



**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

- Leadership Team update
- Mixed Berry Crumble Bars
- Rip Tides
- Tine Ude Memorial

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From the Pastor . . .

As most of you know, the worship music team, David Bakken, Holly Hawkes, Jon Kromrey, and I, have met every week to bring live-streaming of our service for our members and beyond, to watch and worship with us. It has been quite heartening to see the numbers of viewers our live-streaming has produced, sometimes twice as many as we would normally have in worship. That means, of course, that we most definitely should find a way to continue to do that in the future!

Along with Rikky Bakken and John Mlnarik, our own tech guys, and recently Wendy Kromrey, managing the overlay of words, and with the awesome help of two of the tech guys from Iglesia Misionera Del Camino, the Hispanic congregation who share our facilities, we've been able to produce at least a modicum of our Sunday morning experience. But, let me tell you, looking out on an empty sanctuary isn't something I would've ever imagined in all my pastoral experience! I'm wondering how I'll make eye contact with you when you're back in the pews, while I've been preaching to the camera in the balcony the last 8 weeks!

What have you missed the most? Celebrating Communion? Sharing in fellowship? Passing the Peace? Singing together? One thing's for sure: When we're back together, I won't miss missing

you!

Perhaps in a week or two we will be once again meeting together in the sanctuary at Gloria Dei. I want to assure you that we are planning ahead for the time when we can do that. Your worship team has met a couple of times to talk about just how we can make the sanctuary a clean and safe environment for our gathering, and what we need to do to keep each and every person safe. We have purchased hand-sanitizing stations, masks, gloves and



cleaning supplies. We have talked about best practices for social distancing and for celebrating communion. We have laid down plans for cleaning the pews, handrails, door handles, and altar area. And because it's the third sacrament for Lutherans, we're wondering just how you drink coffee through a mask?!

You have probably heard the reports that there is much clamoring for churches to be allowed to gather for worship. Knowing that so many of us fall into the category of those most susceptible to severe sickness and even death from Covid19, we are listening

closely to the guidance of our county health department. And I remind you of some rather poignant words I shared a few weeks back...

Some words from a church leader to his flock:

"I shall ask God mercifully to protect us. Then I will fumigate, purify the air, administer medicine, and take medicine. I shall avoid places and persons where my presence is not needed in order to not become contaminated and thus perchance inflict and pollute others, and so cause their death as a result of my negligence. If God should wish to take me, he will surely find me. But, I have done what he has expected of me, and so I am not responsible for either my own death or the death of others. If my neighbor needs me, however, I shall not avoid place or person, but will go freely. This is a God-fearing faith because it is neither brash nor foolhardy, and does not tempt God."

By the way, that's Martin Luther, writing during the Bubonic plague of the 1500's.

Power, good health, and safety to you all!

Pastor Pat

We pray for:

- ◆ Healing for: Therese Fransen (after surgery), Don Rinerson (after surgery), Rosemary Livesay, Elsy Hayne's nephew (colon cancer), Wayne Beecher (rheumatoid arthritis), Rose Bakken, Naomi Moore, Ernie's sister (dialysis), Steve Goldammer's brother-in-law Mark Tammes (kidney disease), Aase's husband Lou (electrolyte issue) and sister Eva (healing after heart surgery), Norma Phillips friend Dennis (kidney biopsy), Don Phillips' cousin Meg (stage 4 pancreatic cancer) - we pray strength, healing & peace for all.
- ◆ Our shut-ins: Virginia Fife, Ron Nuessle, Joan Rositano, Claudette Rezos, Lois Swanson, Arlette Grafft, Rosemary Livesay (not to mention all of us sheltering in place!)
- ◆ Struggling families in our midst
- ◆ Job and business stability (Cathy Duncan's son-in-law Jeff), for many out of work, those struggling keeping a business going, and wondering what comes next.
- ◆ Raina's son Matthew, for courage and patience with the current routine
- ◆ Strength & rest to the caregivers who assist in the care of others.
- ◆ The ELC as they continue to provide class for a student and online materials for those sheltering in place.
- ◆ The Lord's Pantry, keeping the volunteers safe, sane, and sympathetic.
- ◆ The ministries that we support with our benevolence dollars.
- ◆ World Vision and other relief agencies in their diligent emergency health efforts to prevent the spread of Covid19
- ◆ Provision and safety for the homeless.
- ◆ Gloria Dei for direction and motivation in our "Healthy Churches Thrive" consultation. Come Holy Spirit!
- ◆ Wisdom for leaders and provision for refugees from Central & South America.
- ◆ Our nation, to heal our divisions with truth, justice & honesty.
- ◆ Frontline medical personnel and first responders in the battle against Covid19, for their safety and protection.
- ◆ For the world as we all deal with the pandemic – help heal us, Lord; bring comfort to those who suffer, compassion to those who have lost loved ones, and help world leaders make smart and timely decisions.
- ◆ Gilda and Julien Carlsen, for their continuing care.

Lord in your mercy! Hear our prayers!

Please contact either Joyce Boddie, Gail Castle, Pastor Pat, or email the church office to add persons to our prayer list. We pray for many people whose names are not published. You are invited to join the intercessory prayer meeting on Monday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the church office.



**In Honor of All Fathers
June 21**

Messenger article submissions are due in the church office by the 20th of each month. Email to:

gdlcsj.office@gmail.com

or drop it by the office.

We are always looking for your short original poem, favorite recipe, or a pic of the great fish you caught! We're community and we like to share who you are.

Gloria Dei Staff

by Donna Zimmerman, RN

Parish Nurse

Health Ministry News

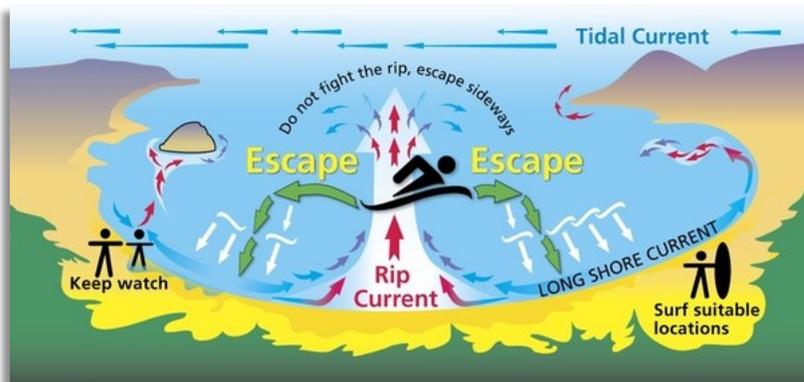
Psalm 69:1 Save me, O God, for the waters have come up to my neck.

In an effort to heighten public awareness of rip currents at surf beaches, each year the NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Ass) designates the first week of June as **National Rip Current Awareness Week**, coinciding with the traditional start of the summer vacation season.

Rip currents is water moving away from shore. Powerful, narrow channels of fast-moving water that are prevalent along the East, Gulf, and West coasts of the U.S., as well as along the shores of the Great Lakes. Moving speeds of up to 8 feet per second, rip currents can move faster than an Olympic swimmer.

How to Avoid Rip Currents:

- Check water conditions before going in by looking at the local beach forecast before you leave for the beach and talking to the lifeguard at the beach.



- Only swim at a beach with lifeguards. The chances of drowning at a beach with lifeguards are 1 in 18 million.
- Don't assume! Great weather for the beach does not always mean it's safe to swim or even play in the shallows. Rip currents often form on calm, sunny days.
- Learn how to spot a rip current. The "Break the Grip of the Rip" free online training will help you learn how to spot a rip current.
- What are scientists doing to keep swimmers safe? Find out in this video: "Predict the Rip"
- Rip currents aren't the only deadly beach hazard. Learn more about dangerous waves and other hazards and why you should never turn your back on the ocean.



Health Sunday is June 7th if we are having services by then. Blood pressure monitoring is offered. I'll be in the classroom off of Luther Hall during coffee time.



The month of June health designations:

Cataract Awareness Mth, Fireworks Safety Mth, Home Safety Mth, National Aphasia Awareness Mth, National Scleroderma Awareness Mth, National Congenital Cytomegalovirus Awareness Mth, National Myasthenia Gravis Awareness Mth, National Rip Current Awareness Week (June 1-7), Men's Health Week (June 9-15)



The perfect tea table.

One day a long time ago when I was a little girl, I wanted to have tea with my friends. I gathered my dolls and my teacups and finding a place in the shade of a big tree I spread a white tablecloth with pink edging. A yellow vase with carefully chosen flowers growing by the walkway gave the table elegance. I placed each doll in her own chair except for the Nancy doll who leaned against the table because she could not bend. Finally, I set out cookies and tiny cups of apple juice in front of each place and than sat back to admire my work.

I brushed a small spider off my doll's hair and cleared away twigs that fell from the tree. I sat there all afternoon diligently guarding my work. My friends called me to play but I could not hear them. I would not look away from my task. My mother's call to dinner caught my attention and I looked up. The setting sun had cast long shadows, a chilly breeze knocked over the tea but my friends were gone and I was alone. I had forgotten to ask them to join me.

I was so busy setting up and guarding the perfect table that I had no time with my friends. I had lost sight of my mission.

The commitment to church holds the same risk. We can become so diligent in the actions of worship that the purpose of church eludes us. The beginning of any Christian work must have the common purpose to know God and to grow into His likeness serving others to grow God's kingdom here on earth. If we lose focus of God's purpose for our church, we might find ourselves guarding a perfectly set tea table without guests.

Ask God to show you those non-essential elements in our church that get in the way of His purposes in this place. What do you hold so dearly that it clouds your own faith and blocks *the people of God to move Forward in faith?*

Ann Fitzgerald



The Recipe Box Mixed Berry Crumble Bars



Mixed Berry Crumble Bars



“My home is in heaven. I’m just traveling through this world.”
Billy Graham

Crust and Topping

- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 3 cups flour
- 1/4 tsp salt
- Finely grated zest of 1 small lemon
- 1 cup cold butter, cubed
- 1 large egg
- 1/2 tsp vanilla extract

Berry Filling

- 4 1/2 cups chopped berries (any mix of berries works)
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 4 tps Cornstarch
- Juice of 1 small lemon

Oven 375° Line 9x13 pan with parchment & butter it.

For Crust & topping: Combine sugar, baking powder, flour and salt. Add lemon zest, butter, egg and vanilla. Beat on low speed until butter is evenly distributed in small pieces and the mixture is crumbly.

Dump half of dough into pan and evenly press the dough into bottom of pan.

For berry filling: Gently stir together all ingredients till well incorporated.

Spread the filling over the crust, then crumble the remaining dough over the top of the berries.

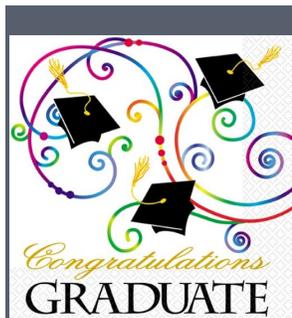
Bake 40 minutes till top is golden. Cool before cutting into squares.

Note: small berries like blueberries can be left whole, large berries like strawberries should be cut smaller, so all berries are about the same size.



Special Designation for June is the Lord’s Pantry!

FOR HE
Satisfies
THE
thirty
AND FILLS THE
hungry
WITH THE GOOD
THINGS
- Psalm 107:9 -



Congratulations
GRADUATE

Congrats to
Nick Martinez!!
He is graduating
High School
In June!!!



In Loving Memory
Of
Tine Ude
The Memorial Service is:
June 27, 10:00 am
Chapel of the Roses
Oak Hill Memorial Park
San Jose



The Leadership Team Meeting was held on May 19, 2020. Here are some highlights:

Healthy Churches Thrive - The Leadership Team is in communication with the Church Doctors team. We're figuring out how to do meetings during the Shelter-in-place order. We'll let members know when we have some finalized dates.

Solar Project - We're talking with the K-12 Energy Staff to determine when the project will start.

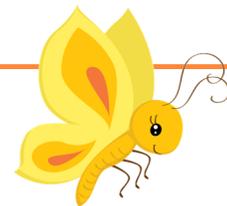
ELC - Business is getting back to normal at the ELC. They are up to 5 children. They're continuing to do online learning activities with many of the regular students who are sheltering-in-place with their families.

- Needs - play yard water faucet clogged and leaking and windows need adjustments. We're seeking a handy person who could fix these minor problems. No action yet.
- Playground improvements are on the agenda - seeking a grant to pay for these. Still hoping this will happen.
- Fencing around the front of the ELC building - We've started getting bids, but the project is currently on hold.

The Lord's Pantry - The Pantry continues to be very busy. They're working with several new agencies to provide additional food. They continue with their normal hours. Here are the numbers for April: Families 2720, Adults 3658, Children 905, Seniors 1756, Homeless 770.

Parish Nurse - Donna continues to provide articles for the Bulletin and Messenger. In April, she served 110+ individuals through home visits and phone calls. She continues to deliver Brown Bag program food to several of our shut-ins.

GDLC Finances/Budget - As we continue to shelter, we're maintaining the normal salaries and benefits for our employees and staff. We're carefully tracking our expenditures to maximize the amount of our Paycheck Protection Program loan forgiveness. Our income is maintaining. Members are starting to use the "digital" platforms to make their tithes and offerings. If you need help using these new-fangled things, feel free to contact Dan Riner-son, who can walk you through how to make them work!



MINISTRY SERVICES FOR THE MONTH

June

ACO LYTES

06-07 Lessa Hawkes
06-14 Katherine DeHart
06-21 Ushers
06-28 Ushers

ASSISTING MINISTERS

06-07 Jon Kromrey
06-14 Holly Hawkes
06-21 Donna Zimmerman
06-28 Jane Hendricks

COFFEE HOSTS

06-07
06-14
06-21 Sylvia Smith
06-28 Robert Borregard

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

06-07
06-14
06-21
06-28

POWER POINT

06-07 Wendy Kromrey
06-14 Wendy Kromrey
06-21 Wendy Kromrey
06-28 Wendy Kromrey

READERS

06-07 Ann Fitzgerald
06-14 Kandra Tobin
06-21 Ann Fitzgerald
06-28 Karen Hokanson

SOUND & LIGHTS

06-07 Rikky Bakken
06-14 John Mlnarik
06-21 Rikky Bakken
06-28 John Mlnarik

USHERS

Ben & Kandra Tobin, Ernest Moore, Gail Castle

WORSHIP PREPARATION

Gail Castle

TELLERS

Dan and Jean Rinerson

NOTE: If you can help fill in some of the holes on the Coffee & Flower Charts, please sign up on the kiosk or call the church office . . . Thank you!!

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by:

06-07 Donna Zimmerman in celebration of Jeff's birthday
06-14
06-21 The Moores in celebration of Naomi's birthday
06-28



June Birthdays



06-17 Matthew West
06-18 Jane Hendricks
06-19 Bailey Beecher
06-20 Don Myers
06-22 Naomi Moore

June 2020 Calendar

special happenings

06/21 -



Small Groups

Small Groups are postponed until further notice.

Meetings

06/08 - Lord's Pantry Board meeting 3pm

06/16 - Leadership Team meeting 6:30pm

06/24- ELC Board meeting

Mondays 9am - Prayer meeting in church office

Newsletter submission deadline is the 20th of each month!

June 2020

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Sunday Bulletin: Each Wednesday by noon

Monthly Newsletter: Due the 20th of each month.