



ALMA LUTHERAN CHURCH

# NEWSLETTER

November 2020

Grace and Peace to you from God our Father and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

I had the pleasure to worship, learn, and ask some difficult questions alongside 140+ rostered leaders across the NE Synod during our fall theological conference. This year it was aptly named Re-Formation 2020. It was different than last year, as we all gathered via zoom. Rev Louise N. Johnson, former president of Wartburg Theological Seminary was one of the keynote speakers. She began by talking about the three fields of work that the church is involved in. The first being the “immediate work,” the work that staff and council meetings often handle. The second being the “important work,” the work that we do as a congregation that serves the community that we live in. Finally the “impossible work,” which is where we spent a majority of our time during Rev. Johnson’s lectures. Impossible work is just that for us as humans, impossible; however, for God the impossible is possible.

We talked about how the first two, immediate and important work, is necessary to keep things running day to day. It’s what we often see the most of in our church life; all the emails, committee and council meetings, and even some phone calls. These aren’t bad things, they are needed because how else could we make sure that loose ends get tied. However, should it be where we as a church spend a majority of our time? What is it that sets us apart from other institutions? It is the “impossible work.” This is where we join with God in God’s mission. This is where our God led the Hebrew people out of slavery in Egypt. This is where our God became flesh, as a vulnerable child. This is where our God defied death and the grave. When we join God the possibilities of our work and mission of our church can transform lives and the world that we live in. Yes, it is the more difficult work. We must spend time centering ourselves, building our foundation on Christ. Reading the scriptures. Spending time in Prayer. Let this be a part of your daily identity. Let us step into the “impossible work” of the church. Amen.

Blessings, Pastor Quinlan

## 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.

**Children's Sunday School** - 9:30am every Sunday except the 1st Sunday of the month. Ages 3 years old through 8th grade. Meets in the basement of the church. Contact Moriah Wellman for more information.

### ***Changes to Worship (NOTICE)***

As you can see, we have begun to move back inside for our regular Sunday Services starting 10/4/2020. Some changes have been made to service for your and our communities safety. The first is that much like in July, masks will be required. If you do not have a mask, a disposable mask will be provided upon entrance to the church. Secondly, we will be sitting every other pew when in our sanctuary, or spaced out at a minimum 6ft when in other places of our facility. Lastly, there will be minimal singing during service. This is to continue with a service that is meaningful and familiar, while recognizing that we are still in the midst of a global pandemic. As always, if you are experiencing a fever or any flu like symptoms we are asking that you stay home and join us for worship via our facebook live.



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## BUDGET

### **As of 10/28/20**

Income: \$61,982.36  
Expenses: \$65,342.62  
Balance: -\$3,360.26

## INFORMATION

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## MISSION STATEMENT

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