



ALMA LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

October 2020

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

One of my favorite songs by the unfortunately named "The Airborne Toxic Event" entitled "Changing" has been on my mind recently. Change is something that we in our human condition seem to struggle with. We either try to hold onto the past, or ignore the direction that we are headed to. Change brings about the unknown in our lives. Some change isn't easy to adjust too. Losing a loved one or partner of many years. Transitions between careers or a move. For some, the time change can be unbearable. For me, not knowing about something is one of my worst fears. I have about 3-4 different news apps on my phone that I check at least once an hour so that I stay informed on the local, state, nationwide and worldwide happenings. However, things are changing constantly and I rarely feel fully informed. Even inside our churches there can even be more of a resistance to change. I think somewhere there is a joke about how many Lutherans does it take to change a lightbulb...nonetheless when we

My favorite hymn came to mind, when I began to wonder about change inside the church in 2020. I cannot say that I believed that my year of my first call would have this much change. In the hymn "Canticle of Turning" we hear of the change or the "turning" of the world. The great things that God is working cannot help but bring newness to our lives, our churches, and our communities. Newness and change seem to be married in our faith. We are called to live out our new lives as we are transformed by God's grace. We are sent out as disciples in an ever changing world with a message that is solid, firm, and needed to be heard in these trying days. So much has changed for you all in your daily lives since March. If I remember anything from my engineering days in college it is that, change is a constant. Thankfully, we have a God who works transformation and promises to be with us from age to age.

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.

Sunday School - Sign up coming soon!

Dear Parents and Confirmands!

I am excited to begin another year of Confirmation with you all! Our first meeting will be October 21st at 6pm in our basement here at the Church. I am asking that Parents and Confirmands be present for the first session as we go over our expectations and our covenant with one another. This year we will be using Augsburg Fortress' Collaborate 4 part Circulum. Please make sure that your Confirmand brings with them each week: a Bible, Notebook, Pen or Pencil, and most importantly an open and curious mind, heart, and soul!

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.

Thank you for all the volunteers who have helped move furniture, remove carpet, outdoor winter prep, these past couple of months. Your work and service towards the church and it's grounds are greatly appreciated and do not go unseen!

Book Study!(Dear Church...)

Due to scheduling conflicts our regular time to meet will be the 4th Sunday of each month following worship. However, in October we will be meeting on 10/18 after service. Please try to have read the introduction and chapter 1.



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BUDGET

As of 10/1/20

Income: \$57,346.51

Expenses: \$56,981.60

Balance: \$364.91

INFORMATION

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MISSION STATEMENT

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