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Willow

The billowing branches of the “weeping willow” symbolize mourning, especially of the Israelites as they endured captivity. The willow, which grows well in marshy areas, is associated in the Bible with fruitful, well-watered land (see Ezekiel 17:5). In descriptions of Old Testament festivals of praise, God’s people were told “to take branches from luxuriant trees — from palms, willows and other leafy trees — and rejoice before the LORD your God for seven days” (Leviticus 23:40, NIV).

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CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Letter from Pastor Hayley

COVID-19 had changed our way of socializing, including our way of worshipping. For the past few months we have gathered at home, with our online worship service and our related service materials. We were physically distant, yet spiritually together.

There have been months when the COVID-19 cases dropped, and some states started to reopen various services, and we were hoping to have our in-person worship service as soon as possible. But COVID-19 cases are still on the rise at this time, and social distancing and mask wearing must still be practiced. The Council and I have been trying our best to figure out the best way to resume worship, gather again as a church family, yet keep everybody safe at the same time.

As we are still a bit hesitant to gather indoors, we have decided to have our first trial outdoor service on August 16th at 10:00 a.m. This service will take place near the picnic tables on the lawn towards the back of our property.

To that end, there are a few things we need to consider in order to have the safest possible worship experience together.

1. Masks must be worn at all times.
2. Please bring your own lawn chair.

3. As you approach, you will pick up a paper bag with a bulletin. You will also choose to take a pre-filled communion cup and wafer or not. For those that may have trouble opening the pre-filled communion cup, I will administer the wafer and wine personally, maintaining as much physical distance as possible.

4. Unless you are from the same family, maintain a 6 feet physical distance from others.

5. We will remain at our seats for the sharing of the peace and just acknowledge each other.

6. Please, no singing or reciting loudly. Please hum along with the music.

7. All will be asked to take their bulletins with them to dispose of at home.

8. If you feel sick, please stay home.

As we try to adapt to this new normal, the council and I are doing our best to protect everybody and also worship together. As I said in one of my previous Chapel News letters, Jesus promised that he would always be present where two or three are gathered in his name, where the Gospel is proclaimed, and where the sacraments are offered. God will be there for us.

in Christ, Pastor Hayley

Outdoor Worship Service August 16th

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,
It's been quite a few months! I'm sure many of us have felt a roller coaster of emotions as we have grappled with this pandemic separately. But know that you have not been alone; for God has been with us at our sides! And maybe not right at your "side", but we as members of this congregation have been thinking about each other.

As the situation started getting worse in March, the Council decided to transfer money from the Endowment Fund early in the year to help us weather the financial storm. As the crisis continued in April, the Council decided to take out a forgivable loan. Our bills haven't changed much since this started. We still have salaries to pay, the lawn to cut, ants to exterminate (don't get me started!), etc. Many of you have been sending offering checks to the office to help us with the bills. THANK YOU! However, our offering is down about 10% compared to last year. Please consider mailing your offering to the office if you haven't done so.

OR, perhaps consider dropping off your offering when you **COME TO CHURCH ON AUGUST 16th at 10:00 AM!**

We will be having an abbreviated socially-distanced outdoor service near the Ed. Building (where there's shade; bring a lawn chair) as a pilot to see if this is something we can start doing weekly. Your safety is our priority, and due to the size of the sanctuary and a 25% occupancy limit on indoor gatherings, we feel that this is the most prudent option for in-person worship at this time. For those that do not feel comfortable doing this, we will try to figure out other online options as well. In case of bad weather, an email will go out, and a message will be available on the church office telephone, if the service is canceled.

As Roy Rogers and Dale Evans used to sing:

Who cares about the clouds when we're together?

Just sing a song, and bring the sunny weather.

Until we meet again.

In Christ,

Chris Nilsen
Congregation Council President

God is Love

-1 John 4:16

Please Pray for These Loved Ones

Donna Archer, Karen Bartholomew, Kathleen Bhargava, Maggie Brower, Young Hee Choi, Lillian Cooper, Ron DePue, Rich Dugan, Nora Edwards, the Fernandez Family, Al Frielink, Krista Fuchs, Mark Hallwell, Mary Carolyn Harrison, Diane Hesse, Jae Hee Kim, Nadine Kohn, Soon Hoi Koo, Dennis and Jennifer Kruk, Anna and Walter Kruk, Bill Kyritz, Rich Lindeberg, Renee Lomelino, Kaethe Lorch, Marie Lupinski, Dennis Marinkovich, Dorothy Mulroe, Emma and Richard Murphy, Amy Nywening, Lionel Ortega, Shepard Palance, Carol Ralston, Sam Ralston, Karen Richardson, Doris Robinson, Cathy and Roger Schramm, Evelyn Schramm, Yorg Schultheis, Michael Siekmann, Nancy Sweet, Marge Tomaselli, Jaime Battaglia van Dam, Lenny van Dam, Jennifer Viehmeyer, June Ward, Irma Weishaupt, Louis Wernick, Robert Wiederschall, Elenor Witte, Paul Witte and Claire Zimmerman

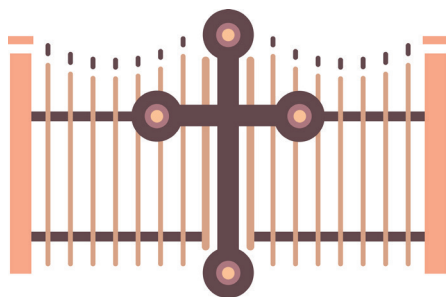
And those serving in the military...

Ryan Coiley, Bryant Rodriguez Cyriax, Greg Flintall, Daniel Jaichner, Devin Vega and Rachel Zarnke

And those who can't always be with us...

Al Frielink, Grete Potts and Irma Weishaupt

Bible Quiz



In John of Patmos' vision, what is special about the 12 gates of the New Jerusalem?

- A. They are made of gold and always closed.
- B. They are made of amethyst and onyx.
- C. They are closed by day and open by night.
- D. They are made of pearl and never closed.

Answer: D (See Revelation 21:21, 25.)

If you would like someone to be added to or removed from the prayer lists, please contact the Church Office at 201-262-0138.

CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST 2020

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|---|---------|-----------|----------|---|----------|
| | | | | | (CH) Church (FH) Fellowship Hall (FR) Family Room (OB) Office Building (PA) Parsonage | 1 |
| 2 Worship Service (Virtual) 10:30am | 3 Lectionary Bible Study (Virtual) 11:00am | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 Worship Service (Virtual) 10:30am | 10 Lectionary Bible Study (Virtual) 11:00am | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 Outdoor Worship Service (Lawn) 10:00am <i>Park in back lot and please bring your own chair.</i> | 17 Lectionary Bible Study (Virtual) 11:00am | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 Worship Service (Virtual) 10:30am <i>Outdoor Rain Date</i> | 24 Lectionary Bible Study (Virtual) 11:00am | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 Worship Service (Virtual) 10:30am | 30 Lectionary Bible Study (Virtual) 11:00am | | | | | |