

FROM YOUR INTERIM PASTOR JUDY ANDERSON-BAUER

OF GRIEF, ENDURANCE, AND HOPE

“WE GRIEVE THE MANY THOUSANDS”

A new hymn by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette to the tune of "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

"We grieve the many thousands — yet we can't understand;

we cannot grasp how many have died throughout this land.

We cannot see their faces or hear the stories told of all the ways they blessed us — the young ones and the old.

O God, we grieve the struggle of those who died alone —

so far from friends and neighbors, from all they'd ever known.

We grieve for precious people who could not say good-bye;

we weep for those, now mourning, who sit alone and cry.

O God, we grieve for millions who now are unemployed

who cannot feed their families — whose hope has been destroyed.

We grieve that needed workers must worry for their health

while some with lives of privilege stay home and build their wealth.

O God of love and mercy, we cry to you, "How long?"

In troubled times remind us: Your love is ever strong.

Now as we grieve the suffering, Lord, show us how to be

A healing, loving presence in each community."

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An article in the Washington Post from August 11th entitled **“With no end to the pandemic in sight, coronavirus fatigue grips America,”** a man is quoted as saying, “It’s difficult when you think you have a light at the other end of the tunnel to look forward to, and then all of a sudden you realize it’s a train.” With case numbers all around the country rising, including in Minnesota and in St. Louis County, it seems like the light we hoped to see this summer was in fact a train. At this writing, over 5 million Americans have been sickened, and over 172,000 have died. It is worse than we thought, and we are all so very tired. Most of us now know of someone who has been sickened with Covid 19, and some of us know people who have died. The degrees of separation have gotten closer.

We are all grieving in our own ways. Many years ago, Elizabeth Kubler-Ross talked about the stages of grief – sadness, anger, bargaining, acceptance. You can see these played out everyday. People are depressed because they can't see loved ones. They get angry at having to wear masks. Young people think they can go to parties, because they won't get very sick. And then the reality – this is our lives now. My family is starting to make plans for a "virtual Christmas." How sad and strange and awful is that!

My prayers of late have been, "Loving God, grant us safety, and health, and endurance." In this time of suffering, of needing to be apart from those we love, of having our lives turned upside down, it seems to me that we are all simply trying to endure this catastrophe. We are, none of us, at our best. We are, all of us, tired and cranky and frustrated. We are, some of us, struggling to be God's light in a hurting world. At this time, we who are bold to call ourselves "Friends of Christ" are asked to be more, to be the best of what humanity can be. To be the best of the Church. To be the heart and love and peace of God in a world that is sad and frightened.

A few weeks ago we read this from Paul's letter to the Romans – ". . . we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." The end product of suffering is hope. We are the keepers of that dimly burning flame, keepers of hope. In these dark and troubled times, nurture that flame of hope in your heart. We are not alone. God has not

abandoned us. God's love will walk with us, even through these dark valleys. God calls upon us . . . to Be the Grace. Be the Miracle. Be the Love. Be the Hope.

In Christ, Pastor Judy

*"Loving God, grant us safety,
and health, and endurance."*

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.

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.)



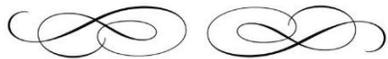


“WHEN CAN WE REOPEN THE CHURCH BUILDING?”

We will be starting “Phase 1” reopening on Sept 1st, which allows for groups of 10

or less to use the fellowship hall only, wearing masks and staying at least 6 feet apart. We will be making sure that there is 24 hours between groups meeting. There will be a health screening FOR EVERYONE entering the building, 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.



PRAYER SHAWL KNITTING MINISTRY

Alice Sommer has taken on a new adventure... She is going to knit or crochet Prayer Shawls for our shut ins or church members that are in the hospital. She has brought in a tote to the office for her to place them. They will be delivered according to covid guidelines. If you have any questions contact Alice Sommer at 626-4774.



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.

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.”

CANCELLATION NEWS

The Fellowship and Friendships ladies Tuesday coffee each week at 9 a.m. and the Wednesday dinner at 6 p.m. at Arnold's have been canceled.

ULCP 2020-2021 CONFIRMATION CLASSES

School is starting soon and at ULCP that means Confirmation Classes are starting, too!

At ULCP, confirmation education is a just over two-year curriculum for 7th and 8th graders. It begins in the fall of their 7th grade year and culminates with their confirmation in the fall of their 9th grade year.

This year, confirmation will begin on Wednesday, September 16 at 6:30pm. We will be meeting in the ULCP fellowship hall and observing COVID-19 CDC and MDH guidelines. This includes separate tables (students from the same household will sit together), maintaining 6 ft. distance, wearing masks and wiping down our tables and chairs before and after each class. Most weeks, classes will go until 8pm. The full calendar for the year is in development, and we will be posting it soon. This year's schedule will include classroom time, along with some scheduled service activities, and maybe even some fun activities, that are as yet to be determined. We will observe school holidays and days off. There may be some time adjustments for specific activities, or due to other congregational activities, but we will try to maintain the Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. schedule.

A Facebook Group (ULCPConfirmation) is being created for easy communication, however if the student or family does not have a Facebook account, please do not feel pressured to set one up. Our preferred method of communication will be email.

If you have a new or returning student, we want to update our records. Please send an

email to Shannon Jorgenson at ssween27@gmail.com. Please include the following:

- Student Name
- All Parents Names (please include step parents if they should be included in communications)
- Contact info for all of the above (phone and email for each, if possible)
- Age of Student
- Grade Level of Student
- Name of School they attend
- Any allergies (food or otherwise)

Our curriculum will continue to be taken from Here We Stand which Pastor Kowitz used here for the past few years. Each student should have a copy of the Student Book and a Bible. If your student does not have these two items, please contact Shannon Jorgenson to coordinate getting one for your student(s).

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please contact Shannon Jorgenson at ssween27@gmail.com or 218-591-4054.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Servicemen and women serving our country; Marge Thoreson, Dave Fechner, Betty Merling, Sarah Sommer (Larry Sommer's daughter), Gary (nephew to Marge Lind), and Gladys Haugen.



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!

NEW BISHOP VOTED IN AND PASTOR JUDY HONORED

The Reverend Amy Odgren, current Assistant to the Bishop and DEM, Northeastern Minnesota Synod was voted in as our next Bishop.

During the synod assembly, Pastor Judy Anderson-Bauer was honored for her 35th Ordination Anniversary. We offer our warmest blessings to her as she celebrates!

Thank you to Janis Anderson, Amelie Livingston and Pastor Judy for attending the "Virtual" Assembly on August 28th-29th as United's voting members.

HOW TO JOIN A ZOOM MEETING

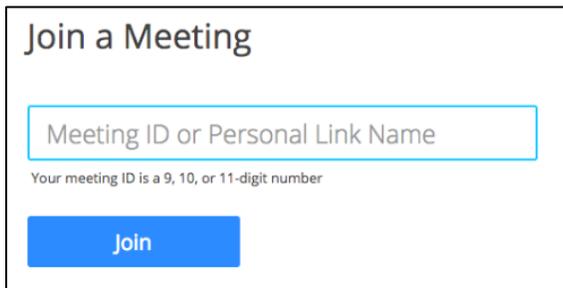
Using your Computer/SmartPhone and Web Browser:

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

<https://join.zoom.us>

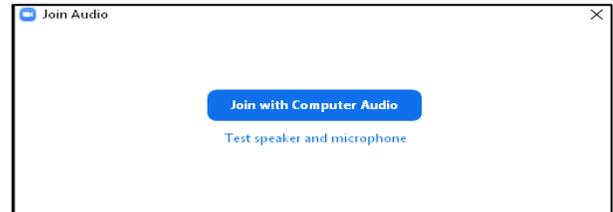
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2. If you have never used zoom, you will be prompted to run a small plugin. You may have to say OK.
3. Click Open Zoom Meeting or Open zoom.us to launch the meeting.

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

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

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|----|----------------------------|----|---|
| 1 | Ardyth Graves | 14 | Brittney (Morin) Grabko |
| 3 | Ken Sutton, Charles Benson | 15 | Carol Saranpaa |
| 4 | Harold Mead | 21 | Sandi Davis, Joan Thompson |
| 5 | Adeline Teresa Burr | 25 | Victor Murray |
| 6 | Nicole Olson | 26 | Karilyn (Romano) Erickson,
Jace Romano |
| 11 | Jane Rohlf | | |

WARMEST BIRTHDAY WISHES TO YOU!

PRAYER CHAIN READY

The Prayer Chain is still open for business! Among all of the businesses closed during COVID-19, we are one group that remains open for you to call and submit your prayer requests. If you have wondered how the prayer chain works, here's a little summary.

The starting point is for someone with a need for prayer to call Alice Halvorson-Rohweder at 218-628-6065, or Linda Rohweder at 218-591-5781. Once the prayer request has been made, it is passed on to lists of people, or "chains." Each person calls the next person on the list until the end of the chain. When a chain member receives a call, they write down the information for prayer and call the next person in line who does the same. Prayer chain members are asked to be in prayer for all those who request it and keep the requests CONFIDENTIAL, unless otherwise stated by the person asking for prayer.

So, as you can see, if you need prayer, there is a tremendous resource at your fingertips willing to intercede on your behalf for God's mercies. If you

would like to join our prayer warriors, give Alice Halvorson-Rohweder a call and she will put you on the "chain." A new listing will be sent out soon revising the order of callers, so now is a good time to join our forces.

Our Prayer Chain Members are:

Marty Jonland	Pam Lonne	Marsha Sather	Jan Anderson
Deb Vannest	Claudia Gannucci	Dan Saarela	Nancy Sutton
Sonja Carlson	Karren Robinson	Sue Schwarz	Jan Lockwood
Kathy Benson	Karen Nolin	Jan Bakke	Myra Schultz
Sandi Davis	Linda Southerton	Amelie Livingston	
Chris Pasek	Alice Sommer	Marge Lind	



God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

--Psalm 46:1

ATTENTION SUNDAY SCHOOL FAMILIES AND UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH MEMBERS

We need your help. The beginning of the school year is getting closer, and the Church Council has been discussing what options might be available for our youngest members. We would like input from families. What kind of Sunday School program you would like to see for your children.? Would anyone be interested in helping teach a small in person class?

Please share your thoughts. You can either call Mary at the church office Monday - Thursday 8:30 - 11:30 am, or Carolyn Johnson @ 348-6442.

Thank you.

Therefore, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

--James 5:16



RENT A CABIN AT CAMP

Our facilities at both Camp Hiawatha and Camp Vermilion are available for family and small group rental opportunities! We already have some families taking advantage of this, and we would love the chance to welcome you to camp as well.

Interested in learning more about our sites? Visit www.NorthwoodsRetreatsMN.com.

We hope to see you in God's great northwoods soon!!

CAMP WORK DAYS

Our 2020 Work Days have been cancelled due to the Corona Virus. As restrictions lift, we will have projects in need of volunteer support. Please watch our website, Facebook page, and emails for updates as our situation changes.



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

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.



UNITED BOOK CLUB

Here's hoping you've had many uninterrupted hours of delicious reading time this summer.

We will meet again September 12, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of United Lutheran Church of Proctor, with social distancing and facial masks in place. For those who are unable to meet in person we will have Zoom meeting available at the same time.

Let's discuss our summer reads and discuss the direction of our upcoming reads. A new Bag of Books will be brought to the meeting. Anyone unable to attend, please let me know and I will deliver the new read or leave it at church for your pick up, per your request.

I'm looking forward to seeing you and jump starting our vital discussions again.

See you soon!

United Lutheran Church of Proctor

September 2020							
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		1 7:00 pm Proctor A.A. meeting	2	3	4	5	
	6 10:00 am Live Zoom Worship Service	7	8 7:00 p.m. Proctor A.A. meeting	9	10	11 10:00 am Quilting	12
	13 10:00 am Live Zoom Worship Service 11:00 am Zoom Church Council Meeting	14 7:30 pm Zoom Finance Committee meeting	15 6:00 p.m. Zoom Smart Team meeting 7:00 pm Proctor A.A. meeting	16 6:30-8:00 pm In person Confirmation Class in fellowship hall	17	18 10:00 am Quilting	19
	20 10:00 am Live Zoom Worship Service	21	22 7:00 p.m. Proctor A.A. meeting	23 6:30-8:00 pm Confirmation Class	24	25 10:00 am Quilting	26
	27 10:00 am Live Zoom Worship Service	28 7:30 pm Zoom Finance Committee meeting	29 7:00 p.m. Proctor A.A. meeting	30 6:30-8:00 pm Confirmation Class	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Stay close to Jesus He will stay close to you</i></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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