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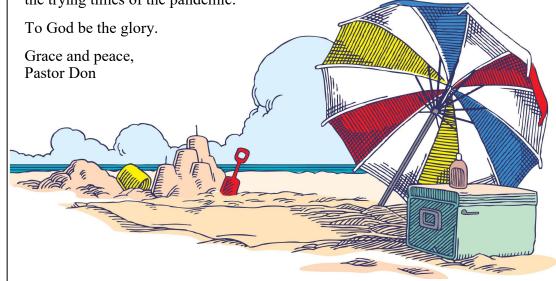
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My Dear Family in Christ,

Time really flies! It's already June with Father's Day on the 20th and the first day of Summer on the 21st. The year 2021 is half-way through.

Best wishes to our dads, maybe some time at the beach or a picnic! And hopefully a return soon to the Church Sanctuary for our services.

Many thanks to all of you for your presence, prayers, gifts and service during the trying times of the pandemic.



# **COVID-19 relief in India with Lutheran Disaster Response**

Over the past two months, a surge of COVID-19 cases has ravaged India. Padhar Hospital, a ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Madhya Pradesh, has a ward dedicated to COVID-19 patients. Unfortunately, the hospital is currently being forced to turn away patients because it lacks the space and oxygen to support them. Lutheran Disaster Response is helping Padhar Hospital purchase an oxygen generator for its COVID-19 ward so it can treat more patients. For the past year, Lutheran Disaster Response has supported companion churches and partners throughout India and around the world as they raise awareness about COVID-19, provide personal protective equipment and distribute sanitation supplies to vulnerable communities.

Please pray for communities in India and around the world impacted by COVID-19. May God's healing presence give them peace and hope in their time of need. Pray that God will deliver comfort to those who mourn and strength to those working diligently to contain the fires and care for affected communities.

Please give if you can. Your gifts ensure that our church will be able to provide help and hope for those impacted by the COVID-19 crisis in India. Gifts designated for "Asia-Pacific Disaster Response" will be used entirely (100%) for direct response to COVID-19 in India and to other disasters in the region.

https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/Our-Impact/AsiaPacific-Disaster-Response

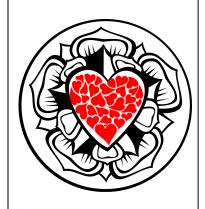


## SUNDAY **SCHEDULE**

10:30 am Worship Service

#### OUR MISSION

We are a family of Christ, committed to serving, teaching, welcoming and loving all God's people.





### Council Minutes April 12, 2021

#### **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Roxiee Dollar, Jim Dollar, Tara Taffe, Maria Hoyt, Jackie Byers, Ellen Wilson, Carolyn

Moran, Karen Sutton, Pastor Wilson

ABSENT: Gail Davidson, Deborah Midgett, Tim Garvin

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Driveway repair
- B. Exterminator Contract Put on hold until May Council Meeting
- C. Stove status Tabled until May
- D. Organ stored in St. Matthias Hall Leave as is

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Moving back into the sanctuary for services

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

A. SJLS needs another room for 1st graders for the next school year, request the Multi-Purpose Room. POC: Sheila Sanchez - Council approved with letter sent to all congregational members.

# Call Committee Update

We have reviewed three profiles and have another to consider. Currently, a deciding factor on moving forward with considering those sent by the Synod is the compensation package which is set by our Synod. For entry level Pastors the package alone is around \$70,000. That does not include salary. We have not entertained a part-time position though at least one of the local churches has done just that.

Please keep your call committee in prayer as we continue the process of reviewing profiles and deciding how to proceed. We are eternally grateful to Pastor Don for his continued leadership and ministry with us and the School.

Gail Davidson, Call Committee Chair



## Worship Attendance for April 2021

Date	Congregation	Choir/ Assistants	Nursery	Total
April 1, 2021	5	7	0	12
April 2, 2021	8	5	0	13
April 3, 2021	5	6	0	11
April 4, 2021 (Easter)	35	7	0	42
April 11, 2021	18	6	0	24
April 18, 2021	21	6	0	27
April 25, 2021	20	6	0	26

We made it through another month; things are looking up!

Council decided to revisit (in June) moving services back to the Sanctuary. Many are now vaccinated and mask requirements are being relaxed. We celebrated Pentecost (May 30th) last month and the Ascension of our Lord. For the Summer we will use Setting 10 with familiar, "singable" tunes and spoken parts of the liturgy. Pastor's YouTube ministry continues for those unable to join us in person on Sundays.



As we move into the summer months, please remember to continue your monetary and physical support of St. John. The choir will take their annual "break" for the Summer. Please consider lending your voice to the choir when they resume in the Fall.

Please keep St. John and its members in your prayers.

Respectfully submitted, Gail Davidson, Chair



## \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* 米 \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* **June Anniversaries June Birthdays** 米 2 ~ Glen Krumm 米米 2 ~ Bill ♥ Joann Krumm 66 years 2 ~ Caroline Babbitt \* \*\*\* 3 ~ Willy ♥ Karen Sutton 3 ~ Judy Swedburg 54 years 12 ~ Emily Kircheval 23 ~ Jim ♥ Roxiee Dollar \*\*\*\*\*\* 49 years \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

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#### CHURCH LEADERSHIP

President: Roxiee Dollar Vice President: Gail Davidson Council Secretary: Ellen Wilson Financial Secretary: Karen Sutton Director of Music: W. Lee Hendricks School Director: Sheila Sanchez Parish Bookkeeper: Carolyn Moran Parish Secretary: Anne Combes

If your mailing information has changed, please notify the Church Office.

Thank you!

#### RECYCLING CONTINUES TO SAVE \$\$\$\$ FOR ST. JOHN

And YOU too can be a gold star winner for St. John by collecting any aluminum, old awnings, guttering, especially aluminum cans. You may also turn in copper, brass, bronze, extension cords and Christmas tree lights including cords. Every item helps! Recycling dollars help cover new and sharpening of lawn mower blades, new edger blades, gas and all other lawn maintenance. Thank you for recycling for St. John, it is deeply appreciated. If you are not recycling, START. Ask your neighbors and friends to help. All recycling material brought to St. John may be placed in the black container marked 'ALUMINUM ONLY' across from the classroom by the North hallway. For big items, or any questions you may have, please call Bill Krumm. Thank you for all your giving. Commercial or small lawn care operations would cost at least \$3,00 to \$4,000 a year. Supporting St. John in this worthwhile ministry, it certainly is a blessing.

Keep in mind that yard cleanup is scheduled twice a year, once in the Spring and once in the Fall. "Many hands make light work". It's not just work but a lot of outdoor fellowship included. Plan to become involved.

At the present time we have three hard working lawn teams who have been listed on the church bulletin board. Lawn care consists of picking up trash and branches from the yard, mow, edge, weed whack, use blower, trim hedges and clean equipment when done. Their time and talents are greatly appreciated. You work on your home lawns to make them look nice. Can you help, will you help at St. John to make 'God's lawn' beautiful?? You don't have to be an expert to help. Maybe you'd like to donate time in the columbarium, the new flower bed by the side doors. Part time workers are welcome. For answers to any of your questions, ask or call Bill Krumm at 757-588-4672.