

FROM YOUR INTERIM PASTOR JUDY ANDERSON-BAUER

“THIS IS MY FATHER’S WORLD” FINDING THE HOLY IN CREATION

“This is my Father's world and to my listening ears

*All nature sings, and round me rings the music of
the spheres.*

*This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hands the
wonders wrought.”*

God does not live in the Church. Or maybe it would be better for me to say, God does not live ONLY in the Church. In fact, I would go so far to say that most of us encounter God in lots of places other than the Church. Church building, in themselves, are not “God-boxes.” Church buildings are the places where the Church, the people of God, gather together to offer their worship and praise, and to hear the Word, to receive the sacraments, and to be sent out into the World God so loves. And I would bet dollars to donuts that you have had your most holy experiences when you’ve been outside, in the Creation, in the woods or on a lake or in the desert or some other place where “nature sings and round you rings the music of the spheres.”

In these days when we are not meeting in the church building, during these lovely summer days, I encourage you to get outside and . . . breathe the fresh air, listen to the birds, look

at flowers and trees, taste fresh fruits and vegetables, smell the damp earth after the rain. Let God speak to you of goodness and holiness and love through your senses. Let God speak to you through the Creation.

*This is my Father's world; the birds their carols
raise;*

*The morning light, the lily white, declare their
maker's praise.*

*This is my Father's world; he shines in all that's
fair.*

*In rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me
everywhere.*

In these stressful and troubled times, it is important to remember that God has not abandoned us nor forsaken us. All nature reminds us that this is God’s World, that we are creatures living in a world filled with, not only human sadness and trouble, but also with beauty and joy and love and life. God’s will

COVID-19 NEWS

**ALL IN-PERSON SERVICES & ACTIVITIES
ARE CANCELLED INDEFINITELY.**

As we continue to explore our options, we are meeting Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. in Zoom.

See connection info within this newsletter.

for us is always life and health and wholeness. Rest in that true thing. You are, every day, surrounded by God's love, showing forth in the natural world. My ancestors, the ancient Celts, used to say that God's Word could be heard both through Scripture, and through creation.

This is my Father's world; oh, let me not forget

That, though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world; why should my heart be sad?

The Lord is king, let the heavens ring; God reigns, let the earth be glad!

May these summer days be filled with the holiness of creation, and may your Father's world feed your soul with good things.

In Jesus' Name,

Pastor Judy

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Join us for Worship, every Sunday, via Zoom (the link is included further in this newsletter and on the Church's website. If you do not have a computer or smart phone, please call and let Mary in the Church Office know.) You can also find last week's worship on the website and on the United Lutheran of Proctor Facebook page, for access anytime.

FOOD SHELF

At this point the Food Shelf is well stocked, and has been able to relax income restriction, so please tell anyone who could benefit from extra food.

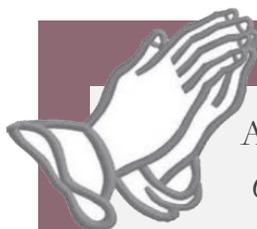
Hours are Wednesdays, 10-1.

It is all very easy, with drive up service and food loaded into cars, so the whole process is "touchless" and safe. Thank you to all who volunteer and who have donated. "Well done, good and faithful servants."

HOLY COMMUNION

We will continue doing "Remote Communion." Each Sunday we ask that, before Worship begins at 10 am, you gather together bread and wine (or juice,) or whatever you have on hand. Remember that Jesus used bread and wine because those elements were common and readily available. So, while bread and wine are preferable, you may use whatever you have.

During Worship, we will celebrate Holy Communion and you will use your own elements. (The Pastor and Church Council believe this is the safest way to proceed during the pandemic.)



POWER IN PRAYER

All prayer requests can be called to Alice Halvorson-Rohweder 628-6065 or submitted online at proctorlutheran.org/prayer

All requests are important and we welcome any of your concerns.



“WHEN CAN WE REOPEN THE CHURCH BUILDING?”

The Church Council has appointed a Smart Team for United, which has

been working the last few weeks and has outlined PHASE ONE of when and how United might be able to reopen. Council has approved the following details of phase one.

Tentative date for Phase 1 is set for Sept 1, contingent upon hiring a part-time janitor before that time.

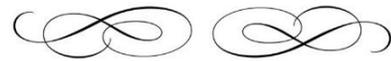
1. Social Distancing practices must to remain in place. Facemasks are required and hand sanitizer is essential.
2. Only 10 people at most can be in the building at one time. Only one group will be allowed at a time in the building so a schedule will have to be established and followed. Three groups were identified at this time: Book club, AA meeting and Quilters, none of which overlap meeting times.
3. Only one bathroom area will be open, the bathrooms at the bottom of the stairs. Others will be blocked off and only one person at a time will enter the open bathroom. Again, hand sanitizers will be available.
4. A janitor will be hired, possibly 5 hours a week, to clean after a group has been in attendance. Approximately, two hours cleaning after each group will be sufficient. Council will decide.
5. All groups will meet downstairs in the fellowship hall. Kitchen is closed. All

PASTORAL CARE

Pastor Judy is available for pastoral care phone calls or Zoom calls. Please contact her at 218-343-2536 or by email j.andersonbauer@gmail.com to set up an appointment.

groups will need to bring in their own food and drink.

6. Zoom meetings are still encouraged as much as possible. Finance Committee will continue to meet via Zoom.



FELLOWSHIP AND FRIENDSHIPS

WE NEED TO MAKE PEOPLE FEEL MORE SPECIAL

We have organized Tuesday coffee for the ladies of our church. Good fellowship and God's blessings. Tuesday, August 4th at 9 a.m. at Arnold's Cafe. Please call Alice Halvorson by August 3rd at noon if you plan on coming. That way Jesse will set everything up for that day.

We also made arrangements for Wednesday dinner at Arnold's at 6 p.m. This is for couples and singles. Another good time to fellowship with one another and get to know our members better.

Please call Alice Sommer the Tuesday before by noon so she can call Jess and he will have things all set up for us.

These are all things to keep our fellowship and friendships close.

ONLINE SYNOD ASSEMBLY

The Northeastern Minnesota ELCA Synod has received an overwhelming number of our 2019 synod assembly voting members votes to allow for our synod council to call for an abbreviated, digital or remote electronic synod assembly that two other synods, Western North Dakota and South Carolina in our ELCA have now accomplished in the month of July including the election of their new bishops!

Your Synod Council will meet electronically July 29th, to discuss setting a date for our own abbreviated Assembly, including the election of the new Bishop.

Amelie Lindberg-Livingston and Karen Hart are this year's voting members representing United Lutheran in the election.

Watch for more details on the bishop election at: nemnsynod.org/bishop-election.html

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Servicemen and women serving our country; Wayne Halvorson, Marty Jonland's sister Cathy, Claudia Gannucci, Gerry Borg; Hospital workers; First responders; Police; Firefighters and all those working on the frontline providing services and access to necessities.



WANTED: PART-TIME JANITOR

If you are interested in a part-time janitor position starting up to 5 hours per week at approximately \$15 per hour depending on experience, please email council@proctorlutheran.org. As the church building opens and becomes more in use, the hours could increase.



CHRIST IN OUR HOME DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Pick up the latest copy of daily devotions, (July, August, September) *Christ In Our Home*, just inside the back door on a little table at church. Feel free to come in and grab one during office hours:
Monday through Thursday
from 8:30 – 11 a.m.

Thank You

Claudia Gannucci thanks you all for your thoughts, prayers and well-wishes. She is out of the hospital and feeling pretty good.

KEEP IN TOUCH

Please let the church office know if your phone number has changed, and please make sure the church office has your current email address.

HOW TO BE TOGETHER APART

(YOU DO NOT NEED TO HAVE A COMPUTER OR THE INTERNET TO JOIN)

WORSHIP IN THE HOME

SUNDAYS 10 AM

During this social-distancing time when we are not gathering in one another's physical presence, we have additional opportunities to gather virtually. WORSHIP IN YOUR HOME is an ELCA resource that provides a transcript of our familiar liturgy. You are invited to join zoom and watch or participate as a reader. See this link for the readings which will be posted by May 6th titled:

Worship in the Home: Every Sunday

<https://blogs.elca.org/worship>

YOU DO NOT NEED TO HAVE A COMPUTER OR THE INTERNET TO JOIN. Using the Zoom conferencing tool, you can connect via an internet-enabled computer/device or you can join by calling from your landline phone.

Every Sunday at 10 a.m.

<https://join.zoom.us>

Meeting ID: 218-624-4255

(password is the same as meeting ID)

Please see the following page on how to join a Zoom room.

The session will be recorded and made available on the church's website:

www.proctorlutheran.org



ZOOM SMALL GROUP MEETINGS

Please call Mary at the Church Office (218-624-4255), Monday – Thursday mornings if you would like to schedule a Zoom meeting for your group. She needs to have you on the calendar to make sure no one is already scheduled for that time. Please don't assume you can meet if you haven't checked with her!

Jesus, you blessed bread
and broke it to open the
eyes of faith to your
loving presence; that we
may taste your goodness
in the gifts you give and
the love we share. Amen

View the video and participate in
Holy Communion during the
Worship in Your Home session found
on our website: proctorlutheran.org

HOW TO JOIN A ZOOM MEETING

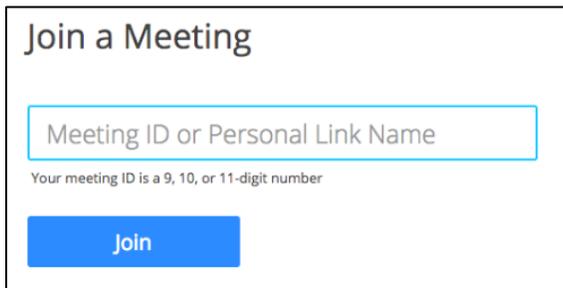
Using your Computer/SmartPhone and Web Browser:

1. Open a web browser on your computer and type in the following address:

<https://join.zoom.us>

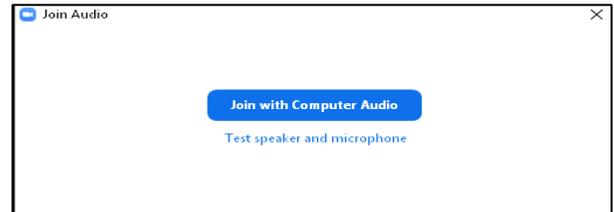
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2. If you have never used zoom, you will be prompted to run a small plugin. You may have to say OK.
3. Click Open Zoom Meeting or Open zoom.us to launch the meeting.

4. Depending on your browser, you may have to “open the link.” Don’t be concerned if you do not get this prompt.
5. You will then be prompted to connect your audio. Test your audio settings, then click “Join with Computer Audio” button:



Note: You can also join a test meeting to familiarize yourself with Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/test>

Using your landline or cellphone to call in (audio only):

1. Call 1-312-626-6799
(long distance charges may apply)
2. Enter Meeting ID number:
218-624-4255
Password (same as ID): 218-624-4255

AUGUST BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

4 Ethel Fairbanks (90),
Shelby (Lonne) Rogentine

6 Betty Merling

7 Samantha Warneke

8 Greg Pasek, Joe Omundson

14 Reg Southerton

15 Audrey Johanson

16 Karen Frey, Mike Maeckelbergh,
Bonnie Kurki, Dan Morin

17 Sandy Wayt

19 Ryan Crilly

20 Jim Merling

21 Ace Bowen

22 Topher Davis, Aaro Klicker

24 Karren Robinson

WARMEST BIRTHDAY WISHES TO YOU!



COVID-19 HELP

DO YOU NEED HELP?
DO YOU WANT TO
HELP?

During these unprecedented times, we need each other. If you are self-isolating or know someone who needs assistance for any reason: a friendly phone call, picking up groceries, or something else, please call the office at 218-624-4255. You can also add yourself or someone else to the prayer list.

If you are willing to help out, please fill out the online form: proctorlutheran.org/covid-19-help.html or call the office at 218-624-4255.

HUGS TO THIS! A LOOK BACK...

In August of years past, we came together for our Annual Lakeside Worship and Picnic at Sampo Beach on Little Grand Lake, Saginaw; We shared our faith by conducting a week-long Day Camp enriching the lives for young persons in our community; We also passed out water bottles at the Hoghead parade! **So much fun remembered...**



AUTOMATED GIVING

Keep God at the top of your giving list!

To find more details about it, please visit proctorlutheran.org/giving

Or download the app for your phone.

Search:

“GivePlus Church”

Or have the Finance Committee set it up manually...no computer or internet access required.



THE VIRTUAL BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL AND BASKET CHALLENGE 2020 RAISED OVER \$31,000

United Lutheran's "Are You Yeti For This" VLM raffle basket won the raffle for most tickets. It received 1,937 tickets. We won a one-night stay at either Camp Hiawatha or Camp Vermilion. Great job Victor, Mandi and Carolyn for assembling this basket!

Tickets sold for 11 tickets for \$10. It was valued for around \$550 so more earned way more than initial value. Just under \$2000!



A NOTE FROM VICTOR MURRAY

This year United Lutheran Church of Proctor VLM Virtual Bluegrass Church basket fundraiser claimed the prize for the top ticket grabber. It was titled "Are you Yeti for this". It was a Yeti cooler and tumblers filled with gift cards and some other Minnesota goodies.

I want to personally thank everyone who donated gift cards and other items, as well everyone who helped by purchasing tickets during the online raffle!

Special thanks to Mandi Murray for putting it all together and submitting it VLM. Special thanks to Brad and Carolyn Johnson for the donation of the Yeti merchandise. I also want to thank the church council for initiating our church basket project. Many people helped in lots of ways with this endeavor, and I'm very thankful for all that you did and continue to do for our church!



www.VLMcamps.org | vlm@vlmcamps.org

800-331-5148 | 218-666-5465

Camp Hiawatha

36944 Camp Hiawatha Road, Deer River, MN

Camp Vermilion

2555 Vermilion Camp Road, Cook, MN

United Lutheran Church of Proctor

August 2020

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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|  Anchored in God... | | | | | | |
| 2 10 am Live Zoom Worship Service | 3 7:30 pm Zoom Finance Committee meeting | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 10 am Live Zoom Worship Service | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 10 am Live Zoom Worship Service 11 am Zoom Church Council Meeting | 17 7:30 pm Zoom Finance Committee meeting | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 10 am Live Zoom Worship Service | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 10 am Live Zoom Worship Service | 31 7:30 pm Zoom Finance Committee meeting | <i>Grant steadfast hope to anchor our lives in you, O God, Despite the wind, waves, and currents. Amen.</i> | | | | |

The Church's Zoom Account Meeting ID and password are both the church's phone number: 218-624-4255

The direct link to Zoom is <https://zoom.us/j/2186244255>

We welcome EVERYONE!

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WELCOME TO OUR
VISITORS

During the time of social-distancing and Coronavirus online services will be held on Zoom:

- ❖ Worship Service at 10 a.m. - Liturgy followed from an ELCA resource called Worship in the Home at <https://blogs.elca.org/worship>
See Zoom access directions enclosed.
- ❖ Fellowship and chatting usually follows the worship service

Within this newsletter are the various events hosted by our church in the coming weeks. You are invited to all and we look forward to seeing you.

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