4 Jim Helgemo
5 Erica Fernholz
6 Gage Thompson
7 Ruth Glomstad
7 Haliegh Strei
7 Carter Young
8 Joshua Bjerke
8 Erin Greuel
8 Kristin Tebben
9 Trent Hansen
9 Doris Kittleson
10 Peter Bendel
11 Mya Conroy
11 Austin Croatt
11 Brian Fernholz
11 Lily Fernholz
12 Dawn Croatt
12 Chloe Ludvigson
12 Daniel Nelson
13 Jaden Kallhoff
13 Brock Kanstrup

14 Jerome Kallhoff
14 Hadley Lillejord
14 Ryan Ludvigson
15 Zachary Flickenger
15 Molly Hacker
15 Peggy Lund
16 Duane Borstad
16 Steve Dahle
16 Bob Diller
16 Norma Larsen
17 Jordan Maland
17 Becky Trygestad
19 Maynard Meyer
20 Kristopher Engesmoe
21 Paul Engesmoe
21 Zoe Helgemo

22 Merlyn Drake
23 Val Halvorson
23 Lil Lyng
24 Eldon Knopp
24 Kristi Larson
24 Cooper Smith
24 Ayda Wahl
25 Bev Hiepler
25 Arnie Streich
26 Paul Weber
27 Colton Mortenson
28 Daniel Olson
28 Jessica Olson
28 Noah Stone
29 Lana Arneson
29 Shelby Jacobsen
29 Ty Kanstrup
29 Lexi Wollschlager
30 Robin Allen
30 Aria DuFrane
30 Kylie DuFrane
30 Jan Lindquist
31 Marlene Johnson
31 Sharon Ronglien
31 James Tonn

FUNERALS z **Jaquelyne Lang**, died June 11 and whose funeral was June 19th. (member)

z **Sheila Herrington**, died May 31 and whose funeral was June 22. (non-member)

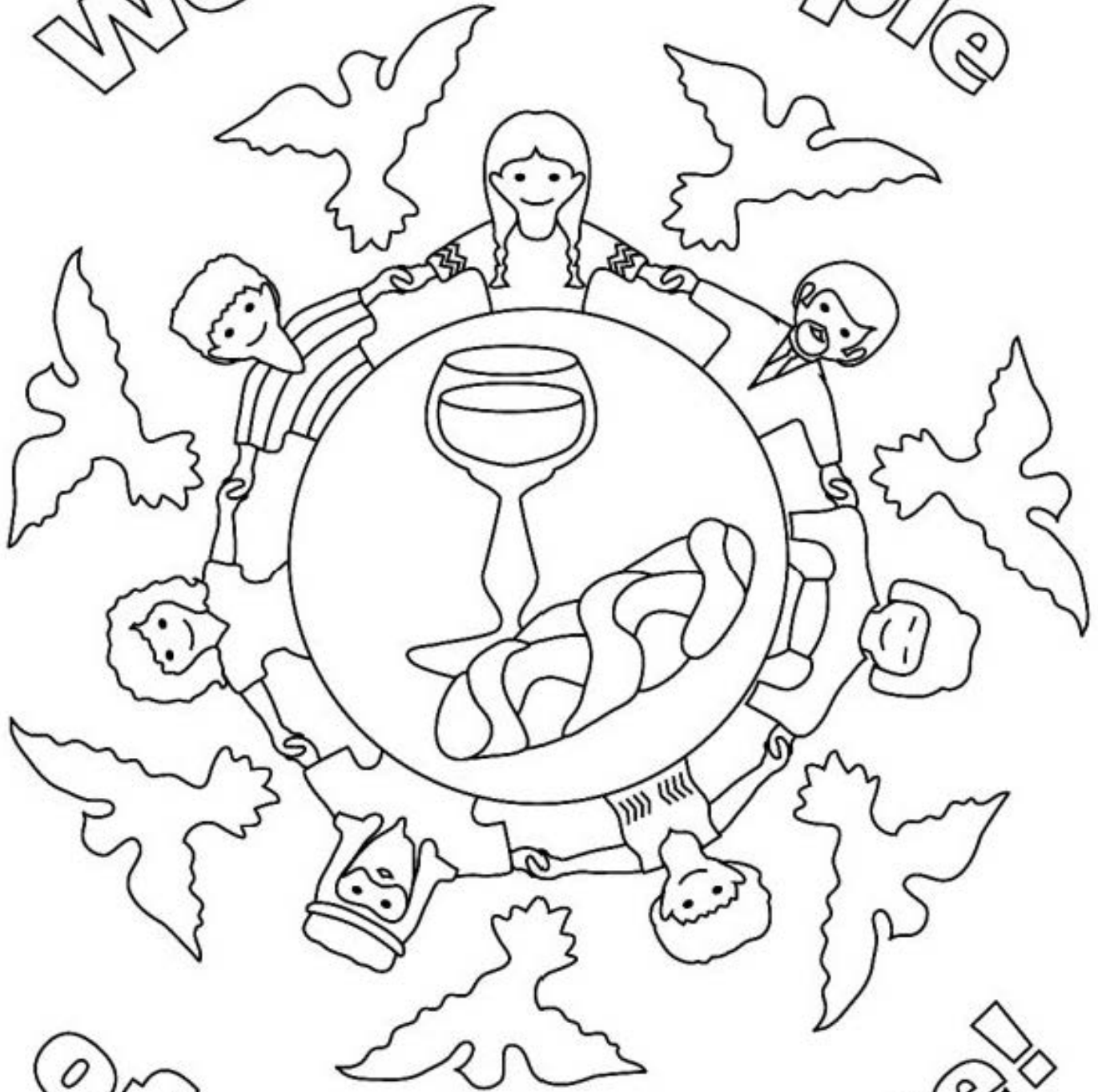
****Little Blessings**

There is still one opening left for the 2020-2021 academic year. Please contact the church office to sign up.

****We thank you for your generous tithes and ask for your continued support in meeting our financial needs. Your offering can be either mailed to the church, made online at www.faithlutheranmadison.org or through PayPal (to faithluthsecretary@gmail.com).**

***If you are in need of Pastoral Care
Please call Vicar Ann at 763-447-7664***

We are people



of God's peace!