

Adoration Evangelical Lutheran Church

ETCERA



...Our Mission Continues

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT ???



"And all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well."--Dame Julian of Norwich

All good things are happening at Adoration. After working hard for ten months, the MET finished its process with the presentation of the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) at the Town Hall meeting on February 2. The Council took their final vote on February 11, 2020 and the MSP is now officially in to the Synod! Yeah, Adoration!! So proud of y'all.

So, what's next?

The Call Committee now begins to read, learn and inwardly digest the MSP. That document is their working "Bible" for the rest of the process. It will drive their questions to the candidates and their decisions and discernment around "fit" for your new Pastor. It is YOUR document of what you believe you need and want in a new Pastor. They now need time to make sure they own that document as much as the MET does. Once they do then they will:

- *Plan for what kinds of questions it want to ask the candidates.
- *Hold a mock interview with a local Pastor and get feedback on their questions.
- *Interview candidates.
- *Do a formal background check.
- *Discern the best fit candidate.
- *Forward choice to Council.
- *Hold "meet and greet" with chosen candidate.
- *Hold Call meeting with congregation.
- *Celebrate your new Pastor!

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ELCA WORLD HUNGER

Year-to-Date Offering of \$408.00
Thank you!

Kickin' it with Kirk...



Dear two legged friends,

My Mom who normally writes for this newsletter has been sick this month, so I volunteered to write for her. I hope that's okay.

Many people ask about me. I suppose that's because my Pastor-Mom has my picture all over

her office! So, what about me? Well, I sleep a lot. I continue to age. It's been a long, hard winter for me. I am from Alabama and this snow and ice stuff is killin' me! In human years I'd be in my sixties now. I clearly feel my age. But I am still loved. And even though I don't have all my teeth anymore, I can still eat. I'm beginning to get cataracts, but my Moms keep the furniture in the same place so I will be able to make my way around by memory and smell.

I can still walk, although I am not quite as steady on my legs anymore and I can't walk as far. But sometimes, especially when it's REALLY cold outside, my Moms just carry me to a place outside with nice smells (and where they think I will do what dogs are supposed to do outside). They support me with their hands after they put me down until I sort out my legs and figure out which one goes where first. Sometimes I slip, but they always pick me up and gently put me back up on my feet, holding me again, until I am surer of my footing. I know that I am loved. I trust my Moms to take good care of me, and they do.

My Moms tell me that God is like that with us, too. He helps us to navigate when in our blindness we would hurt ourselves without His help. He sometimes simply carries us and takes us to the places we need to go, hoping we will then do the rest and do what we are called to do. And, God ever so gently supports us when we have our legs swept out from under us and need His support until we get back up on our feet.

I hope that I get to meet God someday. I hope you do, too. (P.S. I wonder if you have ever noticed that God is Dog spelled backwards?) Woof! Kirk

Church Council Highlights

Here are some of the items discussed at the FEBRUARY Church Council meeting:

- ◆ Tom Nowakowski and Ted Lazaris met with a representative from a cleaning franchise company "Coverall". After the meeting the company was interested in doing the cleaning service for Adoration. Their contract will start with Adoration on February 22, 2020. The new cleaning service will save us approximately \$90 a month.
- ◆ Jim Haas is looking for help with posting information on the church sign. We are also looking for a group or committee that would be willing to handle the Facebook account for Adoration.
- ◆ Social Ministry would like to have a tool drive June 21, 2020 for Habitat for Humanity. They are looking for members to bring garden tools, hand tools, gently used tools or monetary donations. Goal is to collect \$1,000 to go toward Habitat for Humanity. All the above donations would be counted toward the \$1,000 donation. Tom Nowakowski moved to allow Social Ministry to have a tool drive June 21, 2020 for Habitat for Humanity. Sean McGinty seconded the motion, motion carried.
- ◆ Social Ministry would like to have Prayer shawls available at Adoration for anyone in need. Shawls can be used for anyone as comfort after a loss, times of stress, undergoing surgery, prayer, meditation etc. They can be given to anyone you feel needs comfort or just a hug. They are looking for any members willing to crochet, knit or sew prayer shawls. They will be out in the opening for anyone to take for that special person in need. Sandy Eigner moved to have Prayer shawls as part of our ministry. Sean McGinty seconded the motion, motion carried.
- ◆ Pastor John Jacob contacted Pastor Debra regarding a tour in United States by Yousef Natshah. Yousef is involved with a Christian Peace Maker Group. He is showing a thirty-minute film- Life in Occupied Palestine. Pastor John was asking if Adoration can be a venue for them to show the film followed by a Q/A period. After discussion, Sandy Eigner moved that Adoration host the thirty-minute documentary with a Q/A period. Hebron-Chronicles life in occupied Palestine. March 19, 2020. Jim Haas seconded the motion, motion carried.
- ◆ The Mission Site Profile has an expectation that we update the church directory with accurate phone numbers, addresses and email accounts before the new Pastor arrives. We also need to wear nametags with designations for people in leadership, to help the new Pastor to get to know us.
- ◆ All committees are reminded to write their events throughout the year on the calendar in the church office. This way we will know what days are available and events that are already scheduled.

For more information on any or all of these items, please check the complete Council minutes posted on the kiosk in the Gathering Space or contact one of your Council representatives.

A Note from the Call Committee

Do you know of a pastor who you think would be a good fit for Adoration? The Call Committee would love to have their name! We will accept potential candidate names from the congregation until 3/31/2020. Submitting a pastor's name for consideration does not necessarily mean they will receive an interview. Names submitted before 3/31/2020 will be given to Pastor Kristin at the synod office. The synod will then compare the candidate's profile against Adoration's MSP (Mission Site Profile) to see if we would indeed be a good fit for one another and whether the candidate is open to being called. Please submit your names to any member of the Call Committee (Sandy Young, Jim Haas, Jennifer Anderson, Gloria Becker, Mardy Lazaris, or Jessica Hodgson).

Our Adoration Family

BIRTHDAYS

3/09 Billy Hacker
 3/10 Jill Lindberg
 3/11 Owen Lewitzke
 3/15 Zoey Servais
 3/16 Sharon Anderson
 3/16 Anthony Gavitt
 3/18 Brian Kerlin
 3/19 Betty Wing
 3/21 Amanda Eigner
 3/23 Wendy Haas
 3/25 Zachary Schneider
 3/26 Bill Wakefield
 3/27 John Imp Jr.
 3/27 Natasha Sneesby
 3/31 Jan Zeit

THANK YOU!
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To everyone who brought in food donations to help support the Ascension Food Pantry on "Souper" bowl Sunday. The cart was overflowing with your generous gifts of food. Bless you!

AAA NEWS

We have several fun events coming up in the next few months. All adult members are invited to join us for our meetings or events.

March 3 1:00 PM Meeting with fellowship to follow
March 22 2:00 PM Carpool from church to Acacia Theater
April 7 1:00 PM Meeting
April 23 Greenfield High School Dinner & Show

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

To Ted & Mardy Lazaris and Jess Hodgson for putting their faith into action by serving dinner to our homeless neighbors at Divine Intervention on February 16. Also to the many hands that prepared the food. 24 guests were served. We are still in need of a host (someone to coordinate) the March 23, meal. Please contact Janet McGinty if you are interested.

TIME TO SPRING AHEAD!

Daylight Saving Time begins March 8. Set your clocks ahead 1-hour before you go to bed Saturday night.



WORSHIP & MUSIC MEETING

March 4 at 7:00 PM

WALK OF FAITH

Adoration's
 "Red Carpet for Jesus"



Our gift bricks are a special way to honor a person or celebrate an occasion. Each brick is permanently engraved with the honoree's information and if desired, a personally selected Bible verse can also be added. The cost for a gift brick is \$50. This is a wonderful way to proclaim your faith. All proceeds benefit our Capital Improvement Fund - We Love Our Church.

STEWARDSHIP MEETING

March 12 at 3:00 PM

AN IRISH PRAYER

May God grant you always—

A sunbeam to warm you,

A moonbeam to charm you,

A sheltering Angel so nothing can harm you.

Laughter to cheer you.

Faithful friends near you.

And whenever you pray,

Heaven to hear you.



YOU ARE INVITED ~

To share in the celebration of Don and Joyce Weinert's 50th Wedding Anniversary.

The celebration will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Sat., March 28, beginning at 1 PM. Please contact Joyce by March 14, to RSVP so she can plan accordingly.

SAVE THE DATE...

This year's Book Sale will be held June 11, 12 and 13. We are also hoping to have a Brat Fry on Sat., June 13. Many hands are needed to make this event a success. There will be an informational meeting in April.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Have you moved or are you planning on moving? Do you have a new E-mail address? PLEASE notify the church office of any changes. This will allow for accurate church records. Thank you.

The Season of Lent

What should I “give up” for Lent?

People often ask “what should I ‘give up’ for Lent?” The idea is that we do some things that are sacrificial during Lent. So, here are some ideas culled from different places on the 2020 internet:

- + Give time to bless others—Send some handwritten notes of encouragement—make the time to do it regularly during Lent. Put a sticky note of appreciation each day in someone’s life so that they can see it. Do someone else’s chore for them. Send an encouraging email a day to someone.
- + Do a “day of saving”—keep track of what you don’t buy for yourself. At the end of Lent, total up the cost and give it to a local charity or Adoration.
- + Read some spiritual book during Lent that you might not have touched. Ask your Pastor if you have no ideas.
- + Limit your technology—adopt a “no scroll” policy. Limit your FB usage. Limit your game apps on your smart phone, etc. etc.
- + Give up habits that weigh you down: Think of the day’s blessings before you go to sleep. (Bless not obsess). Take a day of rest. Limit your swearing. Limit comparing yourself to others.
- + Consider food—Trade coffee for water, or a snack for a prayer for those who are hungry. Consider fasting from alcohol for Lent. Consider fasting from sweets. Buy two, give one (when you shop). Plan more, waste less. (So much of our food is wasted.)
- + Pray. Set aside even ten minutes a day to spend time with God. The church is in Year A—that’s the year of the Gospel of Matthew. There are 28 chapters in Matthew. Read a chapter a day and take a day off on Sundays.

Y’all may have other good ideas. Sacrifice during Lent is about being intentional and staying committed. Use these ideas to approach the season in a new way, re-energize your relationship with God, and experience lasting change that positively impacts you — and others — during Lent, and beyond.

Easter Plants

A variety of Easter plants will be available to order during the Lenten season. These plants will be used in church for our Easter celebration, then available for you to take home and enjoy. Order sheets will be available in the narthex. See Ruth Bauer for questions.



Outreach for Hope - 2020 Lenten Devotions

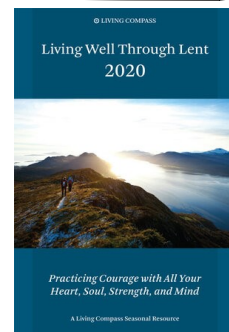


Every year, Outreach of Hope presents daily Lenten devotions, written by ELCA ministers, lay leaders, and seminary interns. For 2020, they are honoring the 25th anniversary with a curated series of the “greatest hits” from years past.

Devotions are available on the Outreach for Hope website: Outreachforhope.org. You can sign up to receive these daily words of support by email at Outreachforhope.org/subscribe, and complete the form. You will receive a daily devotion throughout Lent (excluding Sundays).

Living Well Through Lent 2020

The Living Compass program also offers daily email devotions. You can sign up on their website at livingcompass.org/lent to receive these beginning on Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday.



News & Notes



“HEBRON”



Adoration is hosting a showing of the documentary film “Hebron” on Thursday, March 19, at 7:00 PM. Yousef Natsheh, the film maker, along with the Christian Peacemakers group will be here to answer questions after the showing. This documentary chronicles life in occupied Palestine - specifically Hebron. Please see Jim or Wendy Haas or Pastor Debra for questions.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

The deadline for designating your Choice Dollars is March 31, 2020

Act now to direct your 2019 Choice Dollars before they expire on 3/31/2020! Choice Dollars are Thrivent's way of letting members direct funds to the causes near and dear to them. Directing Choice Dollars online is fast and easy. Simply visit www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice and click the “Get Started” link to begin. If you have any questions about directing Choice Dollars, you can contact the Member Connection Center at 1-800-847-4836 and say “Thrivent Choice” at the prompt. Please consider Adoration when deciding how to direct your Choice Dollars.



Meru & Mulala ~ Our Partners in Ministry

2019 was a special year for me and for our partnership as it was our 20th anniversary of our commitment to one another. I was there in 1999 when this covenant partnership was begun and it was the first parish to parish partnership, although our Synod had already established a partnership with the Diocese of Meru. This was my 7th trip to Tanzania and it has been such a great blessing to my life. We have given Meru and Mulala gifts of money but most of all we have given them hope that we were standing with them. When you give gifts to the people of Meru, they respond with, "we have nothing to give you but our prayers." To me that is the greatest gift of all. Our partnership is based on prayer for one another.

I am so pleased and proud of Adoration as over the years I have seen our gifts to them help so very much. More children are able to go to school. Pastors and teachers are being paid. The coffee project has given the small farmers a better living as we pay them a fair price for their coffee. More pastors have been ordained as we helped send them to seminary. On the Synod level, greater projects are being done such as developing water sources. To see the smiles of children as we give them toothbrushes and candy. To see the love on the faces of the people as we join them in prayers before a meal. To attend worship services and see the church overflowing with people. To hear their amazing choirs, who have no sheet music or instruments. To see about 50 children in Mulala's Sunday school. Also to mention the amazing landscape, free roaming animals and the beauty of Mt. Kilimanjaro and know that this is all God's creation. Although our lives are so different than theirs, we are one in our faith.

In Tanzania, the government does nothing for the people, so please let us continue to love, support and pray for our brothers and sisters there and keep this partnership alive.

-Sandy Ringwall



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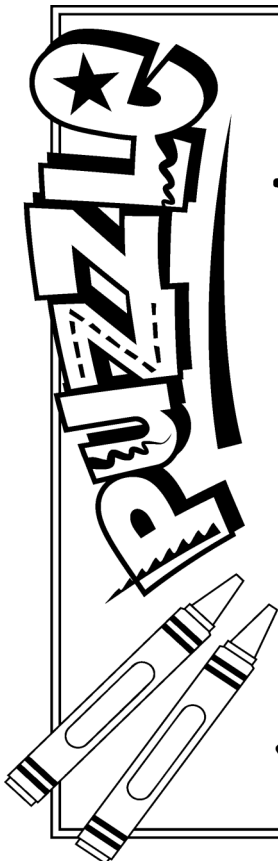
Mission Statement:

Living in God's love we share the good news of Jesus through spirited worship, serving God in our daily lives, creating a welcoming space to all, providing outreach, educating the young and old, and creating worldwide partnerships.

Reconciling in Christ:

Adoration Evangelical Lutheran Church identifies itself as a "Reconciling in Christ" congregation and publicly welcomes all persons to full membership and participation in the ministry we share without regard to race, ethnicity, social status, ability, gender identity or sexual orientation.

KIDS PAGE




MAKE MUSIC TO THE LORD

People of the Bible used many different instruments to worship God through music.

Directions: Using the clues, unscramble the names of instruments found in Psalm 150. Then write the circled letters in order in the spaces below to complete verse 6.

A type of horn	<input type="checkbox"/>	MURTEP
Played by King David	<input type="checkbox"/>	PRHA
Plucked to make sound	<input type="checkbox"/>	IGSNSTR
Similar to a tambourine	<input type="checkbox"/>	MRBELIT
A type of harp	<input type="checkbox"/>	ELRY
Blown through to make sound	<input type="checkbox"/>	EPPI
A percussion instrument	<input type="checkbox"/>	YBLACMS



Le_ everyt_ing tha_ has _r_ath
_raise the _ORD. Psalm 150:6, NIV

Answer: trumpet, harp, strings, timbrel, lyre, pipe, cymbals;
Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Psalm 150:6, NIV