

# OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH

## NEWSLETTER



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### Father's Day

The first celebration of Father's Day is thought to have been in July 1908, in Fairmont, West Virginia. Grace Golden Clayton suggested the special observance to her pastor after a deadly explosion in a nearby town killed 361 men.

Soon after, Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington, wanted to show her gratitude to her father, who'd cared for the family after his wife died. Dodd asked her pastor to choose a June Sunday to honor all fathers, and he selected June 19, 1910.

In 1924, President Coolidge suggested that Father's Day become a national holiday. In 1966, President Johnson designated the third Sunday of June to be Father's Day. Six years later, President Nixon instituted Father's Day as a national observance.

### Doing faith

Faith is better understood as a verb than as a noun, as a process than as a possession. It is on-again-off-again rather than once-and-for-all. Faith is not being sure where you're going, but going anyway. A journey without maps. [As theologian] Paul Tillich said ... doubt isn't the opposite of faith; it is an element of faith. — Frederick Buechner

### Focusing on the Trinity

Christians are monotheists, meaning we believe in only one God. Yet we talk about the doctrine of the Trinity. In the church year, the Sunday after Pentecost is known as Trinity Sunday. It's a day for focusing on what theologians call the Triune God — the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Someone said about the concept of the Trinity, "You will lose your soul if you don't believe it, and you will lose your mind if you try to explain it."

The bottom line is this: God (one Person) has been revealed to mankind in three ways. He is our Creator, who then came to Earth as our Savior (in the person of Jesus) and is eternally present with us as the Holy Spirit.

On Trinity Sunday, we praise our Triune God for meeting all our needs.

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"I believe that what we become depends on what our fathers teach us at odd moments, when they aren't trying to teach us. We are formed by little scraps of wisdom." —Umberto Eco



The Family of Eric Lewis  
The Family of Juanita Kunkle  
The Family of Scott Jackson  
The Family of Norma Root  
Roger Sholl—healing from surgery  
Nancy-hospitalized at Allegiance in Jackson  
in ICU for respiratory illness and other  
conditions.  
Naleigha, Theron & Genesis—safety and  
protection as they transition back home  
with bio parents  
Samantha Rupley—kidney stones  
David Noriega—healing  
Mary Boehk—healing  
Diann Muck—healing from surgery  
Bernie Reuter—healing  
Gloria Spencer—healing  
Evelyn—strength

John Boehk—healing  
Carolyn Myer—broken nose, migraines,  
fibromyalgia  
Julie Rupley—heart problems  
Anthony Turowski—congestive heart  
failure  
Dawn Nichols—flesh eating bacteria on her  
arm  
Grayson Rupley—sensory disorder  
Allison Stickel— health & anxiety issues  
Jim—dementia  
Diane Jackson—blood clots  
Pat Waldfogel—broken wrist and knee  
problems  
The safety of the unborn  
Our Saviour Lutheran  
Missionaries

## Highly esteemed

After returning from a lengthy mission trip overseas, John Huffman and his fellow passengers were held up in customs for two hours. When he finally made it to the packed airport lobby, Huffman realized it might take a while to find his family. But suddenly his 3-year-old daughter ran toward him yelling, “Daddy! Daddy! That’s my daddy!” and launched into his arms.

“What a welcome,” he writes. “I have never felt so loved and acknowledged in my life.” Perhaps that’s how God feels when we call on his name in worship and prayer, acknowledging him as our heavenly Father — and honoring him above all else.

## Quiet space

“Rest is not idleness,” said John Lubbock, “and to lie sometimes on the grass on a summer day listening to the murmur of water or watching the clouds float across the sky is hardly a waste of time.”

Most of us need more, not less, rest built into our daily routine. Only when we are quiet can we hear God’s whisper.

Summer is a great time to find a peaceful, outdoor spot to read, rest and pray — even if only for a few minutes. God is eagerly waiting for us to make space for him.



### When We Return...

In Paul's letter to the Romans, he addresses an issue that was creating discord among the believers. The Jewish and Gentile Christians were being judgmental towards fellow believers for practices and beliefs on which they differed and thought to be contrary to what it meant to be a Christian. Those who believed they could eat anything were being judged by those who only ate vegetables and vice versa. (Romans 14:2). Paul reminds them that out of love we should not do anything that would cause a fellow believer to stumble in their faith. He writes:

***13-14** Forget about deciding what's right for each other. Here's what you need to be concerned about: that you don't get in the way of someone else, making life more difficult than it already is. I'm convinced—Jesus convinced me!—that everything as it is in itself is holy. We, of course, by the way we treat it or talk about it, can contaminate it.*

***15-16** If you confuse others by making a big issue over what they eat or don't eat, you're no longer a companion with them in love, are you? These, remember, are persons for whom Christ died. Would you risk sending them to hell over an item in their diet? Don't you dare let a piece of God-blessed food become an occasion of soul-poisoning! Romans 14:13-16*

As we approach the day when we will resume gathering in person for worship, let us each be of the same mind and spirit as we get reacquainted with one another in a different world than what we left in March. A world in which we will need to observe certain practices and behaviors about which we may have differing viewpoints. ***"Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others." (Philippians 4:2)***

Here are the steps we will be taking to ensure the health and safety of all who attend worship

1. All doors will be propped open before and after the service.
2. Hand sanitizer will be placed throughout areas of the building to be used. Upon entering the sanctuary, please use the hand sanitizer located at the door.
3. Please practice social distancing as you enter the building by proceeding directly to your pew. You can talk and wave to one another from your seats.
4. Pews that are available for seating will be clearly marked. Please don't get mad at Pastor, or your fellow worshipers, if your favorite isn't unavailable.
5. As it is possible, no more than one family per pew. If more than one family sits in a pew, please ensure a six-foot spacing exists between families.
6. The wearing of masks is strongly encouraged, unless for medical reasons, your breathing is hindered.
7. Offering plates will be placed at the entrance to the sanctuary.



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8. Worship folders will be placed on a table in the Narthex. Please take the worship folders home with you and use them during the week for personal reflection. Do not leave them anywhere in the building.
9. There will be no receiving line before or after worship. If you would like to talk with other members, please do so outside the building, still observing social distancing.
10. Please restrict the use of the bathroom to one person at a time unless the help of another family member is necessary. Opening the door and yelling, "Anybody in here?" is permissible.
11. If you or a member are not feeling well, please stay home. We are planning to continue to livestream on Facebook and through our church website each service so you can still join us for worship via the internet.
12. There will be no coffee or fellowship time after the service.

Please do not feel compelled to return to worship on the first Sunday that we gather together. This pandemic has impacted each of us in different ways. We are an older congregation and everyone needs to make their own decision as to when they feel comfortable and safe to return. Pastor has been preaching to an empty church for two months now so don't feel you need to hurry back BUT please come back!

Please reach out to Pastor if you have any specific concerns or fears about returning to worship.

We give thanks to God that He has preserved our congregation through this unprecedented time in the life of our congregation. We are confident that He will continue to guide, guard and protect us as we move forward. In the midst of our 'exile' from the church building, the proclamation of God's message of salvation has not been exiled but has reached into homes and communities that may never see the inside of our church but may see the inside of the gates of heaven. God can and does use what we perceive as bad to use for His good and to bring Him glory.

*Pastor Al*

# Happy Birthday!

2 David Padden  
7 Doug Shields  
8 JoAnn Clark  
13 Tracie Popejoy  
17 Norma Bail  
Emelie Klinger  
21 Bailey Shaffer

22 Amanda Padden  
23 April Styron  
24 Macayle Grayer  
28 Diane Perkins  
29 Diann Muck  
Roman Wonderly



5 Dean & Koreen Houser  
6 Denny & Nicole Shaffer  
8 Tim & Mary Ann Frees  
16 Slim & Betsy Shaffer  
27 Bill & Tamina Klinger



## God's Richest Blessings to All!!!

### Why Flag Day is important

America was founded as a “nation under God,” and has been looked up to by other nations for over two hundred years. Unfortunately, other countries — and some of our own citizens — are disgruntled with America today. Even though our reputation has taken some hits, we’re still a strong country with high ideals and proud people.

There’s a simple way you can help show that to the world — by flying the flag. Every time you put a flag out, you’re saying, “I’m an American and proud of what this flag represents.” The flag stands for “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness,” for religious freedom, and for other rights that many nations lack. The flag represents our history and our goals for a better future for all.

Flag Day is celebrated each year on June 14. Fly your flag high!

## June 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	
<b>7</b> The Holy Trinity  <i>(10:15 AM Worship Service)</i>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  10:15 AM Worship Service  Coins for Compassion	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  10:15 AM Worship Service  Newsletter deadline	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  10:15 AM Worship Service  Special One Offering	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				