

APRIL 26 BULLETIN AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BULLETIN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God, Your Son makes himself known to all in the breaking of bread and teaching of Scripture. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see Him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: Read by Gunvald Skadberg

Luke 24:13-35 The Walk to Emmaus

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, ‘What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?’ They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, ‘Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?’ He asked them, ‘What things?’ They replied, ‘The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.’ Then he said to them, ‘Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?’ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, ‘Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.’ So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?’ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, ‘The Lord has risen indeed, and he has

appeared to Simon!’ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC: CAROL CARLSON

“DAY OF ARISING”

PRAYER

Holy God, walk with us on our road, kindling our hearts and mind and faith, especially in difficult times. We pray for those who are ill or dying, unemployed, grieving, anxious, or feeling lost. We lift up all leaders and workers in government, in health care, in essential services. We pray for families and those who are alone, for children and for the elderly, for the busy and the bored. Be our companion through this time of Covid-19, and not just *our* companion; hold the entire world in your arms to bring health and healing. Amen.

BENEDICTION AND DISMISSAL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

KNIFE RIVER PRAYER LIST:

In need of healing: Veronica Persons, Susan Anderson, Elsa Keeler, Becca Kuechle, Les Bolen, Corrinne Sutherland, Fred Wright, Reid Carson, Kayla Davidson, Archie Moore, Pastor John Reppe, Gary Swanson, Faith Swanson, Seth Goodnature, Pat Hovis, Audrey Goplin, Tom and Geneva Healy

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

Serving in military abroad: Austin Morreau, Britton Harris

Long Term Concerns: Sue Sigel, Laurie Jackson, DeWayne and Maurine Rubedor, Jason Russo and family, David Pierce, Jan Moon, Pat Hanson, Pat Levenske, Dani Mattson, Lyle Northey, Leif Zmolek, Kane Bolen, Aspen Winbigler, Deb Allert

NO SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES IN CHURCH BUILDING THIS WEEK

ONLINE THIS WEEK

Sunday-mini-worship for April 26

10 AM-Council meets online

Today is the Newsletter Deadline for May! Get articles to Kay Struve!

Monday, 4 PM-W/ELCA online meeting “practice” and business meeting

Tuesday, April 28- 9 AM-Lectio Divina/Dig Deeper online

4 PM-W/ELCA meets online for study/devotion

Wednesday-Midweek devotion/announcements

Next Sunday, May 3- Synodwide Virtual Worship, all congregations invited to watch together in unity. Link will be sent out via usual email, Facebook and Website means.

Filmed in our own sanctuary with Pastor Susan and Carol Carlson participating!

COVID-19 COMMUNITY EFFORTS..UPDATE FROM DR. ANNE SKADBERG

Dear friends,

Thank you everyone for hunkering down and following the guidelines as laid out by the state. The plan is working to suppress the surge for the time being. We understand one is still coming, but hopefully we will be entering it with a bit more preparation and that it will be moderated in it's numbers. Plans A, B, C, and many more, have been made and we hope as we move into the phase of functioning in the presence of the virus we can stay in the less drastic plans. On that note, thank you mask makers, that will help and as you know they are being used!

In the clinics we have started delivering a lot of care by video and phone, and while different, we are finding it very effective for many things and anticipate we will continue to use it for those things after this passes. There remain things that are best or necessary to see in person and we do that. I see maybe one to three people in person a day right now. We are making our best effort to keep our clinics clean and safe places so if you are having a problem that you think should be addressed don't ignore it, particularly if it is something that could become complicated if ignored. We ask that people call ahead and review issues with triage staff so that we may direct them to the best channel. Often we begin to address with a virtual visit with phone or video and then the physician determines if the person needs to be seen or have further testing..

Certainly with COVID symptoms we are asking people to call ahead and we will direct to mobile testing sites or to the proper care site. If things ramp up, we will have a system for home hospital care as well trying to keep people in their homes while being monitored remotely. In the future this system may be used for folks with heart and pulmonary disease. We are having more advanced care planning discussions with people as well so that we are respecting their wishes.

I work with the Essentia system, but as I understand it, the above also holds true for the St. Lukes system.

As we move into things likely opening up a bit, it will remain and actually become more important that the elderly and those with risk factors continue to socially distance. There may be increased need for assisting with shopping, etc. So please ask for assistance if that would be helpful. And continue to pick up the phone to visit so we don't have social isolation.

We will be able to learn in the next few weeks how countries like Norway and Germany fare as they open up a bit. Chris keeps up with the Norwegian newspapers and his family. They locked down early and were able to mitigate their numbers, and now are opening up schools.

So thank you everyone for doing your part, it is making a difference. Continue to be smart, innovative, and patient as we move forward. This will require us to do things differently than we're used to for awhile.

Keep praying!... particularly for the scientists and the vaccine process.

Please don't hesitate to call with questions. 340-6485 or 834-5901

Take care,
Anne

If you are ill or at risk and in need of shopping assistance for groceries or supplies, please call Laura Stone and she will coordinate with others who have offered to help, obtaining those supplies and getting them to you. 834-4916.

Additional note from Pastor: David and Linda Grong can also get groceries or supplies, 507-828-9611

MASK MESSAGE FROM JOANIE LEE

Cloth masks are available to anyone who needs them. There are five of us sewing and a rough tally of masks given away so far is 175. We continue to make them, so please don't hesitate to ask. Masks for children are also available. Contact Joanie at 834-5596 or joanielee14@gmail.com.

OFFERINGS

Please remember to continue to support 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!

CHILDREN'S CHURCH AND KID'S CONNECT

All students should be receiving weekly mailings with lessons and craft ideas from Lawrence Burkhard and Randi Alreck. We hope they are proving meaningful and inspiring! Let Lawrence know if you should be receiving them and aren't.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHURCHWIDE BISHOP, REV. ELIZABETH EATON

Dear partner in ministry,

Weeks may have passed since you last walked in the doors of your congregation and worshiped, face-to-face, with your community of faith. To be sure, being the body of Christ looks and feels differently than it ever has before.

Despite all of this, we are called to be church — together. The ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) looks different now, but it has not stopped. Nor have the needs of our communities and the world. Our church and its leaders continue to minister to its members, to those who are hurting and searching for peace, and to those in need.

The congregations and ministries of this church rely on your weekly offerings and gifts. Without in-person worship services for many weeks or even months, the financial impact could be devastating.

Please continue to give to your congregation and give regularly. Your congregation and its leaders continue to minister to your community of faith. This ministry relies on your weekly offerings. Find out how you can continue your pledge or regular offering through online giving, automatic monthly giving or mail.

I know that, for many of us, this is a time of uncertainty and financial hardship. However, for those of you who are in a position to do more, the needs are great.

In the United States, unemployment has soared. We are already seeing rising demands on our food pantries, homeless shelters and social services. Around the world, millions of people living in poverty are facing this pandemic without reliable access to sanitation and health care.

With congregations and ministries across the country, and a network of companion churches and partners in over 70 countries around the world, we anticipate this crisis will affect us all. Your gifts to the ELCA's COVID-19 Response Fund will provide funds to the ministries of the ELCA most in need and best positioned to help. This includes our congregations as well as local and churchwide ministries capable of reaching and assisting those in need. If you are able, please help with a gift today.

I have been reflecting on the words of Peter: "Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received" (1 Peter 4:10). Now is a time when we need one another. Now is a time to live and act as faithful people of God.

Be of good courage, dear church, and remember that Christ is with us now and always.

In Christ,

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton

Presiding Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

MESSAGE FROM OUR SYNODICAL CARE OF CREATION TEAM

Moment's of Arising

A video series by the EcoFaith Network NE MN Synod, ELCA

Listen with us to the haunting Easter hymn, *Now the Green Blade Rises*.

Look with us throughout this Jubilee year of Earth Day for the green blades rising in and for our wonderful creation.

Watch the introductory video now

Moments Arising---An Invitation

Reflections by Kristin Foster, Mark Ditmanson, and David Carlson inviting you in this 15-minute video to listen and look for green blades rising, even during the COVID-19 pandemic, in the Jubilee Year of Earth Day.

Two More Videos Coming on Earth Day, Wednesday, April 22

Earth Day Jubilee Year

Diane Jacobsen, Professor Emeritus, Luther Seminary

And

Earth Day, Our Moment to Arise

Johanna Bernu, Izzy Laderman, Kayli Skinner, and Jordan Stone

Young earth advocates raising their voices calling us to join them in this moment to arise.

Following Earth Day

Moments of Arising—Eight brief videos reflecting the Jubilee Year of Earth Day.

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