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June Newsletter 2020

WORSHIP SCHEDULE (*zoom*)

Sundays at 9:00 A.M.

MIDWEEK DEVOTIONS (*zoom*)

Wednesdays at 7:00 P.M.

Mount Calvary Family,

**From the Pastor's
Desk...**

As I write, we are preparing to celebrate Pentecost Sunday in the annual life cycle of the Church Year. Pentecost is a time of dramatic change in God's plan of redemption. Not that God's plan itself ever changed. From before the World began, God knew and set the course of human history, including His plan for redemption through the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus, on the Cross. What changed on Pentecost was the context and direction of that ministry. From this time forward, God is calling His people out of the "Promised Land" to deliver the gift of God's saving grace in Christ Jesus to the World! It was as Isaiah promised long before, *"My righteousness draws near speedily, my salvation is on the way, and my arm will bring justice to the nations. The islands will look to me and wait in hope for my arm."* (Isaiah 51:5 NET Bible) It wasn't enough for God to redeem Israel. God's desire is that *"all men be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth!"* (1st Timothy 2:4) That long-awaited change in the direction of God's mission -- from bringing His people together into a nation, to sending His people out to all nations -- has brought that saving grace to our context and meant salvation for you and for me!

It has certainly been a time of great change for us at Mount Calvary as this COVID-19 Virus has pushed out into new contexts once again for sharing our faith. I don't know where I heard it first, but I have heard it several times now in various forms, "The Church hasn't closed. We have just been operating in a new way." Lori has belonged for some time to a forum of Lutheran pastors' wives on Facebook. She has shared with me a number of times lately that women there are noting a higher than usual attendance for on-line worship experiences! I did not expect that, but it has been our own experience as well. Granted, some are people visiting multiple sights as they hunger for the assurance of God's presence in the midst of this pandemic, but that's not all of it. We have seen members from our past joining us once again. We have had friends and family join us, sometimes from quite a distance away . . . some of whom may have no church home. It has been suggested by some, that perhaps this is why God let us be struck by this devastating disease. Perhaps God recognized that this is what it would take to move us in these directions. We will never know whether that might be true; we can only see this reality and seek to serve others as best we can through this new-to-us (certainly not new to our children and grandchildren!) medium of internet worship.

To that end, the Board of Elders has been exploring how to best continue some form of internet worship option as we look to re-opening our building. Remember, "The church hasn't closed. We have just changed locations." (As another voice I have heard has put it.) It may or may not include a "live" option. We would like to do that, but may not be able to accomplish it from our building at an affordable equipment cost. It may or may not include music. We do need to honor those who hold copyright to materials and that is not necessarily an easy forum to navigate. We are exploring the possibilities in that area as well. We will need assistance from members willing and able to learn the skills (or already knowledgeable in them) to record/film, edit and upload the media to the internet. The intent is to stay connected as we look past COVID restrictions, to those who are not yet ready to return to God's House for worship and to those who are not able to return to Chalmers & Seymour for worship either because of health or distance. If you would like to learn more about this project or help with it, contact our Elders' Chairman, Jerry Roy, or Elder Adam Kurtz serving as point-person on the project. You can get their contact information through Terrie Buchanan at the Church Office.

God's peace and blessings – *May God keep you safe and healthy as you serve Jesus through this COVID pandemic and beyond!*

God's peace and blessings to all,
Pastor John Carrier

WORSHIP NOTES FOR JUNE

“Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling In the holiest realms of light;
Holy Spirit, ever brooding O'er a world of gloom and night;
Holy Spirit, ever raising Those of earth to thrones on high;
Living, life-impacting Spirit, You we praise and magnify.

Holy Spirit, ever living As the Church's very life;
Holy Spirit, ever striving Through us in a ceaseless strife;
Holy Spirit, ever forming In the Church the mind of Christ:
You we praise with endless worship For Your gifts and fruits unpriced.

Holy Spirit, ever working Through the Church's ministry;
Quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving, Setting captive sinners free;
Holy Spirit, every binding Age to age and soul to soul
In communion never ending, You we worship and extol.

With the great festivals of Christmas and Easter, we in the Church put Jesus as the centerpiece of our faith. And rightly so, for He is the one who earned our salvation. We mention God the Father as the source of creation and the One who sent and raised Jesus from the dead. But where does that leave God the Holy Spirit? Often-times, we think that He performed the miracle of converting 3000 souls on Pentecost and more souls thereafter in the early Church, but what does He really do the rest of the time?

This hymn answers that question, listing many of His activities from the beginning of time. He was present before the Creation, brooding over the waters. He is the force working faith in us from the time of our baptism to the day we are called home to heaven. He is ever dwelling in us, strengthening, absolving, and keeping us in the mind of Christ. Just think, He does this for each believer that ever lived! For all this work, each stanza concludes that we owe Him praise and worship. He is part of the Trinity!

THE HOLY TRINITY

June 7

The readings for this Sunday show us that God revealed Himself as the Triune God--Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. The Old Testament Reading covers the creation of the world. All three persons of the Godhead are mentioned--Father, doing the creating, Son (see John 1 for HIS presence at creation) and the Holy Spirit (brooding over the water). The Second Lesson also mentions the Trinity. Peter, in his Pentecost sermon, boldly states that the Father planned the salvation, the Son was crucified and was raised to life, and the Holy Spirit was poured out on the hearts and ears of the people. Finally, in the Gospel Reading, Jesus commands His disciples to baptize in the name of all three persons of the Trinity. Although we cannot understand this concept, we are glad that God has gifted us with His salvation. Hymns that help us praise our God include "Holy, Holy, Holy"; "Glory Be to God the Father"; "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"; and "Thy Strong Word."

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 14

We begin the second half of the church year with the basic concept of our humanity: we are sinners and need God's salvation. The Children of Israel, after leaving Egypt, stopped at Mount Sinai. Moses ascended the mountain and God established a covenant with them. They would obey His Law and He would be their God. Throughout the next hundreds of years, they failed, but God sent Jesus to make a new covenant. In the Epistle Reading, Paul told the Roman congregation and us that "While we were still sinners, Christ died for our sins." Thus we inherit our salvation. Finally, in the Gospel, we hear that Jesus sent our His disciples to the lost to preach salvation. Hymns for this Sunday include "O How Great Is Your Compassion"; "God Loved the World so That He Gave"; and "Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying."

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 21

We follow Jesus, so our readings keep us focused. Jeremiah, in the Old Testament Reading, tells us to preach the right message--that all have sinned. Paul, in the Epistle to the Romans, reminds us to be slaves of righteousness, not slaves of the law. We must follow the fruits of God's righteousness to enjoy eternity with Him. Jesus, in the Gospel, tells us to have no fear, go out in His name, and acknowledge Him before men. Hymns that encourage us include "Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing"; "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"; and "Just as I Am without One Plea."

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 28

We, as Christians, often find ourselves in the midst of war, thanks to the devil and the evil world. Jeremiah faced this problem in the Old Testament as the people would not repent, and instead listened to the false prophets. Paul reminds us that we feel the awfulness of the law, having been shown our sinfulness. Matthew, in the Gospel, quotes Jesus who told the disciples that His presence brings war. They should take up Jesus' cross and follow Him. Hymns for this Sunday include "O God of Mercy, God of Might"; "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus": and "'Come, Follow Me,' the Savior Spake."

Upcoming Events

MOVING FORWARD

As the state slowly re-opens to pre-covid norms, the Board of Elders and Church Council are mulling ideas on how we re-open Mt. Calvary in a post-covid world. While some church congregations begin to gather together now, here at Mt. Calvary we are taking the “sl-o-o-w” approach. We are placing your health and safety above other needs. Please exercise patience as we move forward through this age of covid.

BOARD OF ELDERS MEETING

There will be a Board of Elders zoom meeting on Tuesday, June 2 at 10:00 A.M. and other dates as needed.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

There will be a Church Council zoom meeting on Tuesday, June 9 at 10:00 A.M. Other dates may be added as needed.

JULY NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Your newsletter articles for the July Newsletter will be due on Monday, June 15.



FOOD BANK



**Feeding the
Community**

Dates for the Food Bank in June are the 10th and 24th. We received two blessings during May! First, Gleaners received a grant and we were able to order \$300 worth of food gratis and picked up the order on May 7. Second, Terrie received a call from the Dollar Tree on E. Lafayette in Detroit, and they delivered a LOT of canned goods to us on May 7. Please see picture above. **The Lord is so good** and is always watching over us, especially during these trying times for our nation!



This last month we continued working with our community leaders on ways to provide moments of hope during COVID-19 and make plans for our summer. After conversations with community leaders and other trusted advisors, we decided to suspend overnight camp through the summer. When it is deemed safe by the government and by our community, we will accept groups of 10 people or less for service projects outside, while practicing social distancing and safe habits. Although these decisions were made with great sadness, we are excited to see the ways God continues to provide for us and our community. Ways to connect with campers and our community virtually this summer are in the works! If you would like to support Camp Restore Detroit financially during this time, donations can be made online at www.camprestore.org/donate/ or checks can be sent to Camp Restore Detroit, 17100 Chalmers St., Detroit, MI 48205. Thank you for your continued support of the ministry of Camp Restore Detroit!

A NOTE FROM BETHANY

The end of May marks the end of my internship at Camp Restore Detroit and Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church. Thank you to everyone who supported, worked with, and prayed for me during my internship. The last twelve months were filled with many incredible moments, both difficult and beautiful. I have learned so much about our amazing God, ministry, Detroit, and myself. I am so thankful for the ministry and learning opportunities I experienced through my internship. This September, I am starting my senior year at Concordia University, St. Paul and will graduate in May with a degree in Christian Ministry and hopefully be rostered as a Director of Christian Outreach (DCO) in the LC-MS. Thank you for supporting, teaching, and loving me over this last year.

Bethany Mrosko

FAREWELL TO OUR INTERN, BETHANY MROSKO

Please take the time in saying farewell and thank you to our intern, Bethany Mrosko. She has been a blessing to Camp Restore Detroit and Mt. Calvary. If you would like to wish her well on her continued journey in becoming a Director of Christian Outreach in the LC-MS. You can do so by writing her at Bethany Mrosko, N24W22341 Elmwood Drive, Waukesha, WI 53186 or email her at mroskob@csp.edu.

LUTHERAN CENTER BOOKSTORE CLOSING

The Lutheran Center Bookstore will be closing its doors on June 26, 2020. They are offering personal closing sale opportunities by appointment. To make an appointment, please email Julie at lcabookstore@att.net or leave a message at 586.774.2831. Limited evening and Saturday morning times will be available upon request in addition to weekday appointment times.



Although the Michigan District LWML Convention in Gaylord scheduled for July has been cancelled, the work of the LWML still goes on. There will be a one-day virtual participation opportunity for registered delegates on Saturday, July 11. Lucie is registered as a delegate to represent Mt. Calvary (at no cost) but each congregation is allowed to have two delegates. If you would like to be involved in the selection of the next grants for the 2020-2022 biennium, please speak with Lucie so she can get you registered to participate. We can all participate as we keep saving those MITES!

JUNE 2020 MICHIGAN DISTRICT MISSION GRANT BULLETIN BYTES

Michigan District Grant Projects 2018-2020 Complete!

It is June and God has blessed the Michigan District LWML! All of the grants for the 2018 – 2020 biennium are paid. We praise God for the opportunity to serve Him and others with our mite offerings. Now – time to prayerfully consider the proposed grants for the 2020 – 2022 biennium! For information on this and all grants, go to www.lwmlmichigan.org/. Under Missions, select Grants.

Throughout the 1800s and early 1900s, many women were involved in various women's organizations dedicated to reaching out with God's love. The seeds for the LWML were sown in the late 1920s, and in 1942 was officially born with the theme we use today of "Serve the Lord with Gladness." As part of a country at war, the first two projects supported key local needs: chapels for deaf-mute congregations and post-war relief efforts.

The Michigan District formed and joined the LWML in 1944. With nearly 80 years of organizing LCMS women in support of local and global missions, let us joyfully consider the opportunity given to us to extend His kingdom! While we are in challenging times now, as Michigan and our country were when LWML was founded, we know the power of our Lord. Let us stand ready to serve Him with Gladness!

A Prayer: Dear Lord, you have blessed so many women over the years with the opportunity to serve you. Please give us your guidance and help us to continue that service. In Jesus' name, Amen.



JUNE BIRTHDAY

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| 1 | Daryl Witte |
| 4 | Beverly Fritz |
| 8 | Bonnie Gammerath |
| 9 | Jessie Jackson |
| 9 | Colton Turner |
| 10 | Kelly Karlewski |
| 18 | Brian McNally |
| 24 | Lori Carrier |



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

June 15	Daryl & Lucie Witte (46 years)
June 20	Brian & Terrie Buchanan (34 years)
June 22	Anthony & Margaret Locricchio (36 years)
June 23	Jerry & Lorraine Roy (36 years)
June 28	Thomas & Bonnie Gammerath (23 years)

HOW TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD ON YOUR RADIO

Good news for the quarantined for those who cannot attend worship, St. John's in Taylor provides a radio ministry, Martin Luther's Evening Prayer. The half-hour program features sermon and worship excerpts. The program is heard on AM 560 WRDT ("The Word") Sundays at 6 p.m. and on AM 1440 WMKM ("Reborn") Mondays at 8 p.m.



Lutheran Ministries media, Inc. produces a weekly 30-minute Lutheran broadcast worship service called "Worship Anew." It is a great source of comfort celebrating the new life that all people have in Jesus. God's love is shared through weekly Scripture readings, favorite church hymns, prayers, and a pastor's message that reveals God's grace and truth. Tune into the Worship Anew programs at 11:30 am on Sundays on DIRECTV Channel 377. You may also call 888.268.8002.

WE INCLUDE IN OUR PRAYERS

The following people dealing with health concerns:

From our fellowship:

Bill and Judy Buchanan, Dina Gilmore, Jeff Kurtz, Diana Lundak, Karolyn Swad, and Dale Vietzke

Among our friends and families:

Deloris Carrier, David Coates, Rev. David Heller, Jill Hupp, Sue Richardson, and Izzy Sherman (niece of John Duff of Redeemer, Birmingham)

Special Prayers:

For the United States of America as we work to defeat the COVID-19 virus and for those who have been affected by it and the flu viruses. We also include medical professionals, especially Bethany Vietzke and Rachel Rotar (Pat Fritz's niece).

We also pray for:

The United States military - Kayla and Laura Buchanan (Brian and Terrie Buchanan's daughters), Jack Rotar (Pat Fritz's nephew), first responders, police officers, firefighters of the 9th precinct, and the City of Detroit.

MT. CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH ELECTRONIC GIVING INSTRUCTIONS

During this time when we are not able to conduct our regular Worship Services at our church, we still have many bills that must be paid. Please consider using the electronic giving options below or mailing your contributions and donations to the church office. The address is: 17100 Chalmers, Detroit, MI 48205

There are three options available now for electronic giving:

1) Using Mt. Calvary's Web site

- Go to Mt. Calvary's web site mtcalvarydetroit.org and click on "**online giving**"

2) Using a Mobile App

- Load the app "Church Ministry by MinistryOne" from the App Store (it is free)
- Once in the app, search for **Mt Calvary Ev. Lutheran Church**
- Make your donation

3) Text Giving

Mt. Calvary's Text Giving phone number is **313-395-1702** (it has been suggested to add this number to your contacts for future use).

First Time Setup

- Enter Mt. Calvary's text giving phone number in the To: for sending a text
- Enter in the text message area enter the word "**give**"
- Send the text
- The Kindrid app may start automatically. You will know it started if the picture of Mt. Calvary is displayed. If it does not start automatically, do the following:
 - Tap on the "Load Kindrid" message
 - Tap on "Give Kindrid"
- Select Give Now and enter your information for giving (fund choices, your name, credit card or bank information, home address, and email address)

Ongoing Donations same fund as initial setup

- Enter Mt. Calvary's text giving phone number in the To: for sending a text
- Enter in the text message area the amount you want to donate
- Send the text

Ongoing Donations different fund

- Enter - Mt. Calvary's text giving phone number in the To: for sending a text
- Enter - in the text message area the amount you want to donate followed by the new fund name
- Send the text

If you have any questions please contact our treasurer, Ron Varty at 248.543.3720.