

FROM YOUR INTERIM PASTOR JUDY ANDERSON-BAUER

ON ELECTIONS AND CITIZENSHIP

When you receive this, election day – November 3rd – will be only days away. As Lutheran Christians, we have always held that being an engaged citizen is part of our duty as Christians. Knowing what is going on in our country, working towards the common good for all people, and especially voting has been, not only our duty, but part of our discipleship in Christ. Luther wrote extensively about the duties of the Christian in the world, and we have never viewed politics as too worldly or too “dirty” for us to engage in. In The Small Catechism, under the Fourth Petition of the Lord’s Prayer, (“Give us this day our daily bread”) Luther asks, “What then does ‘daily bread’ mean?” He answers – “Everything included in the necessities and nourishment for our bodies such as food and clothing, home and family . . . upright and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, etc . . . “ These are things we all need and which we are called upon to take part in making sure are enacted.

In this spirit, I urge you to exercise your right to vote. If you haven’t already voted by absentee ballot (as I have), you can vote early, contactless and in-person at the courthouse. If you choose to vote on November 3rd, you

can easily find your polling place (<https://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us>) or call the Secretary of State’s office – 1-877-600-VOTE.

Here are some things you should also be aware of this year. The US Intelligence Services are warning that foreign nations are seeking to disrupt this election. This is especially true of social media sites, such as Facebook. Please be extra careful about believing anything you see on social media that has not been confirmed by multiple legitimate news sources. Do not repost or spread any news until you have verified it, even if it comes from a trusted relative. This is also part of the eighth commandment, to not spread false information.

In addition, this year, because of the high number of absentee votes during this pandemic, opening envelopes and counting those votes will take longer than simply reading the numbers off the machines. We may very well not know on November 3rd who has won the election. AND THAT’S FINE. As Christians, we believe that all people should be treated fairly and equitably, so everyone’s ballot should be counted before the election is called.

None of these should be considered partisan statements. Everyone – Independents,



Republicans, and Democrats – want the same things -

1. For every eligible voter to vote.
2. For every vote to be counted.
3. For this to be a free and fair election.

That is what we all hope for and pray for.

Lastly, we all need to agree, here and now, that we will abide by the outcome of this election. That whoever is elected as our next president, we will not resort to violence. That, too, is part of our call as disciples of Jesus. We are called on to work for peace - in our homes, our cities, our nation, and our world. We all want our voices to be heard, our rights to be protected, and our families to be safe. Those are not partisan concerns, but simply human concerns.

I invite you to join me in prayer for our nation over the course of this next month, as we face these tumultuous times with calm and with faith, knowing that all is in God's hands.

In Christ, Pastor Judy

Worship

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

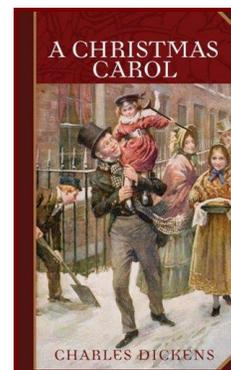
Join us for Worship, every Sunday, via Zoom (the link is included further in this newsletter and on the Church's website. If you do not have a computer or smart phone, please call and let Mary in the Church office know.) You can also find last week's worship on the website and on the United Lutheran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

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.)

"GOD BLESS US EVERYONE!"

As we prepare for the Christmas season, Pastor Judy is offering an adult study of Charles Dicken's classic story, "A Christmas Carol." We will meet via Zoom on the four Wednesdays before Christmas:



Dec 2, 9, 16, and 23 at 1:00 pm.

A paperback copy of the story, with the study included, is available for \$5. If you'd like to participate and would like to buy a copy of the book, please let Pastor Judy know (phone 218-343-2536 or email – j.andersonbauer@gmail.com) before NOV 15th, so copies can be ordered. This is a beautiful story of grace and redemption, perfect for this time of the year.

Friendly Reminder

Daylight Savings time ends at 2:00 a.m. on November 1st.



BISHOP AMY ODGREN INSTALLED OCTOBER 17, 2020

In the Minnesota way, snow greeted ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton as she installed Bishop Amy Odgren at Hope Lutheran Church in Walker, MN. View the service on our church's website: proctorlutheran.org.

MASK DECORATING CONTEST

We have a couple winners! Marty Jonland and Jan Lockwood each made masks that won them the honors!

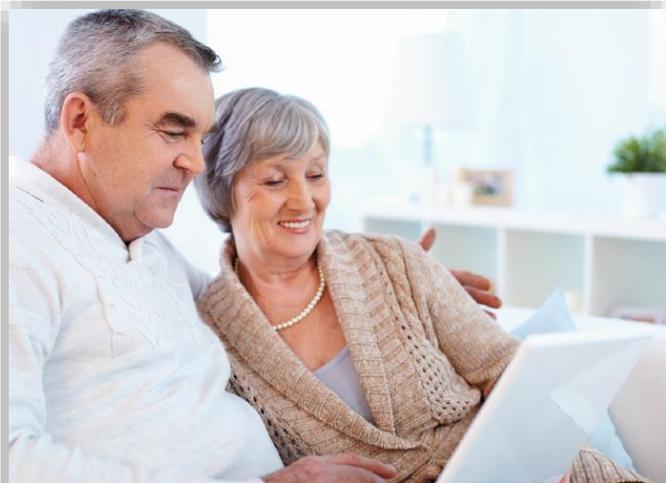
Marty's sports the fall season and Jan's was made from material family-delivered from Africa.



They each won a little COVID-19 care package. Congratulations to each of them!

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.



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- Give anytime, anywhere to your favorite funds
- Schedule and manage recurring donations
- Make one-time donations to special appeals
- Pay for events, programs and other activities

If you would like to give electronically, visit our website or contact the church office.

www.proctorlutheran.org/give



POWER IN PRAYER

All prayer requests can be called to Alice Halvorson-Rohweder at 218-628-6065 or submitted online: proctorlutheran.org/prayer

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



“WHEN CAN WE REOPEN THE CHURCH BUILDING?”

We will continue with only “Phase 1” reopening, which allows for groups of 10 or less to use the fellowship hall only, wearing masks and staying at least 6 ft apart. We will be making sure that there is 24 hours between groups, so cleaning can be done.

There will be a health screening **FOR EVERYONE** entering the building (this allows for contact tracing, should it be necessary), the kitchen will be closed, and only one restroom will be available for use. Please contact the church office if you wish to schedule your group to use the church building. Many thanks to Kathy Jazdzewski for stepping in to take over cleaning and disinfecting the church, so groups can meet safely.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Servicemen and women serving our country; Dave Fechner, Betty Merling, Sara Sommer (Larry Sommer’s daughter), Gary (nephew to Marge Lind), Gladys Haugen, Jan Bakke, Durrall Richard Family and Ken Peterson.



CHRIST IN OUR HOME DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Pick up the latest copy of daily devotions, (October, November, December) *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.

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.”



UNITED LUTHERAN BOOK CLUB

November 14, 2020

9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
at United Lutheran

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!

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.

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving

Thank you for the breath to say
Thank you for another day

Thank you for the voice to sing
Thank you, Lord, for everything



HOW TO JOIN A ZOOM MEETING

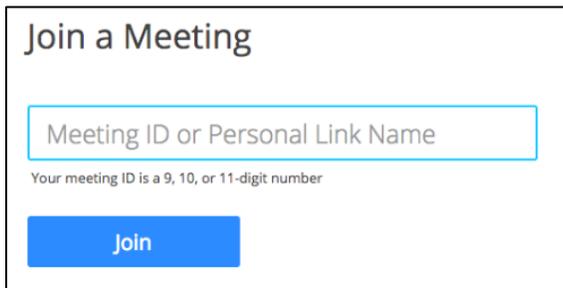
Using your Computer/SmartPhone and Web Browser:

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

<https://join.zoom.us>

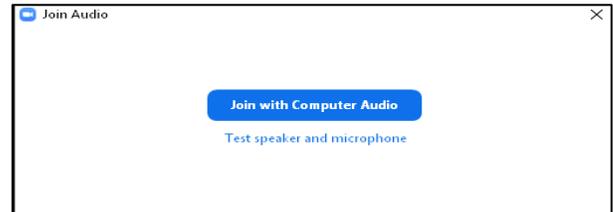
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2. If you have never used zoom, you will be prompted to run a small plugin. You may have to say OK.
3. Click Open Zoom Meeting or Open zoom.us to launch the meeting.

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



CELEBRATION OF LIGHT AND MUSIC

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13TH, 2-7 p.m.

In the busy month of December, we need time to stop and simply be present in the moment. Spend an afternoon at camp enjoying the quiet beauty of the season,

trying your hand at lefse making, gathering with friends over hot cider, and celebrating the joy of the coming Christ child.

To register or get more information visit us at: www.VLMcamps.org/celebration-of-light-and-music



Summer Registration opens November 1st!

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

Church Council Meeting (Approved Minutes)

September 13, 2020

Meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom

Present: Pastor Judy Anderson-Bauer, Gordy Westendorf, Paul Hauschild, Larry Sommer, Carolyn Johnson, Karren Robinson, Alice Halvorson-Rohweder, Dan Saarela, and Karen Nolin

Pastor led devotions from Paul about one body but many different parts

Minutes from the August meeting were reviewed. Following motion by Alice with second by Carolyn, minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: Submitted by Audrey. There were no unusual expenses. Following motion by Karen, second by Pr. Judy, the treasurer's report was approved as read.

Pastor's Report: Pr. Judy discussed moving into transition and explained the duties of a transition team. This should be a team of approximately 5 people who would gather input from the congregation including possibility of "yoking" with another congregation. They would report to the Council. Council members should submit names of possible transition team members to Pr. Judy and she will contact them. Council will vote upon the team next month.

Pr. Judy also requested that all committees submit job descriptions to her.

President's Report: Dan reported that the Boy Scouts have inquired about starting their meetings again at ULCP. They will be meeting outside through mid-September and then doing roadside cleaning, and then they would like to move inside. They would plan to break up into smaller patrols and clean-up between groups. Gordy will be meeting with the Scouts tomorrow evening and will finalize plans. The Girl Scouts also requested meeting again but could not meet on Thursday nights because quilters meet on

Friday, which doesn't leave enough time for cleaning. Claudia Gannucci has submitted her resignation from Council due to health issues and communication concerns. She mentioned that Shannon and Kathy will need 1099 forms for taxes at the end of the year. Dennis is checking on music license.

Committee Reports:

Worship and Music: No report

Christian Education: No report

Fellowship: Job description has been completed and submitted. Alice Sommer is making prayer shawls and would appreciate yarn donations.

Evangelism: Harbor Mission support planned for this fall. ELCA ornament sale planned again for December. Possibility of joining CHUM was brought up. This is a group of approximately 40 churches. More information will be sought.

Property: Larry has received a proposal from Guthrey Heating and Plumbing for replacing the heating element in the secretary's office. Cost is \$1950 with an additional \$420 to add a blower. This would help distribute heat to the conference room also. Motion was made by Paul, because of safety reasons to accept Guthrey's proposal for a new heater and additional blower at \$2370. Second to motion by Karren and motion approved. Finance Committee will determine if funds will be taken from Capital Improvement.

Staff Report: No report.

New Business: Discussion followed on replacement for Treasurer's position. Claudia has agreed to continue receiving offerings, counting, etc and Audrey continues to pay bills and make monthly reports. There is no Council representative. Finance meets twice monthly. Treasurer position is part of Executive Committee. No decision on replacement at this time and this is tabled to next meeting.

Pr. Judy noted that the Portico questions have been

settled. She suggested that when planning the 2021 budget we consider an honorarium for Claudia and Audrey for all their work.

Pastor Judy also shared guidelines on “Healthy Congregations Covenant of Conduct”, steps to follow to deal effectively with issues. Motion was made by Alice with second by Carolyn to adopt these guidelines and publish them in the newsletter. Motion carried.

Sunday School: There has been no feedback from the congregation about their wishes for Sunday School this year. Some congregations are mailing lessons to each family. Pastor Judy will look into this.

Zoom Worship: Encourage our friends to join to increase attendance.

Motion by Alice, with second by Carolyn to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Nolin, secretary

| CONGREGATION COUNCIL 2020 | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| POSITION | NAME | PHONE |
| President | Dan Saarela | 218-730-3030 |
| Vice President | Carolyn Johnson | 218-348-6442 |
| Secretary | Karen Nolin | 218-591-4383 |
| Worship & Music | Gordy Westendorf | 218-591-8587 |
| Christian Education | Karren Robinson Thomas Walters | 218-624-4520 218-340-4454 |
| Fellowship | Alice Halvorson Rohweder | 218-206-0638 |
| Evangelism & Service to Others | Paul Hauschild | 612-816-3748 |
| Property | Larry Sommer | 218-626-4774 |

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

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|----|---|----|------------------------------|
| 3 | Kathy Benson, Amelie Lindberg-Livingston | 15 | Paige Lusti |
| 4 | Jackson Carlson | 16 | Jill Lockwood, Jordy Carlson |
| 5 | Brandon Morin, Brody Morin, Sharon Fechner | 17 | Cheryl Erickson |
| 7 | Michael Timm | 18 | Jaden Carlson |
| 8 | Jennifer Peterson | 21 | Glenna Bennett |
| 9 | Tina Olson | 23 | Steve Jonland |
| 10 | Nancy Grote | 24 | Carolyn Johnson |
| | | 26 | Andy Morin, Layla Peterson |
| | | 28 | Dick Rowe |

WARMEST BIRTHDAY WISHES TO YOU!

United Lutheran Church of Proctor

| November 2020 | | | | | | | |
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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | |
| 1 10:00 am Live Zoom Worship Service Daylight Savings Time Ends | 2 6:30 pm Finance Committee Zoom meeting | 3 7:00 pm Proctor A.A. meeting | 4 6:30-8:00 pm Confirmation Class | 5 | 6 10:00 am Quilting | 7 | |
| 8 10:00 am Live Zoom Worship Service | 9 | 10 6:00 pm Smart Team Meeting 7:00 pm Proctor A.A. meeting | 11 6:30-8:00 pm Confirmation Class | 12 | 13 10:00 am Quilting | 14 9:30 am Book Club in Fellowship Hall | |
| 15 10:00 am Live Zoom Worship Service 11:00 am Church Council meeting | 16 6:30 pm Finance Committee Zoom meeting | 17 7:00 pm Proctor A.A. meeting | 18 5:30-7:30 pm Confirmation Class will be working at Second Harvest Northern Lakes Food Bank | 19 | 20 10:00 am Quilting | 21 | |
| 22 10:00 am Live Zoom Worship Service | 23 | 24 7:00 pm Proctor A.A. meeting | 25 No Confirmation Class | 26  | 27 10:00 am Quilting | 28 | |
| 29 10:00 am Live Zoom Worship Service | 30 6:30 pm Finance Committee Zoom meeting | <p>God, I am on my knees during these trying times of elections. Give us your wisdom to make our decisions with honesty. Amen.</p> | | | | |  |

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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