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*“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”*

August 22, 2021

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**Faith and Care:** Deanna Johnson and Melissa Long

**Altar Guild:** Jean Kraft, Cherie Krueger, Esther Anderson, Cheryl Neu

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

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.

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

**For those struggling with health issues:** Maxine Hill, Reece Fischer, Tracy Martinson, Earl and Marlene Larson, Ann Hillesland, Roger Bakke, Erwin and Linda Marson, Quinton and Arlene Wolff, Bonnie Spies, Lois Dolan, Lori Dvorak, Mary Weinberg, Al Samuelson, JoRae Sarsten; Bernice Walton, Nancy Dockter, Dale Heaton, Kim Schultz, Jean Schafer; Gary and LaVonne Hultin, John Behan, Todd Wood, Bob Roesler, Cheryl Moore, Josey Hanson, Virginia Smith, LeRoy Tiffany, Jaren Willer, Cordella Thompson, Janis Sloka III, Kerry Carpenter, Christie Zainhofsky, Emilee Burns, Dora Strand, Kris Wood, Brandon Heaton, Matt Hefter, Diane Stotz, Roger Walter

**For those dealing with the death of a loved one—the families and friends of:** Eunice Grenz, Marv Mutzenberger, Mary Trzynka

**Military deployments:** MN 851 VEC deployed to Kuwait

**Dates to Remember:**

August 23 Knitting 1 pm

August 23, 30 Needlework Group 9:30am

August 27 Wired Word 1:30

September 9th Church Council 6:30pm

Rally Day Sept. 12th & 15th plus potluck both days

September 16th Sewing Work Day for Baby Care Kits 1pm

**THERE WILL BE NO WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY THIS WEEK. IT WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER.**

**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, August 22, 2021 ~ 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost John 6:56-69** *On hearing it, many of his disciples said, "This is hard teaching. Who can accept it?"* What about the teaching was hard for the disciples? Abiding with Jesus is difficult. A quick fix to problems would be more attractive but abiding with Jesus is a long journey of discipleship. Source: Faith Simonieg, Assistant to the Bishop for Stewardship and Generosity

**Spartan Nash's Direct Your Dollars** During this heat stressed time thank goodness we have continued to eat because the receipts for Dan's Supermarkets keep coming in. THANK YOU. We are up to \$66,000. \$84,000 to go. Keep eating and turn in the slips please! The slips can be turned into the box in the narthex or placed in the clear plastic bin next to the secretary's door.

**Volunteer Opportunity: Sunday Church Opener**

For many years, faithful volunteers have opened the church on Sunday mornings. While this task takes about 20 minutes, it is important to the function of the church and Sunday services, and it needs to be done each week. LCC's long-time Sunday Church Openers are ready to pass this task on to a new volunteer or volunteers, and we need your help to fill this position as soon as possible. This position could be held by a number of volunteers, so one individual doesn't have to commit to every Sunday.

The Sunday Church Opener unlocks the west/east entry doors by 8:15 a.m. each Sunday. Depending on the season, this may also require some light leaf or snow removal right at the entry doors when unlocking. The inside opening duties include turning on the sanctuary lights, the master power switch for the sound booth, and the air conditioners (summertime), as well as starting the water pump for the baptism fountain. The last task (which may be argued as one of the most important) is to make coffee and get the urns to the serving table and plugged in, so they are ready for fellowship time following the service.

Volunteers will be trained in the Sunday church opening duties prior to taking on this important task. Please call the church office at 223-1001 or let Pastor Lisa or Art Wheeler know if you are interested in this volunteer opportunity.