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LUTHERAN CHURCH

*A builder of
faithful and
responsible lives
for a stronger
community.*

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News at Eidsvold!

10 Things You Didn't Know About the Fourth of July

- 1) The Declaration of Independence wasn't signed on July 4th (or in July at all). We celebrate the day the document was formally dated, finalized, and adopted by the Continental Congress.
- 2) The first celebrations weren't much different than today's.
- 3) Eating Salmon on the Fourth of July is a tradition in New England.
- 4) Massachusetts was the first state to recognize the holiday.
- 5) The oldest annual Fourth of July celebration is held in Bristol, Rhode Island.
- 6) The shortest Fourth of July parade is in Aptos, California. Its only 0.6 of a mile long.
- 7) There are around 15,000 Independence Day fireworks celebrations every year.
- 8) We'll eat an obscene amount of hot dogs. About 150 million to be specific.
- 9) And we'll spend billions on food. Around \$6.7 billion according to the National Retail Federation.
- 10) Two president's have died, and one was born on the Fourth of July. Both Thomas Jefferson and John Adams died and James Monroe was born on July 4th.



Substitute Pastor for Sunday July 5th and 12th

Pastor David Rommereim will be with us to share the word of God while Pastor Andy takes time off with his family. Pastor Rommereim has been with us before. He is a retired pastor who served in the Bronx, Manhattan, and Brooklyn. Then he was an interim at Good Shepherd in Polson. He and his wife live in Whitefish.



Welcome back Pastor Rommereim!

*From the
Pastor*



Grace and peace to you in the name of our living and loving Savior, Jesus the Christ.

Well, great minds must think alike! I was thinking of writing this article about a particular facet of Jesus' command in Matthew to love our neighbor as ourselves and lo and behold, the Bishop did, too. I'll let you read her article on the next page, but what I particularly wanted to focus on is one of the more burdensome aspects of this whole COVID-19 world we're living in – the mask!

I have to admit, wearing a mask over my face is not something I particularly love doing. It is uncomfortable. I find myself short of breath wearing it. I get warm/hot more easily. I've yet to figure out how to drink coffee through one and in general it is just tough. I'm grateful that my sister-in-law, Heather Caudell, made one for me that works quite well but it is still just something I'm not thrilled with on a day to day basis. And I know many of you likely are too. And to be certain, there are those among us that do not have the ability to wear masks because of breathing difficulties or other health conditions, but I'd argue that the mask is one of the clearest examples in this COVID-19 world of loving our neighbor.



As you likely know, the mask is something we don't really wear for ourselves. All of the top experts assert that any mask is not so much about protecting the air you breathe but the air others breathe from you. The science has emerged that the way COVID-19 most commonly spreads is by the droplets that come from our mouths when we cough, sneeze, talk, sing, eat, etc. Basically, it can spread anytime we might open our mouths. As you can imagine this gets all the more challenging when we spend more than just a few moments in each other's company. Incidentally, this is also the logic behind the "six feet of distance" as most droplets from our mouths fall to the ground within six feet of ourselves.

Normally, when we would have a cold or a cough, we could just stay home. However, as you've likely heard too, one of the challenging things seems to be the fact that COVID can be spread before you likely have symptoms. And so the mask is really a precautionary move we take against the possibility of spreading something to our neighbor that we may not know we have.

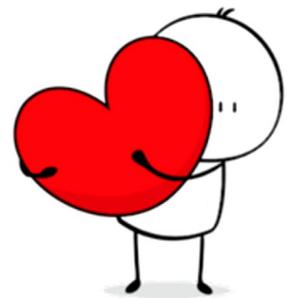
Now you may have heard that masks are only 30% effective. As best as I can determine this comes from an understanding that surgical masks pass 70% of the air a person exhales through the mask and 30% goes around the sides of that kind of mask. I don't think we need to get that technical however. Simply, for me, I know that wearing a mask reduces the chance that I am going to spread something, however unknowingly it might be, to someone else.

As such, in a time where so much is inviting us to be fearful for our own safety, it is good to know that there is something I can do to love my neighbor as Jesus instructs. And so I'll put up with getting warm, having to really smile with my eyes to have people know I'm truly smiling at them, and being short of breath too easily because I will know that it isn't a love for myself that I'm trying to live out, it is a love for you.

Blessings friends and members. Be well.

In Peace,

Pastor Andy



Scheduling note: As mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter, I will be on vacation Sunday July 5th and 12th. Sadly, we will only have in person worship on those days.

Please tune in online to Bethlehem (www.bethluth.org), Our Saviors (www.oursaviorsefalls.org), or another church for an online worship experience.



Agape Love

He said to him, “‘You shall love (agape) the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love (agape) your neighbor as yourself.’” Matthew 22:37-38

What is agape love? It is selfless love, lose your self for others love, stand in suffering with your fellow human beings love, limit my rights and take on the responsibility Christ gives us to lift up the rights of those who suffer love. We as followers of Christ are called to agape love our neighbors no matter who they are. And today especially we’re called to agape love those whose rights aren’t being respected, especially those who aren’t being treated with justice, especially right now our indigenous, brown and black brothers and sisters. Agape love is the core of following Christ and is seen most fully in Jesus Christ who suffered and died selflessly so that the whole world might be saved from our sin and its never-ending consequences.

This agape love stands against the voices in this world who are telling us that selfishness – focusing only on “me and my own” – is a virtue. These voices of selfishness tell us that our only responsibility is to care for our own selves and our own lives. Other lives are to come second, if at all, and are there for me to use for my own gain. These voices tell us that life is one big game of King of the Hill for scarce resources and that helping and loving others is a waste of our time unless it serves the self.

But for followers of Christ, selfishness is never a virtue. In Christ we are called to self-less love. As Christians, we cannot follow both the voices of selfishness in our culture and the voice of Jesus Christ calling us to agape love at the same time. For these voices are going in opposite directions. As followers of Christ, we listen to Christ’s voice and follow him away from the bandits who would tempt us with selfishness and toward the agape love of our Good Shepherd (John 10). “And I lay down my life for the sheep,” Jesus proclaims in pure, selfless, agape love. That is the love we are called to live.

Even for ourselves we practice a self-less self-love that lives in the promise that each and every person is God’s beloved, created in God’s image. In that knowledge and truth, we care for and love all whom created, redeemed and empowered, other selves and our own, so that we can take this knowledge of God’s love of us to heart and turn it around to love our neighbors.

I close today with an old parable. Jesus was giving a woman a tour of heaven and hell so that she could see the difference between the two. First, they went to a room where a large group of people were sitting around a big table. In the middle of the table sat giant pots of delicious smelling soup. The people around the table had long spoons attached to both of their hands, so long and straight that they couldn’t bend them to reach their own mouths. As Jesus and the woman watched, the starving people bickered, yelled and screamed, raged and fought, bashing each other again and again with their spoons, demanding entitlement to get the delicious soup for themselves without caring about anyone else. The suffering, weeping and gnashing of teeth was horrible to watch. “This is hell,” Jesus told the woman.

Then Jesus took her to another room. A large group of people were sitting around a big table with big pots of delicious smelling soup down the middle. Each person had long spoons attached to their hands, so long and straight that they couldn’t reach their own mouths. But these people were happy, well-nourished, and filled with joy, laughing with each other and singing songs and celebrating life. “This is heaven,” Jesus said.

The woman said to Jesus, “I don’t understand. Why are the people here so happy while the others were so miserable when everything in both rooms is the same?” And Jesus said, “Ah, that’s simple. Here they learned how to feed each other.”

That is agape love.

Blessed week to you all, Bishop Laurie



A Walk Through Our New Normal

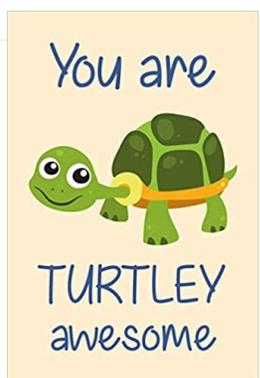


- ◆ Please arrive no more than 10 minutes early, the doors will be closed while we prep the inside.
- ◆ You may greet each other in a variety of ways. We have a poster board of examples that allow you to say hello without contact.
- ◆ When entering please have your mask on. If you do not have one, we can provide you one. We will have hand sanitizer available as you come in the doors.

- ◆ You may have already noticed the blue x's marked 6ft apart on the ground. We ask that you wait on one of these markers as you enter the building from either entrance.
- ◆ We have adjusted our seating to maintain a social distance of 6ft apart. Numbers have been placed on the pews to indicated where you should sit.
- ◆ When you enter the Sanctuary, please ask an usher where to sit.
- ◆ If you come with a group of 3 or more, we have special seating for you.
- ◆ Once worship has concluded we ask that people begin exiting the Sanctuary from the rear first.



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Welcome to Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp (FLBC) 2020

Custom summer retreats are available July 10th - August 14th

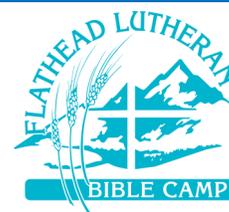
FLBC is excited about summer but it is going to be different. There are new rules and regulations in place that will make this ministry even stronger and better, thanks to God's help. We are committed to providing the safest environment for all campers when we welcome them to camp worship, eat, swim, play, and grow in bridging their relationship with Jesus Christ.

HERE'S HOW TO START!



- ◆ Gather up your group- it could be your family, your Girl Scout troop, your church youth group, women's group, a hobby community or even just yourself!
- ◆ Get in touch with FLBC about what you would like to do! Contact their office at office@flbc.net or 406-752- 6602. You MUST register at least 2 weeks before your chosen arrival day.
- ◆ Our office staff will work with you to finalize your registration! We'll provide all the information you will need for your time at camp, including required forms for each participant, packing lists, a schedule for your experience, etc.
- ◆ While at camp, groups will remain distanced to the best of our ability, with specific mealtime procedures, scheduled activities, and more. We'll work together to accommodate your needs and wants for your adventure at camp.

Can't come to camp? Consider a gift to support this vital ministry. Current and former board members have stepped up to provide a challenge gift of \$30,000 so your gift will now be doubled.



Parking Lot Rummage Sale

"One Man's Junk Is Another Man's Treasure"

Saturday, September 12 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

We are looking for your treasured junk, gather it up and bring it to the Church Middle Sunday School Room!

If you are also willing to help out in any way, or have question's Please contact Janice Vachal 406-270-6873 leave a message if there's no answer, she will get back to you as soon as possible.



"BUILDING A...STRONGER COMMUNITY"

EIDSVOLD'S OUTREACH ~ 2020

West Shore Food Bank — 125 lbs. of food (through March)
 Thrivent Action Team Grants — 1 approved so far
 MT Synod congregational support — \$3700
 Flathead Choir Piano Support—\$500
 Toys For Kids Support—\$1500



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MINISTRY UPDATE @ EIDSVOLD

July Servants



Assisting Ministers

July 5th.....Anna Cleghorn
 July 12th.....Rosella Thompson
 July 19th.....Jan Vachal
 July 26th.....Karen Richardson

Ushers

July 5th.....Bill and Sue Schottelkorb
 Joy Baldauf
 Rosella Thompson
 July 12th.....Jennifer Rogge
 Bill and Sue Schottelkorb
 Karen Richardson
 July 19th.....Tina Malkuch
 Karen Richardson
 Merlin Boxwell
 Larry Holliday
 July 26th.....Tina Malkuch
 Jan Vachal
 Merlin Boxwell
 Larry Holliday



Music Accompanists

July 5th.....David Klassy
 July 12th.....Suzi Watteyne
 July 19th.....Suzi Watteyne
 July 26th.....David Klassy

July Birthdays

07/05– Howard Ruby	07/23– Jim Jenks
07/07– Don Holliday	07/24– Dori Seney
07/08– Emma Thompson	07/27– John Farhang
07/15– Farley Grainger	07/28– Mary Helen Halaas
07/15– Sarah Kurbjuweit	07/29– William Thompson
07/17– Shirley Sauer	07/29– Suzi Watteyne
07/18– Jim Olson	07/31– Sharel Stroh
07/19– Sarabeth Rogge	07/31– Jim Stroh

July Anniversaries

07/11– Fran & Jan VanRinsum
 07/22– Jim & Donna Olson
 07/25– Walter & Mary Okken
 07/29– Justin & Kerri Teisberg
 07/30– Craig & Connie Denman



Altar Flowers

07/05- available
 07/12- available
 07/19- available
 07/26- Debbie Carlson, in honor of her mom



General Fund Treasurers Report

	May 2020	Year to date
General Fund Income	\$11, 420.06	\$68, 185.84
General Fund Expenses		
World Mission	\$0.00	\$4, 170.00
(Note: we process this quarterly)		
Pastoral Ministry	\$243.40*	\$32,432.93*
Worship	\$1,368.10	\$7,327.79
Church Property	\$4,976.45	\$8,547.36
Total Expenses	\$6,587.95	\$52,478.08

*Pastoral Ministry is being paid out of the Payroll Protection Loan



2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4TH OF JULY 
	Pastor Andy will be on vacation from July 1st – 12th		July 1st & 2nd the office will be closed			
5 10:00am Worship *Pastor David National Workaholics Day	6 8:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous	7 National Macaroni Day	8 National Postal Worker Day	9 Cow Appreciation Day	10 National Kitten Day	11 INDEPENDENCE DAY
12 10:00am Worship *Pastor David National Simplicity Day	13 8:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous	14	15 National Pet Fire Safety Day	16 World Emoji Day	17	18
19 10:00am Worship National Ice Cream Day	20 8:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous	21 National Junk Food Day	22	23 Gorgeous Grandma Day	24 National Day of the Cowboy	25
26 10:00am Worship 4:00pm Council Meeting *Food on the Fourth*	27 8:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous	28 Buffalo Soldiers Day	29	30 National Chili Dog Day	31 National Mutt Day	



Follow our online worship at:
www.eidsvoldlutheran.net

Our Mission continues

Food on the Fourth is back!!! We will collect a food donation on July 26th!

The most requested food for donations:



Let's continue to build faithful and responsible lives for a stronger community!



Follow us on Facebook! Look for: **Eidsvold Lutheran Church**
or type **@eidsvoldlutheranmt** into any search engine!

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