



PASTOR'S LETTER

RESUMING IN-PERSON WORSHIP

Cases of COVID have been declining and so the Council has decided that we will resume in-person worship on Sunday, Oct 3, but, this will not be a return to "normal." Churches and places of worship have had a track record of being a super-spreader of the virus. And so there will be many precautions put into place to help to prevent the spread of the virus should anyone present be infected.

First off, everyone must wear a mask all the time. We will be seated appropriately socially distanced. Music will be kept to a minimum. We will continue to have a singer who will lead the music and worshipers may only sing softly to themselves. The same for communal speaking as well; there should be no projection of your voice. We continue to praise God, just softly for now. There is also Plexiglass on the pulpit where our lead singer will be. There will be no shaking hands, passing the peace, no hymnals, no bulletins, no prayer cards, no coffee. The service will be projected, but if you wish to have your own bulletin, you will need to print it yourself and bring it. You are also welcome to bring your own coffee. Also, there will be no communion at this time; however, I plan to do an online communion service once a month so all may communion safely.

We will need some help after service to disinfect the worship space. We've not been able to plan all of the details out because we just don't know who will be in attendance. But, I hope that if you are choosing to be at worship, you will also be will to help with whatever is needed.

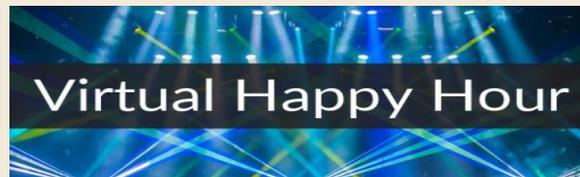
This service will be recorded and made available as soon as I am able to get it online for those who judge that it is not yet safe for them or are not comfortable yet to be in a group setting.

I, like everyone else, do not know how long we will need to follow these precautions, but we will till it is safe. And if a surge happens in San Antonio again, I expect that we will need to refrain from in-person worship once again. It is also extremely important that if you attend worship and are then diagnosed with COVID that you report that to the office. We will then let everyone who has been in worship know that they have been exposed so that everyone can be on the look out for symptoms or be tested.

Blessings,
Pastor Sandra

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FELLOWSHIP IN OCTOBER



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. Thursday, October 1, 2020 at 6:30 pm. And Thursday, October 15 at 6:30 p.m. The Zoom link will be sent out via email in advance.



Intern Corner



School Supplies Donation for Colonies North Elementary School

Good morning Friends. I am happy to share that House of Prayer was able to donate the following school supplies to Colonies North Elementary this fall:

7 cases of water (80 count each), 10 boxes of protective masks (50 count each), 25 folders, 9 packages of notebook paper, 4 boxes of crayons, 2 pairs of scissors, 2 boxes of pencils, 2 bottles of glue, and 2 backpacks.

As you can see, because of COVID mask requirements and non-sharing of water fountains, water bottles and masks were two of the main items that were needed this year. Thank you so much for your donations! On behalf of the school, they were received and very much appreciated by School Counselor, Erika Vidalez. Helping out our community is one way that we are called to bear with one another, especially in difficult times such as these.

Lisa Diana, Deacon Intern.



Netflix & Conversation

October 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Movie: *The Most Hated Woman in America*





OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

A La Mesa Bible Study will not meet during October.

CAM's donation for October will be rice, beans and pasta.

Bunco will not be held in October

Birthdays:

- Emily Douglass 10/4
- RoseMarie Schievelbein 10/10
- Juanita Peterson 10/11
- Marcus Trejo 10/13
- Ashley Ely 10/19
- Latta Stephenson 10/26
- Katie Winter 10/27
- Jan Kinnunen 10/30



Anniversaries: none

OCTOBER VOLUNTEER ORIENTATIONS FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
October 6 and 15

To get the link to the Zoom meeting for the orientation, contact
Volunteer@HabitatSA.org or call (210) 223-5203

ELCA RELIEF INFORMATION FOR WILDFIRES

Friends,

Fueled by a heat wave and ignited by lightning strikes, some of the worst wildfires in California's history have erupted across the state. At least four people have died, tens of thousands of people are under evacuation orders, over 1 million acres have burned, and more than 1,000 structures have been destroyed and thousands more are threatened. Some evacuees face the difficult decision of whether to stay in a shelter during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Lutheran Disaster Response is engaging with Lutheran Social Services of Southern California and Lutheran Social Services of Northern California, along with the three California synods (Sierra Pacific, Southwest California and Pacifica), to assess the situation and determine the best ways to respond. We expect immediate needs to include food and other life necessities, as well as emotional and spiritual care for those who have been traumatized. Long-term recovery assistance may include rebuilding and repairing homes.

You can support wildfire survivors. Gifts to "U.S. Wildfires" will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by wildfires until the response is complete.

Please join me in praying for those whose lives are being impacted by disasters at this time: wildfires, COVID-19, severe storms, hurricanes and more. Even as we face multiple crises, by working together, we can reflect Christ's light and hope to our neighbors in their time of need.

With gratitude for your partnership,
The Rev. Daniel Rift
Director, ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response Funding
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR!

We are beginning to collect funds for the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. (If you are giving online, you too can designate offerings as "Thanksgiving/Christmas Baskets")



If you know of someone who may need a basket, please contact the office (210-696-1194 or houseofprayerlutheranchurch@gmail.com).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

ANNUAL BUDGET PRESENTATION & ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our Budget Presentation will be Sunday, November 1, and our Annual Meeting will be Sunday, November 8. The format is yet to be decided, but will probably be a hybrid of in person and online. The Synod is keeping us updated with best practices for Congregational Meetings.

REFORMATION SUNDAY: OCTOBER 25

This year on Reformation we will also be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the ordination of women and the 40th anniversary of the ordination of black women.

Reformation Day has been observed as a holiday since the mid-16th century, but its official date of October 31st was set until about 1717. This is when it became an official German observance and the date from which it would spread on an international level.

We offer our sympathies to Linda Nelson and her family on the loss of her son, Robert Cruz.



UPDATE ON SPECIAL VOTE:

Repair of the air conditioning in the narthex has been successfully completed.

FROM THE ELCA: STORIES OF FAITH IN ACTION

This annual publication illustrates how God is at work across the ELCA through your generosity. It highlights how a portion of your offering, called Mission Support, advances the ministry of our church — particularly the ways the ELCA nurtures vital congregations, raises up leaders and grows the global church. Most importantly, it's one way we say thank you for your faithful generosity to your congregation, your synod and the churchwide organization — by showing your offering at work. Dive into the latest edition, which is now available digitally and includes a special message from ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, nine inspiring stories from around the country and world, and a story-based devotional for use at Bible studies or committee meetings.

<https://www.elca.org/Resources/Stories-of-Faith-in-Action>



OCTOBER 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
				Fellowship Happy Hour via Zoom, 6:30 p.m.		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Worship: 10 a.m. Service posted online in the afternoon (email and website)		PASTOR ON VACATION	PASTOR ON VACATION	PASTOR ON VACATION	PASTOR ON VACATION	PASTOR ON VACATION
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Worship: 10 a.m. Service posted online in the afternoon (email and website) COUNCIL MEETING: 11 A.M.			Netflix and Conversation Movie: 7pm <i>The Most Hated Woman in America</i>			
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Worship: 10 a.m. Service posted online in the afternoon (email and website) REFORMATION SUNDAY						Happy Halloween 

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER



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



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Worship is on Sunday at 10 a.m. and can be viewed online at our website.

Office hours: Tuesday through Friday, from 3:00 – 5:30 p.m.; for emergencies, please call Pastor Sandra at 210-248-7837.

Reverend Sandra Leifeste

Dick Thackston, Congregation President

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ON OUR CHURCH WEBSITE!**

HOW TO GET HOUSE OF PRAYER'S CHURCH APP ON
YOUR PHONE:

One way:

- To find and download our church App, go within your mobile device's app store (Google Play/iOS App Store) and search "Church App - [Tithely.ly](https://tithely.ly)". The [Tithely.ly](https://tithely.ly) Church App houses hundreds on apps from across the world! To find your church app within the [Tithely.ly](https://tithely.ly) Church app, just open the app and search for your church by name or zip code. Once you have selected your church's specific app, the next time you open the [Tithely.ly](https://tithely.ly) Church App, you app's designs will be ready and waiting - no searching involved. This [Tithely.ly](https://tithely.ly) Church App will also ensure that your App Icon switches from the [Tithely.ly](https://tithely.ly) Logo to your church's personal logo. This app icon switcher is compatible on most mobile cellular devices.

Another way:

- Go to this link on your smartphone.
<https://tithely.app.link/house-of-prayer-lutheran>.

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

DATED MATERIAL
PLEASE DELIVER PROMPTLY