

# September 2020 Newsletter

## Pastor's Message:

Dear Friends in Christ,

I can't count how many times I've felt the need to share Psalm 46 in my brief newsletter notes. "*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change....the nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter...the Lord of hosts is with us. The God of Jacob is our refuge!*"

2020 is adding up to be "the perfect storm", where so many things are concerning, disturbing, and even scary. And yes, we are still called to have faith, to trust God, to love our neighbors, to love our enemies, to have the mind of Christ, and to rejoice in hope! In all of the tough things going on, we're also learning important new things about learning and working from home; being church; physical and mental health; what makes for a healthy society or healthy economy or healthy planet. What's hard is that this huge 'learning curve' isn't flattening out!

We have on the banner out front of our building "*Be still and know that I am God!*" That command is also from Psalm 46. If you know some of Martin Luther's great hymn "A Mighty Fortress" sing those words to yourself. Hum the tune. Take a break from the 24-hour news onslaught when you need to. Mute those negative and misleading political ads when you can. Don't hide from the things we need to be aware of and involved in as Christians and as citizens and as neighbors, but listen to the words Jesus spoke so often to his disciples: "*Do not be afraid!*" Pray for the grace to live by them.

And thank you for remembering: **We are church together! We are a church of stewards! We are a learning church!** And, **We are church for the community.** That will help us stay connected, and it will help us do what God needs us to be doing in these days!

-Pastor Paul

Worship in September continues with Drive-in Service on Saturdays at 5:00 (we can move indoors, with masks, on those Saturdays when the weather does not cooperate), and Sundays at 9:45 on Facebook Live and in the parking lot or indoors (depending on the weather.) Our indoor worship has gone fine, with folks wearing masks and being well-separated, with modest attendance. *If you 8:00 worshippers are wanting that time slot back on the schedule, let us know. We can add it back in if that helps!* Thanks so much for gathering as we can, in person, or online!

## July 2020 - Year to Date

### +YTD General Fund

Receipts: \$ 132,088 (includes PPP loan we received)

Expenses: \$ 116,997

### +YTD Building Fund:

Receipts: \$ 67,672 Expenses: \$ 69,371

### +YTD ELCA Benevolence:

\$ 6.007 Goal for 2020: \$15,000

### +YTD Missionary Sponsorship:

\$ 4,008 Goal for 2020: \$6,000

**Building Loan Balance: \$ 175,764**

Thanks to everyone who has mailed in your offering, or signed up for electronic giving!

Your good giving has been a blessing during the pandemic!



### **St. John's Veterans Group**

Our next St. John's Veterans Group meeting will be Tuesday, September 8, at 9:00am in the parking lot at Church (weather permitting). One of the topics we will be discussing is "Respecting or disrespecting the Flag? Standing or kneeling? Where do we go from here?" Additional Topics will also be discussed.

As usual, doughnuts/sweet-rolls will be served. Please bring your own beverage and chair. Again, please invite any of your Military friends. They don't need to be members of St. John's.

Our Veterans Group is also updating the Veteran's Board at Church. Part of the "updating" is having an updated list of Veterans that are past or present members of St. John's Lutheran Church. Another part of the updating is having a 3 ring binder, near the Veterans Board, where Veterans, or their families, can provide a biography and/or pictures of their time in the military service. We are asking that the biography and pictures be no more than one page in length. You can add as little or as much as you want. To have your or your loved ones Biography/Pictures added to the 3 ring binder please contact Wendy Wolf in the church office. Please send your Biography/Pictures to Wendy by email ([officestjohnsjackson@gmail.com](mailto:officestjohnsjackson@gmail.com)), if possible.

### **Hello Sunday School Families**

It is going to be a great year but different than what we are used to. We will be starting off the year virtually with lessons posted on the church website under "education" which can be done weekly. The lessons are interactive to be done with your family. We will meet certain weeks via zoom to do Kahoot! For these you will need two devices- one for zoom and one for Kahoot! Please download the Kahoot app so you are ready to play.

We will have Sunday school kick off and backpack blessing on Sunday, September 13 at 9:00 AM with a fun Kahoot. Sunday School Zoom Meeting # is 811 0043 8792

Please contact Staci Bohling if you have any questions or thoughts. [Stacibohling@gmail.com](mailto:Stacibohling@gmail.com)

## **Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits & Quilts**

Each year we send quilts & personal care kits around the world to help those in need. Thank you to all our quilters who have been working all year on quilts, most working at home during the pandemic! Ruth Circle assembles personal care kits in fall and are in need of items to send. **Items are: toothbrushes in original package; bath towels (dark colors preferred); large-toothed combs, bath size soap (individually wrapped) & nail clippers.** Bring your donations to church anytime in September and place in the bin near the food pantry shelf. Quilts & Kits will be packed & shipped in October. Thank you to everyone who brought boxes for us to ship our quilts and kits! Your generosity is very much appreciated! We should have plenty to do the job!



## **Outreach for Hope Bike Ride**

The Outreach for Hope 2020 Ride/Run/Walk is going virtual! What does that mean, exactly? Bikers, runners and walkers are invited to remotely participate in 25 fitness and fundraising challenges in honor of Outreach for Hope's 25th anniversary. You decide the time and place of each activity, as long as it's between now and September 30th. Once you've registered online, they'll mail your t-shirt(s). They've also created a blog with helpful resources, and a Facebook Group for participants to share their progress and photos— so that even though we're physically distanced, we're still connected as a community. But some things haven't changed. They're still providing individuals, families, and congregations with opportunities to build community; to learn about the ministries your gifts will help support; and to work together to raise life-giving funds for those in need. **With your help, they want to register a minimum of 625 participants, log 25,000 miles, and raise \$150,000!** Your financial support is more important than ever before in our 25 year history. Can they count on you to help them get there? Register now, and join their Facebook Group to receive important updates and #connect with fellow riders, runners and walkers in the weeks to come! The Johnsons, Kutzoras, and Ayers have been some of our participants in the past!

## **Ulong'a Parish Update**

We received a nice update from the dear, retired Doctor at Ulong'a parish, that they have received the \$2000 we were able to send them from Noisy Offerings, our abbreviated Lent offerings, and a special gift from a friend of St. John's.

*Dear Pastor Mittermaier,*

*We are pleased to send you greetings and love from Ulong'a Parish. At the same time we wish to inform you that we have received with great appreciation US Dollars \$2020.27 and spend as follows. 1. Support to parish services 2. Support to orphans 3. Fencing of parish premises. It is necessary to inform you that the outbreak of Corona Virus has completely changed our lifestyle and service routine.*

*For example the attendance on Sunday Services is about 1/3 of the usual total attendance prior to the onset of Covid 19, and the country economy like other world countries has equally been affected. However, we thank God that our country is calm and peaceful anticipating to hold its general election in October this year. We are aware that the United States is also preparing for election in November. We have to pray for these state functions that we may witness God's presence and let peace and justice dominate. May God bless Families of our partner friends and grant them hope and peace. In Jesus' Name,*

*Pastor Elineema Kyungai*

*Dr Rishiael Nanyaro*

*On behalf of Ulong'a Parish*



## September Anniversaries!

Sept. 1	Pat & Jenny Micksch – 19 years
Sept. 2	Lucas & Nicole Lemberger – 3 years
Sept. 3	Jim & Amy Meyers – 26 years
Sept. 5	Britton & Katie Schott – 5 years
Sept. 6	Kert & Carol Lauterbach – 66 years
Sept. 8	Matt & Rebecca Hauser – 2 years
Sept. 9	Dick & Karen Uhlig – 53 years
Sept. 10	Shad & Kristy Young – 15 years
Sept. 11	Dennis & Carol Heider – 55 years
	Mike & Keri Kraus – 27 years
Sept. 13	Rick & Gale Loehrl – 40 years
Sept. 14	Dave & Jean Gardipee – 29 years
	Mike & Jenny Starzman – 24 years
Sept. 15	Roger & Donna Lamberg – 59 years
	Eric & Jennifer Olafsson – 19 years
Sept. 16	George & Dianne Liberatore – 48 years
Sept. 17	Ken & Kären Keel – 60 years
	Paul & Katie Ziemer – 4 years
Sept. 20	Hank & Eileen Dieringer – 62 years
	Rich & Cindy Uhlig – 12 years
Sept. 23	Vince & Nicole Dueno – 20 years
Sept. 24	Scott & Pam Adams – 37 years
	Charlie & Kristin Jones – 4 years
Sept. 27	Dan & Eileen Mack – 23 years
Sept. 29	Aaron & Tracy Weninger – 8 years
	Kyle & Jennifer Binversie – 8 years
Sept. 30	Roy & Mary Glocke – 48 years
	Scott & Beth DeChant – 25 years

If we missed your special day please let us know.

## **September Birthdays!**

Sept. 1	Chace Stockhausen
Sept. 2	Judy Durr
Sept. 3	Steve Henrichs
	Elizabeth Kison
Sept. 4	Kaycee Binversie
	Becky Ziemer
	Jack Stern
	Connie Hornburg
Sept. 5	Paul Mittermaier
Sept. 6	Ron Jonas
	Ashlyn Muller
	Angela Pickart

Sept. 7	Bruce Beuscher
	Beth Dechant
	Terry Legate
	Jennifer Olafsson
	Amy Reid
	Dorothy Slatter
Sept. 8	Lisa Brennan
	Butch Callum
	Eileen Dieringer
	Chris Guslick
	Rick Guslick
	Geraldine Michalski
Sept. 9	Mark Dalton
	Alaina Staller
Sept. 10	Debbie Gramza
Sept. 12	David McFadden
Sept. 13	Jakob Fraley
	Gary Kielisch
	Joe Liberatore
	Jack Lippold
Sept. 14	Tracey Corlett
Sept. 15	Emmaline Guslick
Sept. 16	Terry Christopherson
	Collin Russ
Sept. 18	Parker Schaus
Sept. 19	Brittany Stockhausen
	Jeff Warren
Sept. 20	Scott Reid
Sept. 21	Barb Jonas
	Ann Radloff
Sept. 22	Kaylee Brice
	Joel Heidtke
	Ed Holcomb
	Maryrose Leist
Sept. 23	Deb Schneider
Sept. 24	Scott Anders
	Warren Scheunemann
Sept. 25	Larry Hillyer
Sept. 26	Garry Basing
Sept. 27	Jackie Dhein
	Duane Plath
Sept. 28	Peter Jackson
Sept. 29	Jessica Frank
	Karen Kraemer
	Lindsey Stern
	Arleen Ziemer (95)
Sept. 30	Barbara Hillyer
	Larry Liebner
	Bonnie Puestow

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At St. John's we're privileged and challenged to *Welcome, Worship, and Witness* in Christ's name. Thank you for being part of this faith community and for the serving you do to the glory of God!

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Worship Services: Saturday 5:00pm Drive-in Worship, Sunday 9:45 am  
Holy Communion is celebrated the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend.

