



PASTOR'S LETTER

This month I want to tell you a little more about the new technology through Tithe.ly at the church. First, through Tithe.ly we have the ability to do electronic giving, either by credit card or through your bank, and you can pay the fees associated with electronic giving or not. You can still designate for different funds, give one time, or set up regular giving. But online giving is only one small part of the program.

Through Tithe.ly we now have our new website, which one of our members has been working on, for which I am very grateful. You can access online giving through the website.

We also have the new church app. This is another way you can access online giving, but again there is so much more to the church app. You can also see what events are going on, submit prayers for the prayer wall, and use the prayer wall for your prayers. You can listen to the latest sermon, have access to an online Bible, and view photos. And we have the ability to add more according to our needs. We can also send out notifications with very important information. To download the app, go to this link on your smartphone:

<https://tithely.app.link/house-of-prayer-lutheran>.

Also through Tithe.ly we have new Church Management software which replaces the software that we used to use for decades but developed a fatal error last year. This management program has many more features, including a calendar that integrates with the website and the app. Also, any giving online is automatically recorded in your giving statement, bypassing several other recording steps. Eventually, you will even be able to go to a member section to look at your giving if you have a question.

Our staff is still working to set up this new technology because there is a lot to it, but I'm excited about how all of this can help us in years to come.

Blessings,
Pastor Sandra

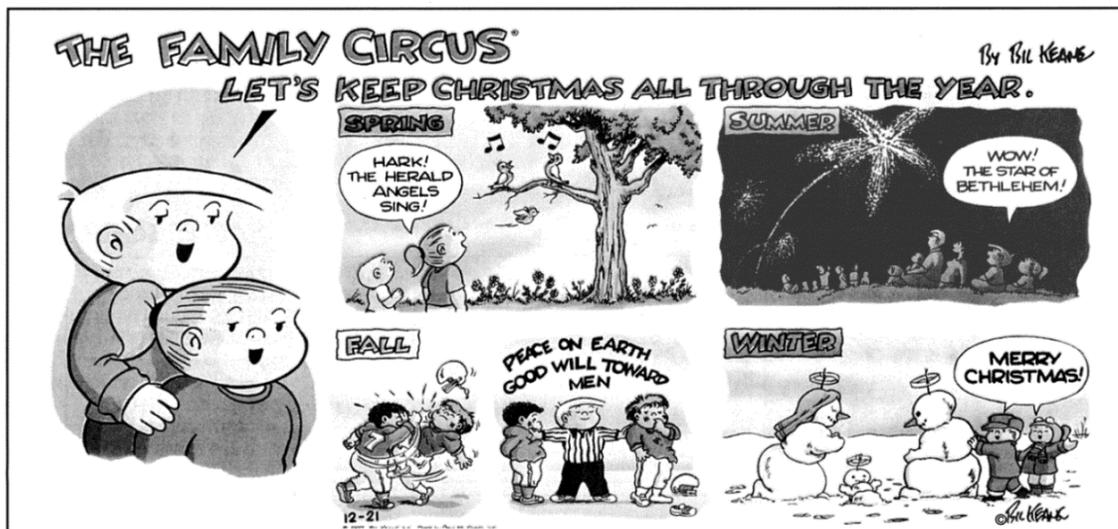
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TEXT-TO-GIVE
IS NOW
AVAILABLE



Just send a text to
844-962-2711 to
make an offering.
(Your phone
company may
charge for this.)



FELLOWSHIP IN AUGUST

Virtual Happy Hours

A few of us members have been gathering on Zoom and just catching up with each other. We would love to see you. If you are not sure how to join, Dick Thackston is willing to come and help you get set up. We will be gathering virtually on Thursday, August 6 and Thursday, August 20 at 6:30 pm. The Zoom link will be sent out via email in advance.

Netflix & Conversation



We are scaling back on Netflix & Conversation to just once a month. The movie this month will be *American Son*. We'll meet for conversation on Wed, August 19 at 7:00 pm



Life Line Screening

LifeLine is scheduled to be at House of Prayer on Mon., AUGUST 3, USING SAFE QUARANTINE PROCEDURES. They offer painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. You can register for these potentially life-saving tests today, and take \$10 off any package priced above \$139. For only \$139 (reg. \$149) you can learn your risk of having stroke or vascular disease. Register toll-free: 866-229-0469, or online: www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word circle to 797979

Life Line Screening COVID-19 Protocol

1. Employees will wear face masks/covers/shields.
 2. Life Line Screening will always follow "maximum gathering size guidelines" per city/county/state ordinances. We have changed our appointment scheduling to reflect less participants during the day to accommodate this rule. There will be fewer screening stations with more tests being delivered in one area.
 3. We are social distancing participants (registration and screening areas) by at least 6 feet. Interior and Exterior Signage will be in place to support both social-distancing and cleanliness.
 4. We no longer have participants fill out paperwork. They enter their information on electronic tablets (no paper, pens, etc.). These tablets are disinfected after each use. Participants will be given the opportunity to provide as much of their health history in advance of the screening, to avoid unnecessary wait time
 5. Everything used/touched in the screening stations is wiped down/disinfected after each participant.
 6. We wipe down tables, chairs, doorknobs, etc. throughout the day and prior to departure
- All participants will be required to do the following:
1. Temperature checks at door. Any temperature of 100.4 and participant will need to reschedule
 2. Answer series of questions. "Over the past 14 days, have you experienced any of the following symptoms":
Fever, unusual and persistent cough, unusual shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, unusual chills
unusual muscle pain, unusual headache, unusual sore throat, new loss of taste or smell?
Any YES, without a reasonable explanation, would result in the need to reschedule the appointment.
 3. All participants will be asked to bring and wear a face mask/cover during their entire visit with Life Line Screening. If they do not have a mask/cover, one will be provided. If they refuse (or cannot) wear a mask, their appointment will need to be rescheduled.
 4. After passing the temperature check and health questionnaire, participants will be asked to wash or sanitize their hands prior to beginning registration.



A La Mesa Bible Study will not meet during August.	Bunco will not be held in August 2020.
CAM's donation for August will be Canned fruits and vegetables.	This month's 2% Benevolence donation will go to Habitat Lutheran Build. To learn more about this, please see the article below!

AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

Anniversaries:
NONE

Birthdays:

8/4 Audrey Parsons
 8/7 DeWitt Atkinson
 8/7 Ronald Ellis
 8/7 Kurt Hixson

8/17 Jeanne Piper
 8/21 Lisa Alvarado
 8/21 Marilyn Fox
 8/25 Marina Winter
 8/29 Mary Rice
 8/30 Gloria Bigfeldt



Habitat Lutheran Build: Habitat Family Update, The Arizola Family



In 2019, the Lutheran Cluster came together to build an affordable Habitat home in partnership with a hardworking family in need. Together, Lutherans of all denominations from in and around San Antonio not only raised \$40,235 to sponsor part of a Habitat home, but they also put their faith into action by putting in a total of 1,298 hours on site building the home. Thank you!

Antonio and Ema closed on their home on November 22nd, allowing them and their two children, Laylalynn, two years old, and Alijah, a one-year-old, to celebrate both

Thanksgiving and Christmas in their very own home. What a great blessing.

Thanks to the Lutheran Cluster, the Arizola family had a place to safely shelter in during the Stay Home/Work Safe orders. And because of their affordable 0% interest mortgage, of less than \$600 a month, and their financial training as part of their 16 Homeowner Readiness classes, they were able to rest easy knowing that they could weather this global crisis.

And amid this crisis, the Lutheran Cluster is doing it again, raising money, recruiting volunteers, and lifting up in prayer another hard working family as we partner with them to build another affordable Habitat home this fall.

Please, join us in our continued mission to provide a hand-up, not a hand-out to another family in need.

Give- Please, if you are in a position to give, donate today by making a special offering and noting that it is for Habitat.

Build – 14 and up can help, no tools/experience needed
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/LutheranHabitatBuild2020>

Feed – All ages can help prepare/serve lunch to volunteers
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/lutheranhabitatlunch2020>

Pray – Pick up or download the [Prayer Schedule](#) and help us lift our actions to God so we may rightly serve Him as we build this home

For questions contact FaihtRelations@HabitatSA.org or 210-223-5203 x148





PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Frieda Atkinson, DeWitt Atkinson, Bob French, Donald Leonard, Edna Hacker, Herbert Itz, Alice Little, Marion Schroeder, Karen French, Kathy Harlan, Faye Randow, Jolanda Wood, Vera Brookover, Francis Laubach, Anita Carroll, Janelle Kinsel, Robert Cruz, Marta Yanez, and Our Military, particularly Michael Foglio, Jordan Bielfeldt, and all of our veterans.

AUGUST 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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The link to worship will be sent by email at 6 a.m.				Fellowship Happy Hour via Zoom, 6:30 p.m.		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
The link to worship will be sent by email at 6 a.m.						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
The link to worship will be sent by email at 6 a.m.			Netflix and Conversation Movie: <i>American Son</i> 7:00 p.m.	Fellowship Happy Hour via Zoom, 6:30 p.m.		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
The link to worship will be sent by email at 6 a.m.						
30	31					
The link to worship will be sent by email at 6 a.m.						



SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE FOR COLONIES NORTH

It's that time of year again; actually we are starting a little late. The school will need the supplies even if they are beginning the year online. They will give the supplies to the students who lack them at home, so that the students can be ready when on-campus learning resumes. The Colonies North Counselors are always so grateful for our help. They have indicated that if disinfecting wipes can be found, those are especially needed.

You can purchase the supplies and drop them off in the Church Narthex if you have a key, or you can call the office for a time to drop them off there. If you prefer to make a monetary donation for supplies, you can do so through our online giving; just select Colonies North, OR, if giving by check, write Colonies North in the Memo line.

SUPPLY LIST

- Blunt scissors (5 inches, blunt tip)
- Regular or jumbo pencils (no mechanical)
- Set of color pencils (12 or 24 count)
- Erasers
- Blue Pens (no black) and Red pens
- Boxes of crayons (8 & 16 & 24 count)
- Pkg. thick washable markers (8 count)
- Highlighters
- Dry erase markers (thin tip & Regular)
- Dry erase eraser
- Set of watercolor paints (8 colors)
- Bottles of glue (4 & 8 oz.) and Glue sticks
- Folders with pockets & prongs
- Spiral notebook (60-100 pages)
- Spiral notebooks (70 pages, wide ruled)
- Composition journals (100 pgs., wide ruled)
- Pkg. of notebook paper
- Folders with pockets & prongs (plastic/vinyl, 2 red, 2 blue)
- Folders with pockets (1 blue, 1 red, 1 green, 1 yellow, 1 orange)
- Ruler (with centimeters and inches)
- Pencil pouch
- Plastic supply box (no smaller than 5x8)
- 3-ring binder (1 1/2 in., black)
- Pkg. dividers
- Pkg. index cards (size 3" x 5")
- Large boxes of tissues
- Box ziploc bags
- Disinfecting wipes

CROSS TRAILS MINISTRIES FALL FESTIVAL 2020

This September, the Cross Trails annual festival will be a SEVEN-WEEK VIRTUAL one!

Featuring:
Virtual 5K
Virtua Cook-Off
Online Auction

More info is coming out on August 3, and will appear in future HoP This Week issues, and in the September newsletter.

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Worship: usually Sundays at 10:00 am, but now prerecorded and posted online on Sunday mornings at 6 am. Adult Bible Study is usually 11:15 am on Sundays, but not during quarantine.

Reverend Sandra Leifeste
Dick Thackston, Congregation President
Randy Stephenson, Administration-Vice President
Jenifer Larson, Treasurer
Paige Vetter, Member @ Large
Dave Johnson, Personnel
Julie Rowe, Worship
Kirsten Mangin, Ministry-Mission
Eva Poblano, Fellowship
Roberta Hanes, Stewardship
TBA, Discipleship
Bob French & Steve Long, Property

WORSHIP DURING COVID-19

Each week, members will be sent an email with the information needed to view the worship service remotely, and the bulletin and the HoP This Week will be attached.

This practice will continue even when in-person worship is available. People who are vulnerable or at-risk are advised to continue to worship from home.

During this time of social distancing, our Care Calling Team is here to make sure nobody gets isolated.

Roger & Bonnie Mathre, Gloria Bielfeldt, Eva Poblano, Roberta Hanes and Bob French each has a set of names from our membership roster and they will be calling to check on people until we can gather in-person.

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

DATED MATERIAL
PLEASE DELIVER PROMPTLY