



ALMA LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

August 2020

I wanted to take this time to thank you all for your hard work, your efforts, and your willingness to engage in ministry that hasn't been familiar to you in these past months. Things, and life as we knew it rapidly changed for us all in March. Many of you transitioned to working from home all the while juggling a full family life all in the matter of days. It was difficult, being your Pastor, loving and caring for you through distance. I smiled when I would see the comments on our live streams of who was joining us for worship that day. Following guidelines that were put in place we have safely held drive in worship, outdoor worship, and even indoors...and are back outdoors for worship again! My heart was warmed as we celebrated the Confirmation of four amazing young men who publicly confessed their faith in such times. Nonetheless, through all of this; you, beloved, have been on my mind.

I have had many conversations, some with you, some with colleagues, who don't know what the new "normal" will look like. You all have endured a great amount of change and loss in the matter of four and a half months. Know that I have been holding each and one of you in my daily prayers. I can be 100% honest, when I say, "I wasn't planning on this to be my First Call." Even though I wasn't planning on a global pandemic in my first year of ministry, I am thankful that I am doing such a ministry in such a time as this with people like you. You all have come together to work towards health for our congregations and our communities. You have continued to support our ministries with your time, talents, and money...despite the difficulties. You are Salt of the Earth. You are light that cannot and should not be hid under a bushel basket. I give thanks to God, that I get to serve you and learn from you in these times.

I know that things haven't been as smooth in these four and a half months, and I thank you for your grace. I know that things haven't been what they have been, and truthfully...I don't know if we will return to what it was like before. I think God is calling us into something new. I think the church is finding itself in the midst of something special much like it did 500 years ago with the Reformation. Paul writes in 2 Corinthians chapter 5 "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" Let's see where God and the Holy Spirit are calling and leading us to be in these coming weeks and even months. Let's dive into our Baptismal waters and promises!

ACTIVITIES

Faith Circle (MGM) - Meets the third Thursday at 1:30pm @ Bethlehem in Wahoo. Contact Angie Johnson for more information.

Chat & Sew - Meets the 1st Tuesday at 8:30am. Contact Sharon Hollst or Lana Krumpus for more information.

Book Club - Location and date varies. Contact Viki Miller for more information.



AUGUST 21, 2020
KEARNEY
11TH ANNIVERSARY
FOUR PERSON SCRAMBLE
MEADOWLARK HILLS GOLF COURSE
KEARNEY, NEBRASKA

SEPTEMBER 25, 2020
CAROL JOY HOLLING
19TH ANNIVERSARY
FOUR PERSON SCRAMBLE
ASHLAND GOLF CLUB
ASHLAND, NE

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Want to support camp and play some golf?
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Individual registrations are also available.

Contact Pastor Quinlan if you are interested in doing a book study over *Dear Church: A Love Letter From a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the US*, by: Lenny Duncan.



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BUDGET

As of 7/21/20

Income: \$39,577.07

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Balance: -\$3,406.37

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Disciples by grace, Growing in faith, Living our hope, Sharing God's love.