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PASTOR'S CORNER

It is hard to believe it is already August, only a month of summer left. The Coronus Virus is still with us and looks like it will be around for some time. The normal now is to wear a mask over our face, but there is scientific research that shows that by wearing the masks we are not only protecting others, but they have discovered it also protects the person wearing it as long as it is worn correctly. So keep wearing those masks when you are out and about. There is some hopeful news that there will be a vaccine in the near future.

The need for prayer is even more important today than yesterday for only God knows what the future holds for us and everyone around us. So take time to pray, pray for the medical staffs who are treating the ill, pray for the medical researchers as they work on finding a safe and effective vaccine. Pray for the volunteers who are willing to take the risk to be in the vaccine trials. Pray for each other that each may stay healthy and that we will find new ways to serve our Lord and Savior. Pray for our country that everyone will believe what is printed on much of our monetary bills; "In God We Trust." For if everyone did put their trust in God, there would not be riots for they would be replaced with honest discussions in which everyone was heard and everyone would be respectful to each other. Everyone would see the other person as their brother or sister in Christ. Most importantly is we need to remember to share Christ's love with others and that anything is possible with God.

We are enjoying having church services on Sundays in our building, even though we have some rules we need to follow. Masks are of course required along with social distancing. Although we cannot sing hymns, we are now able to enjoy hearing them being played during the service. We have special markers on places

you can sit and meet the social distancing rules, they change on a regular basis so they are surprises when you come in. Yes, sometimes the markers may be eaten either after or even during the service. Attending services allows you not only to feed our soul, but can provide a treat for your taste buds as you feed your body. Home Services and devotions will continue as long as our current situation continues and both or one of them may be added to our “Normal” offerings for worship depending what the congregation wants or finds helpful

I will be attending MN Annual Conference this month without leaving my house, for it will be like so many things virtual. It will be interesting to say the least and I will admit I am nervous about how it will go since I am far from a computer expert. So yes, you can add the MN Annual Conference and all the technology definitely will need prayers along with your pastor.

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

When our church begins and it is safe to be together as a group of children, remember that 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 Sunday, August 2nd right after church. Please join us!

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 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 now...

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

5th Don Peterson
23rd Nikki Kwiatkowski
25th Mary Thesing
25th Alice Johnson
29th Linda Peterson

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Aug 1, 1998 Marc and Nikki Kwiatkowski
Aug 12, 1967 Jack and Gerri Makela
Aug 16, 1986 Linda and Jim Hall
Aug 17, 1974 Joe and Bubs Heitzman
Aug 17, 1974 Mel and DeEtta Annala

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR AUGUST

2 nd	Psalm 17:1-7, 15 Genesis 32:22-31 Romans 9:1-5	9 th	Psalm 105:1-6,16-22, 45b Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 Romans 10:5-15
16 th	Psalm 133 Genesis 45:1-15 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	23 rd	Psalm 124 Exodus 1:8=2:10 Romans 12:1-8
30 th	Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b		

Exodus 3:1-15
Romans 12:9-21

AUGUST LITURGIST

2nd John Malevich
9th DeEtta Annala
16th Deborah Ross-Jagunich
23rd Warren Ross
30th Jack Makela

AUGUST USHER

2nd Don and Terri Peterson
9th Linda Thesing-Hall and Mary Thesing
16th John Malevich
23rd Tom and Deanna Hafdahl
30th DeEtta Annala

Neither Liturgists or Ushers are needed at this time...

YARD WORK FOR AUGUST (week runs Monday-Sunday)

July 27th-Aug 2nd Malevich
August 3rd-9th Peterson
August 10th-16th Malevich
August 17th-23rd Kerzie/Hafdahl
August 24th-30th Makela
Aug 31st-Sept 6th Malevich