

Adoration Evangelical Lutheran Church

# ETCETERA



• JUNE-JULY 2021 •



Adoration's beautiful eternal (or perpetual) candle was given in memory of Art Hale by his wife Minnie and his children Karen, Steven and Brian.

## RETURN TO WORSHIP

Members and Friends of Adoration:

On behalf of the Church Council, I am excited to announce that Adoration has begun weekly, in-person worship, effective June 13, and continuing each Sunday and Wednesday!

The Council, trusting that most of our congregation has been fully vaccinated, has taken into account the recommendations of the Back-in-the-Building Committee (BIB), CDC guidelines, and WI Council of Churches guidelines, and voted to continue enacting the following safety measures.

There is still risk for those without full vaccination, and we continue to encourage caution and safety procedures for all to protect the weak and the vulnerable among us.

### Adoration Worship Safety Measures

*We want to show love to our neighbor as we gather for indoor worship.  
Here's what to expect:*

#### **Sign-in, but NO sign-up!**

We will continue contact tracing by sign-in when arriving to worship. You no longer need to RSVP to attend worship.

#### **Come only if you're healthy!**

If you have a fever, cough, or any symptoms associated with COVID-19, please stay home on behalf of you and your neighbor. Continue to practice good hand hygiene and use sanitizer stations located throughout the building.

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## CHURCH SCHEDULE

### Sundays

9:00 a.m. in-person worship with communion

### Wednesdays

6:15 p.m. in-person worship with communion

### OFFICE HOURS

Tuesdays & Thursdays

10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

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### **Masks Recommended**

We show love to our neighbors by doing what we can to protect them. CDC Guidelines recommend that masks be worn by those who are not yet fully vaccinated. Masks are optional for everyone else who wishes to continue wearing one.

### **Worshipping with Song**

One of the joys of worshipping is giving praise to God through music and song. We will resume singing with limited verses of each hymn. Singing is optional according to one's comfort level. If you wish to wear a mask during singing, you are welcome to do so.

### **Every Other Pew**

Every other pew will remain taped-off to ensure a safer distance behind and in front of you.

### **Limited Contact**

We continue to try to limit contact, especially with regards to offerings, communion, and other places with multiple contact points. We encourage other forms of greeting beyond handshaking. We will explore options of having fellowship time outdoors in the coming weeks and months.

### **Cleaning**

After services, we will continue to have clean-up and disinfectant sanitizing of each pew.

### **Reaching the Pastoral Needs of All**

If you are unable or not yet comfortable returning to indoor worship, we want to reach you as well. Pastor Matt is happy to arrange a means for you to receive communion, a one-on-one pastoral visit, and to work on faith practices individually with you.

*Dear church: trying to discern the proper way and safest way forward is an imperfect and challenging task. Throughout the pandemic, this has been a team effort among our congregational leaders. I am grateful for the work they have done and the wisdom and safety practices they have introduced to us.*

*Our return to worship doesn't ensure the pandemic is over, or that there is no risk to our gathering; yet, as the Spirit moves among us, and with the gifts of scientific progress and vaccination, I am grateful for the ability to take these important steps in being church together for the sake of the world.*

*If you have questions, please contact me or council president Ted Lazaris. Thank you for your partnership and support as we try to navigate the next steps forward, with God's grace and love accompanying us.*

*Pastor Matt Schlake-Kruse*

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## **The Commemoration of the Emanuel 9 JUNE 17**

As part of the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, voting members adopted a resolution designating June 17 as a commemoration of the martyrdom of the Emanuel 9—the nine people shot and killed on June 17, 2015, during a Bible study at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, S.C.

Two of those killed graduated from and were formed in ELCA seminaries. The shooter was raised in the ELCA. Our church's relationship to the shooter, as well as two of the slain, reminds us of both our complicity and our calling. May God continue to guide us as we seek repentance and renewal, and racial justice and reconciliation among God's precious children.

### *A Prayer of Commemoration for the Emanuel 9*

*God, our truth, through the ages you have spoken through prophets. Stir up in your church a passion for your word revealed in Jesus, that following the witness of the Emanuel Nine, your church studies the scriptures, shows hospitality, prays without ceasing, and embodies prophetic justice in community. Embolden church leaders and all the baptized to remember the lives of the Nine, repent of racism and white supremacy, and renew our commitment to your word revealed most fully in Jesus, our way, truth, and life. In your great mercy, receive our prayer. Amen.*



*Blessed are those who trust  
in the Lord, whose trust is  
in the Lord. They shall be like a  
tree planted by water, send-  
ing out its roots by the  
stream.*

***It shall not fear**  
when heat comes, and its  
leaves shall stay green;  
in the year of drought it is  
**not anxious**, and it does not  
cease to bear fruit.*

*Jeremiah 17:7-8*

## From the Files of Pastor Matt

### *A reflection for our life together as God's people*

June-July 2021: Rooted in Faith, Rooted in God

Our home garden recently offered its first produce of the year. A lovely pink radish pushed up from the soil, and later that night, made a delicious and peppery addition to our salad. Because I'm a word nerd, I started thinking about the name radish. Sure enough, it comes from the very same family as the word for root, *radix*.

Many of our readings this summer are a part of the "green season" of church; they speak in parables and poetry about the way God's relationship to us and our faith are like the natural and automatic process of growth among the plants of the earth. The bible invites us to ponder of a bush from tiny seed blooming into a home for every bird in creation, what God will do with weeds and wheat, the growth of the kingdom of God, and God as gardener, tending to our lives of faith.

One of the kernels of Jesus' preaching and teaching is his proclamation that the gospel and love of God are *radical*. A *radical* gospel? A *radical* church? We might typically assume *radical* to be negative, applied to extremists, opponents, or ideas we think are just a little too risky.

But Jesus' radical message, while challenging at many turns, has deep rootedness to God's relationship with humanity, and is deeply rooted in God's values, not the world's. Lutheran theologian Jason Mahn notes that Jesus invites his disciples to have "the same root system" as he is proclaiming and teaching and healing in Mark: a root system of "outlandish trust that God has acted decisively through Jesus to unveil a new way of being in the world." [in *Radical Lutherans/Lutheran Radicals*, (Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2017), pp. 8-9.]

As we tend to our community, as we notice where the weeds are choking out the roots of our own faith, I hope and pray that God's Holy Spirit will fill Adoration with a rooted, radical courage to notice where God is active in and around us, and where we might find ourselves trusting outlandishly that God's abundant grace will not only keep us rooted, but also bearing fruit.

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**THURSDAY DEVOTIONS WITH PASTOR MATT:** Now that we are returning to weekly worship, Pastor Matt is providing a weekly video devotion each Thursday to sustain your faith practices. We'll spend this summer walking through non-gospel passages that mention the Holy Spirit, focusing on:

**The Spirit of Prophecy**

**The Spirit of Justice**

**The Spirit in Baptism- Isaiah 11**

**Ezekiel's Spirit**

**Hovering Spirit, Mighty Wind**

You can find them on our Adoration Youtube channel, [www.youtube.com/channel/UC5aWeSR57sqfF4SDCrTt64A](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5aWeSR57sqfF4SDCrTt64A)

++ If you miss church but still wish to hear Pastor Matt's sermons, they are available to hear on Mondays via the sermons in audio link on the welcome page of our website ++

# Your 2021-22 Adoration Church Council



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## BIRTHDAYS

JUNE 15-JULY 15

6/18 Rebecca Posig  
6/21 Charlotte Stillman  
6/23 Kelly Lewitski  
6/26 Kevin Ward  
6/27 Evelyn Kaquatosh, Connie Yersin  
6/29 Jennifer Anderson  
6/30 Kelly Kaquatosh

7/2 Anthony Gavitt  
7/4 Steve Hale  
7/9 Ed Souders  
7/11 Charlene Kerlin  
7/14 Donna Babilus, Laura Demos

## ANNIVERSARIES

JUNE 15-JULY 15

6/18 Tom & Jeanette Nowakowski  
6/20 Scott & Linda Wood  
6/25 Jim & Crystal Willms  
6/28 Kevin & Jan Ward

7/8 Bob & Ruth Bauer  
7/11 Joe & Joyce Tevz

## News & Notes

### Many thanks to:

- + Jim & Judy Goodwin and Deanna Posig, who helped with the Adoration adopt-a-highway road clean-up on Monday, May 31.
- + Richard and Barbara Regent, who completed 14 months of multiple weekly check-ins to monitor and maintain the church building while we practiced our faith away from the building.
- + George and Gloria Becker, who donated altar flowers on June 6th in honor of Gloria's birthday and their wedding anniversary. Congrats!

Adoration's 2nd annual TOOL DRIVE is scheduled for Sunday, June 20! Please bring your donations of new or used tools to benefit Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity. Monetary donations are also accepted.

Please consider being part of Adoration's Prayer Circle. This is important to our fellowship and greatly appreciated. Contact Judy Goodwin at 414-281-9368.

*SAVE the DATE: Adoration's much anticipated book sale will be back in 2021 on the third weekend of August. Mark you calendar and watch for more details!*

Adoration's next opportunity to serve Divine Intervention's SOS bagged lunches is Friday, August 13. Food donations and volunteer help will be appreciated – watch for more info and/or contact Sandy Eigner with questions: sameigner@yahoo.com / 414-852-2903.

If you or someone you love is hospitalized or for any reason wishes Pastor Matt might visit, please feel free to contact him at 920-484-8050

### 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.*