

SUNDAY BULLETIN AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUGUST 9, 2020 A SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SERVICE ORDER

Opening music: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Welcome and announcements

Prayer: O God our defender, storms rage around us and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Anthem: Bell Choir "Almighty"

Scripture: Matthew 14:22-33

22 Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." ²⁸ Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Sermon

Hymn "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"

Prayer: Holy Christ, You make Yourself known within the stormy seas of our lives; help us to hear you say to us: "Take heart, It is I, do not be afraid." Be powerfully present with those who are ill, and bring healing to this world that you so much love. Protect and strengthen all who work in the health care field and in other essential services, and watch over those who live alone or are especially vulnerable. Guide leaders in government, industry, church and medicine, so that wise and life-giving decisions are made; especially we pray for our schools, educators, and students. Keep alive within us the reality of Your power over all that threatens us, and give us your peace, your hope, and your strength. Amen.

Benediction

Closing music "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Susan Berge Church Musician: Carol Carlson Lector: Melanie McMillion
Bell Choir: Knife River Ringers, Sam Black, director Videographer; Scott Shelerud

ANNOUNCEMENTS

KNIFE RIVER PRAYER LIST:

In need of healing: Veronica Persons, Susan Anderson, Elsa Keeler, Becca Kuechle, Les Bolen, Fred Wright, Reid Carson, Kayla Davidson, Archie Moore, Pastor John Reppe, Gary Swanson, Faith Swanson, Seth Goodnature, Pat Hovis, Sarah Monaghan, Emily Coolidge, Melyssa Bloom, DeWayne and Maurine Rubedor

Special circumstances: Jacques Basson (Anne Lu's brother, who is working with Covid-19 patients in Dubai.)

Serving in military abroad: Austin Morreau

Long Term Concerns: Sue Sigel, Laurie Jackson, David Pierce, Jan Moon, Pat Hanson, Pat Levenske, Dani Mattson, Lyle Northey, Leif Zmolek, Kane Bolen, Aspen Winbigler, Deb Allert, Peggy B., Corine Sutherland

SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Monday-Thursday, August 3-13: Virtual VBS (see below)

Sunday, August 9-Virtual Worship

Tuesday, August 11-9 AM-Lectio Divina online

Wednesday, August 12- Midweek devotions and announcements sent out

Sunday, August 16-**Virtual Worship with United Church in Two Harbors!**

Links sent out as usual.

UPCOMING: Staff meets on Monday, August 17 at 10 AM online

Worship Committee meets on Monday, August 17 at 11:30 AM in person

PASTOR ON VACATION

Pastor Susan will be on vacation from August 10-16. During this time, if you have a pastoral concern, please contact Mr. Lyle Northey at 834-2046. If you have an administrative concern, please contact Melanie McMillion at 834-6032.

SMART TEAM UPDATE

Our Smart Team met virtually on July 26, with Anne Skadberg, Anne-Lu Hovis, Phil Berge, Sharon Shelerud, Carol Carlson, Ed Lee, and Pastor Susan Berge present. We reviewed the present status of the Covid-19 pandemic both in our area and our nation; as all of us know, cases are rising everywhere, although our area has avoided a dramatic surge so far. We also defined which metrics seem most significant for us. We concluded that important metrics include the percent of positive test results, the time it takes for the doubling of cases, the sheer number of cases confirmed, and of course, hospitalization and death rates. Given the current situation and considering those metrics, we do not feel that we can change our primary recommendations until the case curve significantly lowers---not only for our state and area, but for the whole country to some extent, given how people travel. This means that in-building church worship is still on hold for the foreseeable future, but that small groups of 10 or less may continue to use the lower level(pending Council approval for August) if they obey the appropriate restrictions and schedule in advance through Melanie McMillion. We noted that this small group allowance could be stepped back if either (1)rules are not followed or (2)there is a surge of cases in our area. All of this will have implications for Christian education for children this fall, as well as what we consider most of the standard start-ups of typical fall programming. Groups involved in those areas will be looking for safe alternatives. Please feel free to contact any of our members with questions or comments! The Smart Team plans to meet again on August 23 for further consideration and discussion.

SCAM ALERT!

Several area churches have experienced scams aimed at church members via email. In one, the scammer, purporting to be congregational Pastor, asks the recipient to purchase Amazon gifts cards to be distributed to volunteers as a gesture of thanks, and to send back the pertinent numbers once purchased. Whatever the variation, DO NOT purchase anything or send any kind of money before checking with the Pastor or whomever the email purports to be from!

OFFERINGS

Please check the church newsletter for a financial update, and remember the importance of supporting the church through your mailed in offerings! P.O. Box 218, Knife River, MN 55609

WHO ARE WE MISSING?

We are attempting to cast our net wide in sending out these emails, along with postings on Facebook and our church website. Additionally, we are sending snail mail copies to those who are without online resources. If you know of someone we are missing, please let us know, so we may include them too!

MASK MESSAGE FROM JOANIE LEE We continue to make masks, and realize that masks wear out from wearing and washing. Please don't hesitate to ask for replacements. We have plenty. Contact at joanielee14@gmail.com.

VBX UPDATE!!!

Vacation Bible School Experience (VBX 2020)

Theme: He's Got the Whole World In His Hands



Greetings Parents, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles and friends of VBXers:

This is an information follow-up for KRLC Summer 2020 virtual VBX experience. The theme for summer 2020 VBX is **“He's Got the Whole World in His Hands.”** The process will be:

- Access activity details. Activities will be posted on KRLC website and Facebook by August 3. If you have difficulty accessing, contact KRLC church office and we will send a set of materials via snail mail.
- Activities can be completed in any order during the designated VBX 10 day period, August 3 through 13.
- Photograph activities as you are able and submit to hhedlund.dl@gmail.com. The photos can be of the completed projects and/or the kids doing the projects. Photos must be submitted no later than August 13. Photos will be included as part of virtual VBX Sunday.

- **Reminder: Parents . . . by submitting photographs you are giving permission to include your child's likeness as part of a KRLC service.**
- Participants . . . Please notify the KRLC church office if you plan to participate. All participants will receive a Certificate of Participation. It will be sent to you by mail. You do not need to complete all activities in order to receive your certificate.
- On August 19, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., take your Certificate to the Knife River Candy Store to receive a complimentary bag of goodies from the store. To comply with current social distancing guidelines, the bags will be on the porch at the candy store.

If you have any questions, please contact kniferiverchurch@gmail.com or hhedlund.dl@gmail.com.

We can hardly wait to see pictures of your VBX experience. Stay safe, stay well, have FUN!!

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