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From Our Pastor

My Dear Family in Christ,

Here it is, August already. The word August comes from the Latin word “augustus”, meaning “consecrated” or “venerable”. In 8 B.C. the Roman senate honored Augustus Caesar, the first Roman emperor, by changing the name of their month “Sextillis” to “Augustus”.

We don’t know whether the emperor took August vacations by the sea-shore, but for many it’s the last chance (with the exception of Labor Day weekend) to get in some rest and relaxation before school teachers get ready at the end of the month for the new academic year and we prepare for the season of autumn.

For St. John, hopefully there’ll not be spike in the COVID variant to prevent us from resuming a more “normal” schedule of ministry including small groups for study, the weekly Advent evening prayer opportunities, and the formation of new strategies for reaching out and inviting more of our neighbors to become a part of our worshipping and serving community of faith under the head of the Church and the author of our salvation, Jesus the Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

O yes, since August days tend to be hot and humid, a part of our discipleship as mandated by Jesus, is to take periodic rests and moments of thanksgiving and self-reflection for our own physical, mental and spiritual health.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Don

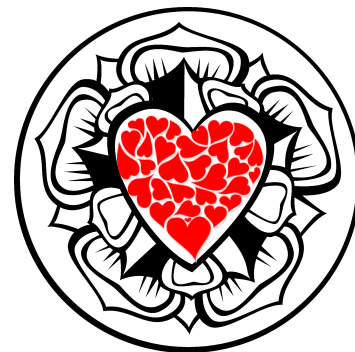


SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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
May 10, 2021

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: T. Garvin, D. Midgett, K. Sutton, G. Davidson, C. Moran, E. Wilson, T. Taffe, Pastor Wilson.

ABSENT: R. Dollar, J. Dollar, M. Hoyt

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Driveway repair any new quotes: No new quotes and tabled for now.
- B. Exterminator Contract. Tabled until June's Council meeting.
- C. Stove status. Sell? Moving forward to sell.
- D. New toilets installed.
- E. Sanctuary reopening. Tabled until June's Council meeting.

Council Minutes
June 14, 2021

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: C. Moran, M. Hoyt, G. Davidson, T. Taffe, Pastor Wilson, D. Midgett, T. Garvin, R. Dollar, J. Dollar.

ABSENT: K. Sutton, J. Byers.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Driveway repair on hold.
- B. Exterminator Contract. Termination of contract vs. new company. Still pending.
- C. Stove status. Moving forward to sell. D. Midgett will place ads locally.
- D. Sanctuary reopening? Planning on July 18, 2021 with hopefully a Potluck and Pie Sunday.



Worship Attendance for June 2021

Date	Congregation	Choir/ Assistants	Nursery	Total
June 6, 2021	19	8	0	27
June 13, 2021	16	7	0	23
June 20, 2021	20	7	0	27
June 27, 2021	?	?	?	?

Isn't it great to be back in the Sanctuary for Sunday Worship? I, for one, am glad to be in our designated worship space. Hopefully we can return to a place of normalcy soon!!

With Roxiee's departure to Oklahoma, I will assume the task of Council President through December when we elect for vacant and rotating council positions. Debbie Midgette graciously volunteered and was approved by Council as the co-chair! I look forward to a smooth transition. I hope to return to congregational meetings in months with 5 Sundays - August 29th will be the next one. Please submit discussion topics to Anne at the Church Office or to me.



Choir resumes in September. Home Communion is still on hold until further notice.

Remember those not able to attend with a phone call or note/card.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Davidson, Chair

Call Committee Update

We are down two members on this committee. Our Synod rep, Rebecca Walls, requested to meet with us when she is in town the end of July. The last few profiles from synod required the full compensation package which precluded us from interviewing them.

We are blessed to have Pastor Don continuing his ministry with us. When the time is right, I believe the right candidate will be sent to us!! Until then, we are moving slowly and thoughtfully with respect to interviews.

Yours in Christ, Gail Davidson

Call Committee Chair



August Anniversaries

- 1 ~ David ♥ Tara Moeller
28 years
- 6 ~ Ricky ♥ Sheila Sanchez
35 years
- 15 ~ Jeff ♥ Wendy Gulley
18 years
- 15 ~ Gerard ♥ Cheryl Gebler
49 years
- 29 ~ Kevin ♥ Anne Combes
29 years

August Birthdays

- 2 ~ Aubrey Baank
- 11 ~ Gladys Kindred
- 12 ~ Paula Demboski
- 12 ~ Amanda Shaffer
- 14 ~ Tina Parcell
- 19 ~ Pat Pennington
- 27 ~ David Moeller
- 30 ~ Margie Gish

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CHURCH LEADERSHIP

President: Gail Davidson
Vice President: Deborah Midgett
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

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please notify the Church Office.**

Thank you!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 2021

FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE

All active Voting Members please plan to attend.

PURPOSE:

**GENERAL DISCUSSION CONCERNING
THE WELFARE OF THE CONGREGATION
AND NEW BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR.**

**This notice serves to inform you of this meeting
in lieu of a separate mailing.**