JUDSON
MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Bring your Hopes. Bring your Doubts. Feed your Soul.

June 30, 2024, 9:30 am

Welcome to Judson Memorial Baptist Church. Happy Pride. Today, we will give thanks for the gift of music provided by Thea Taylor and Jason Keppe. Kristin Gustafson will offer a personal reflection and Carolyn Kolovitz will offer a guided meditation. Leslie Rapp will be our worship reader. Our first hymn was written by Dale Edmondson, one of our previous pastors, who now resides in California.

Peace, Travis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are so pleased to welcome West Coast Judsonite, Kristin Gustafson, as she shares her personal reflection. Kristin and her wife, Jean Miller, attended Judson in person for a number of years before moving to Seattle, where they now attend Judson online.

SACRED SITES TOUR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION ON JUNE 30, 2024, AT 10:45 am.

An opportunity for Judson folks and friends of Judson to reflect on our individual and common experiences during and since the recent Sacred Sites Tour will be offered in the Ann Judson Room at Judson Church following the June 30, 2024, Sunday service. Participation in the tour is NOT a requirement for attendance at this event, so please come, share, learn, and expand your perspective on Minnesota's history with the Dakota people. All are welcome to also attend the church service at 9:30 a.m. As background for the discussion, please click on the links in blue to get a copy of **Summary of the Day**, written by **Bruce Elliott,** and **Thoughts, reactions, and insights** gathered from the attendees immediately following the tour.
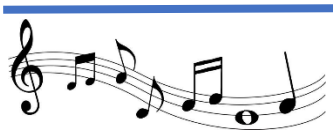
BRIGHT FUTURE REPORT

On Sunday, June 9, we had the first of three summer forums on the topic of "Fashioning a Bright Future (for Judson) Together." The forum was very well-attended and lively. Introductory information was presented, and reactions/ideas were discussed around table treats provided by Yin and Scott. Index cards for comments were collected, with the plan to make all this available to the entire church. So, printed copies of these are available in the back of the church. **Ten Things we know about Judson** and **Fashioning a Bright Future Together.**

Our next two "Bright Future" forums are on the second Sunday of July and August (July 14 and August 11). Since Personnel and Property are our two largest church budget items, they will be topics of discussion. The goal of these three forums is to present information, generate discussion, and brainstorm ideas related to long-term planning for Judson (from today to 10 years from now). These forums will provide a foundation for long-term planning, which will occur between September 2024 and January 2025.

Thank you for your attention to this.

"Bright Future" Team: Diane, Scott, Brad, Karen, Joel, and Wayne



SUMMER HYMNS

Do you have a favorite hymn you'd like the congregation to sing at our worship services this summer? Submit one or several choices to Jim Wentink, Organist - jfwenti@gmail.com. Thank you!

OFFICE CLOSED

Starting June 3, Eileen will take Mondays off during the summer (June-August). There are also updated directories (as of 5/31/24) in hard copy or PDF (I will email you). Please let me know if you would like one.

LAST CHANCE TO VOTE

Our friends at Lutheran Church of Christ the Redeemer (LCCR) at 5440 Penn Ave. South has asked churches to sign, by July 4th, onto their statement against the alarming rise in hate speech and behavior against minority populations in the US.

A list of churches and faith communities that have signed this statement will be printed in the Star Tribune and the Pioneer Press. We, the Judson Church Council, are asking for your support of this statement. Please express your approval or disapproval of this statement by voting either by replying to this email or by voting in the back of the church. **Copy attached. Please vote by Sunday!**

SAVE THE DATES!

Save the date: July 11th, Bike Night at the Mia. We will leave Judson at 5pm, bike down to Mia, then head over to Prodigal Pub before biking back to Judson. **Please see the pastor if you plan on attending.**

BIKE CAMPING OPPORTUNITY. If we're going to be the bike-church capital of the Midwest... After worship on July 28th, you are invited to join the pastor as we bike to Carver Park (roughly 30 miles away) for a night of camping. We will return to Judson by noon the following day. Or maybe you want to meet us there to camp, or maybe you want to just join us for supper. That's fine too. Please let the pastor know if you are interested (or scared silly at this idea)

BAPTISMS will take place on September 8th, Rally Day. If you are interested in being baptized, please see the pastor.

On the evening before Rally Day, there is an idea floating of having a Street Dance Party on Saturday. Imagine Harriet Ave closed off and dancing. Contra Dancing, Line Dancing, Intergenerational Dancing, getting down and taking a break, a cookout or food trucks, you know fun to the nth degree. Let's do it! If interested, just dance up the aisle at the end of worship.

SAVE THE DATE – SEPTEMBER 29, 2024 - ARTISTS' SUNDAY AT JUDSON

Celebrate the creativity of the Judson Community!

Do you paint, sculpt, quilt, sew, crochet, or knit? Do you have a passion for photography, woodturning, ceramics, music, poetry, textiles, macrame, baking, or anything else? Please share your passion with the entire Judson community on Sunday, September 29th. We'll have display areas in and around the sanctuary, with highlights during the Worship Service! More information to come. Questions? Contact Keith Ford, kjff11@gmail.com or Polly Schrom, schrompolly@gmail.com.

The 2nd Annual Crone Carnival is coming to Hidden Falls Park (St Paul) on **July 20,** and you're invited!



Last year's festival celebrating women *of a certain age* through artmaking, drumming, Crone Stories, dance, and more was such a hit that we're returning with an even more fabulous cross-cultural event on Jul 20. Featuring Judson Storytellers Leslie Rapp and Walton Stanley. It's going to be an amazingly FUN time, and I hope you can come.

Registration is required, and more info at www.eyeoftheheartcenter.org/crone, Email Carolyn ckolovitz@judsonchurch.org with any questions. Hope to see you all there!

Truly, Carolyn Kolovitz

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