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PASTOR'S CORNER

Well, we have been in this “stay in place” for about a month. If you are like me, you are not yet used to this new “normal” by any means, but as I look back on it I discover that good has come out of it too. They have reassured us that by doing this we have slowed the spread of the virus and that means we have saved lives. If my staying put saves even one life it is well worth it. We should be praising God that we have not had to experience what this virus can do in our immediate lives, but maybe you have heard about people you know who have been. Personally, I have found myself growing in faith and in knowledge of whom and what I am. This could only happen because I was forced to stay put and spend that extra time in God’s presence. As I take time to read my Bible, I now read with a purpose, looking for more meaning in each verse, what message can I share with others based on this Scripture, for this I am so thankful that God lead me to send out daily devotions. I have been asked if I will continue once we can gather in worship, again. My answer at the moment is possibly if it is wanted or needed.

I want to thank Bubs, Deborah and DeEtta for all the time and effort they have been putting in to staying in contact with everyone. A thank you goes out to those of you receiving the calls/texts for you express your thanks and encouragement which makes the calling a blessing for both. I also want to say thank you to everyone who has provided me encouragement for the devotions. Your positive response turns it all into a privilege to do.

I know we have several people who are sewing masks for others and the Conference is asking us to send in the number of masks that have been made by church family and friends on May 22nd, so I am asking you to keep count and let me know the final number a day or two before the 22nd. Also, if we have anyone who needs a mask, please let me know for I will make sure that you will get one.

Saying that, I may have to call on one of you other sewers if the need is greater than my supply.

During this strange and sometimes difficult times, turn to God for patience and strength. Be open to thinking of ways you can serve others from a safe distance. Reach out to neighbors, friends and family by means of the phone or yelling from a safe distance. When you are finding yourself feeling isolated or lonely, remember prayer, but also remember the people God has put into your life that would welcome a phone call as much as you would, so pick up the phone and call. May you find time to enjoy the presence of God in your daily devotions. Stay safe. Stay healthy.

Take care of yourselves and your loved ones. God Bless each of you. Remember He is always only a prayer away.

Pastor Mary Lou

SUNDAY SCHOOL

All ages are welcome and encouraged to attend. Join us for 45 minutes of Bible stories, music and crafts!

Sue Malevich

AD COUNCIL/EVA KIEREN CIRCLE

Next meeting will be tentatively Sunday, May 3rd at 1:30 p.m.

SPRING GET-TOGETHER

We did set Monday, June 15th as our annual spring get-together. The whole church is invited to go out to eat at the Rink in Eveleth at 5:30 p.m. More will be shared on this as we get closer to that date.

QUAD CITY FOOD SHELF

Our church donated \$190.00 to the Quad City Food Shelf during the time when it was matched dollar for dollar and pound for pound... Good Job!

SALVATION ARMY SUPPER CLUB

Right now the Salvation Army asks that all volunteers NOT serve until further notice – they are handing out bag lunches and hot meals.

Remember our church helps to serve the Salvation Army Supper Club the third Thursday of the month. Serving starts at 3:30 p.m. and only takes a couple of

hours. We need more volunteers to sign up. The sign-up sheet is in the back of the church.

SMALL PANTRY

Our church is always collecting non perishable food items for the Small Food Pantry which is right outside our church doors. Either put food right into the pantry or leave on the back pew of the church. Paper items (toilet paper and paper towels) are also greatly needed. Cereal and paper goods seem to go the fastest.

The last Sunday of each month we will be holding a Noisy Offering.... In this offering we will pass a can and everyone will bring pocketfuls of change to put in the can and make lots of noise. This year we are collecting to help Foster Children for extra expenses through the Social Services.

Arrowhead Senior Nutrition Services - Senior Dining AEOA is offered at senior housing, community or senior centers and some restaurants (Grandma's and Memory Lane to name a couple) and can be had for \$4.00 for anyone over 60 years old. Just call 1-800-662-5711 ext. 6899 to get on their list.

COFFEE AN' will be cancelled for May...

MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 28th Norma Purkat

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MAY

3rd ... Psalm 23 (UMH 754 or 137)

Acts 2:42-27

1 Peter 2:19-25

17th... Psalm 66:8-20 (UMH 790)

Acts 17:22-31

1 Peter 3:13-22

31st... Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (UMH 826)

Acts 2:1-21

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

10th... Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 (UMH 764)

Acts 7:55-60

1 Peter 2:2-10

24th ... Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 (UMH 792)

Acts 1:6-14

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

MAY LITURGIST

3rd Taya Kwiatkowski
10th Linda Thesing-Hall
17th Don Peterson
24th Norma Purkat
31st John Malevich

MAY USHER

3rd Linda Thesing-Hall and Mary Thesing
10th John Malevich
17th Tom and Deanna Hafdahl
24th DeEtta Annala
31st Deborah Ross-Jagunich and Warren

Ross

YARD WORK FOR MAY (week runs Monday-Sunday)

April 27th-May 3rd Kern
May 4th-10th Malevich
May 11th-17th Makela
May 18th-24th Malevich
May 24th-31st Jagunich