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“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”

September 20, 2020

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Faith and Care: Kay Koch, Barb & Bob Wilson

Altar Guild: Jean Kraft, Kim Humann, Ruth Jensen, Sharon Narum

Prayers, Births, Deaths, Concerns

Please contact Connie in the church office 223.1001, if you have a prayer request, or if you will be entering the hospital and would like a pastoral visit.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

(We encourage you to take this list home and pray for these people.)

For those struggling with health issues: Maxine and Bryce Hill, Reece Fischer, Tracy Martinson, Earl and Marlene Larson, Ann Hillesland, Roger Bakke, Erwin and Linda Marson, son in law and daughter of Hattie Martinson; Jim and Linda Kramer, Quinton and Arlene Wolff, parents of Wayne Wolff; Nick Irwin, cousin to Patty Hanson; Bonnie Spies, Robin Johnson's sister; Lois Dolan, Kevan Sorenson, Kristina Neuharth, Lori Dvorak, Ray Staiger, Mary Weinberg, mother of Terry Grenz; Ray Humann; father to Mike Humann, Rebecca Tetlie; cousin to Pastor Lisa, Gerald "Stork" Nordquist, father of JoDee Sayler, grandfather of Jon Ternes, Al Samuelson, JoRae Sarsten; mother of Kraig, Diane Stotz, Gary Johnson, Pastor Jackie Bloom, JoDee Sayler, Bernice Walton, Nancy Dockter, Dennis Dohrmann; brother to Art, Ken Will, Dale Heaton; Gary Heaton's uncle, Deb Carpenter, Kim Schultz, Don Witt; Pr. Lisa's brother in law, Christian Helfridge; grandson of Wood's friend, Jean Schafer; daughter of Bernice Walton, LaVonne Hultin, Roger Pommerer, Mike & Tracy Geiermann, Megan & her baby; a granddaughter of Patty Hanson's friend, Cheryl Moore, Tekla Bekkedal, Colton Crane, Lakin; Art Dohrmann's niece, LorRaine Riveland

For those dealing with the death of a loved one—the families and friends of:

For ELCA Missionaries: Willie and Anne Langdji

Dates to Remember

September 30 Confirmation Orientation (6th–8th grades),

9th Gr. 5 Promises 7:30pm

October 4 Church school starts 9am, Online Sunday School option

October 7 Wednesday Worship, Church School, Confirmation starts

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Lutheran Church of the Cross's Worship Service! If you are visiting with us today via livestreaming or in person, we welcome you.

Stewardship Reflection for Sunday September 20, 2020 16th Sunday after Pentecost ~ Matthew 20:1-16 "I decided to give the one who came last the same as you" The message of this parable is a direct declaration that God calls you, which means you are significant. The moment that the workers in the parable decided to listen to what God said to them and pay attention to how God valued them – not to what the others said about them or how they felt about themselves – they were on their way to understanding. The moment you decide that you will, too. **SOURCE**, *Faith Simonieg-Assistant to the Bishop for Stewardship and Generosity*

"Back to Normal"

Have you taken the Enneagram test? The **Enneagram test** is a way of categorizing the human psyche into 9 different **personality** types. It is a typology that is useful for understanding the inner workings and motivations behind human behavior. I am a Type Five. In brief, Fives have a basic fear of being useless, helpless, or incapable. Fives key motivations are possessing knowledge, understanding the environment, and to have everything figured out as a way of defending the self from threats from the environment. COVID 19 as disrupted my environment and I crave for things to get "Back to Normal."

Unfortunately, that is not happening anytime soon. Ordinary life has been disrupted and broken, and not in a good way. As a church in a 'normal' September, we would be sleepwalking our way into the old routine of starting fall schedules and holding a Rally Sunday. Suddenly, we cannot insist that people come to church and sign-up. Now what? This disruption is a time for the church to wake up.

We can now take the church to everyone. How are you rethinking what you need? How are you being inclusive to those who are unable to attend worship in person? How are you engaging with everyone? Are you taking advantage of the opportunities this disruption is providing or are you craving to rush back to the old ways?

"For every adaptation we make that spreads love in these tough times plays a part in the ongoing project of making our world reflect God's imagination for it. With God's help, and toward God's vision, we too can make wholeness out of any brokenness life throws our way. Sarah Drummond. Sarah Birmingham Drummond is Founding Dean of Andover Newton Seminary at Yale Divinity School and teaches and writes on the topic of ministerial leadership.