

# Our Saviour's Call

The monthly newsletter of  
*The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour*

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## **MOTTO**

*“Love one another, as I have loved you.”* John 13:34

**April - May 2020**

**We are praying everyone is doing well while practicing social distancing.**

**In the midst of this health crisis, our Blessed Bundles' families are in great need. We had 62 families with 139 children at our last distribution. We ran out of most sizes of diapers within 45 minutes. Please consider donating diapers or sending us a monetary donation. We are also collecting food and paper products for them.**

**PLUM will continue to have a Sunday Worship service each week at 3:00.**

**PLUM is also offering 4 different Bible Studies on different days and times. A different pastor is leading each study. A flyer is attached.**

**Zoom online: <https://zoom.us/j/401596541>**

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**If you need pastoral care you can call the church office. Messages are being monitored regularly.**

**May God bless you and keep you.**

## Longing for Holy Communion

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*In the night in which He was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*Again, after supper, He took the cup,  
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.<sup>1</sup>*



Have you been longing to hear those words? Are you eagerly waiting for the time when we can come together and once again be in fellowship and share this beloved sacrament in our respective church sanctuaries? When will that be? On March 15, when we started this journey of suspending our in-person worship to care for each other by honoring the physical distancing guidelines, did we think that it would be this long before we were able to gather once again? What about communion? Not during Holy Week and Easter! We didn't even get the opportunity to do it **one last** time to prepare ourselves.

During this COVID-19 pandemic we have experienced many losses ...the inability to hug love ones, see our friends and church families. We have had to make many adjustments...limited time in the grocery stores, wearing masks and gloves, working from home or not working, and even worshipping through technology. While we have valiantly adapted to each of those expectations, one of the hardest has been not gathering for Holy Communion! How much longer? Other churches are doing it, so why not us? It is "unLutheran" not to have communion every week! I need it to get me going each week!

We acknowledge the longing for communion in our weekly worship. Yes, as Lutherans the sacrament of communion is an important part of how we experience the presence of Jesus. For many coming before God, confessing our sins and seeking forgiveness seems fully attained when we engage in the Lord's Supper. So on what basis are we justifying this absence? There are several factors that have guided the PLUM Pastoral Team:

- On the most basic, practical level, WE have not been able to identify a safe way to administer the sacrament without putting someone at risk. We have reviewed all the various techniques and have not landed on one. Reducing the risk of infecting each other is the very reason we are physically distancing. We believe it would be irresponsible of us to place any of our flock in harm's way.



<sup>1</sup> Evangelical Lutheran Worship, setting one, pg 109

- Equally important is the why of communion. As Lutherans we believe that Jesus is present in the reading and preaching of the gospel. Martin Luther argues that it is through the reading and hearing of the text (the Biblical scripture) that Jesus “forgives us, heals us, and raises us from the dead.”<sup>2</sup> Luther also wrote that the Lord’s Supper is a proclamation of the Gospel. It is not a magical act but rather a visible form of the Word. To put it more plainly, the presence of Jesus, the Word made flesh (John 1:1-4). Communion reminds us of our forgiveness but it is not the source. It points us to the source – Jesus! When we come together for Bible Study we experience Jesus. Each Sunday we gather for worship we are still experiencing Jesus. Differently, yes! We remain consistent in our belief by engaging in a Service of the Word.



- Finally, both Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and Bishop Kurt Kusserow have encouraged us to care for the body – you – by fasting from communion until we are able to practice this discipline safely in community with each other. Communion in our individual spaces would be like preparing a huge thanksgiving feast and eating it alone. It misrepresents what is intended- the gathering and assembling around **Word** and Sacrament. Jesus intended for the meal to be shared in community. It was how He ate the last meal with his disciples. Communion is a discipline we do when as the body of Christ we gather in fellowship together. And we look forward to being able to do so once again.



WE understand not gathering, not having Holy Communion is difficult. We are all longing for this beloved sacrament. Yet how grateful we are that Jesus’ abiding presence remains with us always even until such time as we are able to gather again. We encourage you to seek Jesus’ presence in the reading and hearing of the Biblical word. We offer this prayer to include in your devotion time.

### **Prayer of Holy Commitment**

Beloved Jesus,  
 I believe that you are present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.  
 I love you above all things, and I desire to experience your presence more fully through the sharing of your body and blood.  
 Since I cannot at this moment receive you physically,  
 I trust you to be present with me spiritually and abide in my heart.  
 I embrace you because you are already here and I unite myself wholly to you.  
 Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.<sup>3</sup>



The peace of Christ be with us all,  
*Pastor Brenda*  
 On behalf of the PLUM Pastoral Team

<sup>2</sup> Tim Wengert

<sup>3</sup> Adapted from the Act of Spiritual Communion

## STEWARDSHIP

### WILL COVID19 DISSUADE US FROM OUR MISSION STATEMENT?

***“On the evening of the first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you!’ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again, Jesus said, ‘Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.’ And with that he breathed on them and said, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit’.” John 20:19-22.***

We are surely living through some disconcerting times with COVID19. All of us have had our wings clipped to varying degrees; and like the disciples, many of us are behind locked doors in fear of the pandemic which surrounds us, uncertain of our futures. We are barred from our church and socializing with many of our friends, not to mention family members who may be in other parts of the country. Our new garb is a face covering to protect those around us, and we live in fear of giving our family members and those close to us the virus which we may or may not have...so we choose to err on the side of caution and stay secluded. And then, there are those who are serving on the front lines risking their own lives using their gifts and talents to keep us and others safe. However, as Christians, God has not left us high and dry—we too, like the disciples, have been given the Holy Spirit to help us.

The temporary closing of our doors does not mean the ministry of the church has ceased. Our pastoral team continue to work extremely hard in learning new skill sets that have enabled all of us to stay connected. They remain vigilant in trying to stay in touch with members of the congregation, and working as a team, have continued to offer Bible studies and worship experiences, especially during Holy Week. Nor has the ministry of the church ceased with us. Very quickly we have learned that we must go outward in ministry rather than focusing inwardly. Perhaps that is a positive that COVID19 has offered us. Being uniquely made, each of us has been given the gifts of time, talent, and resources. For some, and perhaps most, time has become more plentiful because we are not out circulating as much. Regarding talents, each of us

has been given talents that can be offered in ministry. So, what can we offer at Lutheran Church of Our Saviour collectively as well as individually? What do our neighbors need? Do we need to reevaluate the definition of neighbor?

Lastly, there are our resources. Because of COVID19, there are those that have been impacted heavily due to unemployment or a loss of a job. Then there are those who have not been impacted as much because their incomes have remained secure through pensions or social security. And some are experiencing temporary increases in income and/or reduced expenses. But the work of the church continues. The expenses of the church continue even when we are not there. It is also likely that expenses are increasing from those seeking additional assistance from the church given our current public health crisis. In Acts 2:42-47, the disciples gathered and sustained one another as the need arose. This provides us a beautiful example of community. During these times, perhaps those who have been impacted less might help carry some of the financial loss of those who normally would be giving more to the church. Additionally, you may be one who has benefitted financially from initiatives during our present epidemic and have made or are considering a stewardship decision to share funds with an outreach ministry of one or more PLUM congregations. The Lord asks us to give according to how we have been blessed. Our offerings can either be mailed to the church, placed in the Happy Apple mailbox by the front door of the church, or electronically given through your financial institution. If you would like to designate donations to one of our PLUM congregations such as the Trinity Lutheran, Mt. Oliver Diaper Bank, Lutheran Church of Our Saviour's Blessed Bundles, East Liberty Lutheran's Feeding Ministry, or Food Pantries run by a number of our congregations, please give through your home congregation, who will then forward these designated funds to the appropriate congregation ministry.

COVID19 does not restrict us in all ways; for now we may just have to get a little more creative in how we achieve our mission statement: “We are a family of believers: Renewed through worship, United by Christ's call, Bearing His love into the world.” See you in church on Sunday at 3:00 p.m. via zoom.

## **Treasurer's Report**

The following is the year-to-date financial report as of the end of March:

Offerings/Other Income	\$16,043
Expenses	\$19,639
Deficit	\$3,596

## **Parish Register**

### **Member Transferred to:**

**Madison United Methodist, Madison, PA**

George Nemit 2/2/20

### **Death**

John Shondel 2/16/20

## **Thank You from Glenda Ann Wareham**

For all the thoughts and prayers I have received, I am praying for you in return. You all mean a lot to my family and me. Hope to see you all soon. Thank you.

Love always,

*Glenda Ann*

## **New Great Grandson**

Steve and Henrietta Solomon are the proud great grandparents to George, who was born on January 19<sup>th</sup>. He was welcomed home by sister, Anastasia, and big brothers, Nicholas, Alex, and Peter. Joshua and Rebecca are the proud parents. The proud grandparents are Ernie and Linda Solomon of Manor.

## **Garden of Faith**

“The garden is open for another growing season! The garlic planted last fall has made it through the winter. So far, onions and cabbage have been planted. Lettuce will go in next, providing the weather cooperates. At this time, *Meals on Wheels* has ‘paused’ their meal delivery service. Hopefully, but the time our vegetables are ready, they will be reopened for business.”

*‘Adam was a gardener, and God who made him, sees that half of all good gardening is done upon the knees.’ Rudyard Kipling*

## **Rummage Sale**

Due to the Coronavirus we had to cancel our Rummage Sale. As of now, there are no plans to reschedule.

## **Blessed Bundles Update**

Month	Number of Families	Number of Children	Number of Volunteers
February	51	135	15
March	41	92	6
April	62	139	7

The \$250.00 dollar Thrivent Action grants were received for February by Henrietta Solomon, March by Mary Lee Divitis, and April by Barb Pergar. We have also had extremely generous donations by Brenda and Denny Erdly and WELCA. Thank you all so very much! We would also like to thank our faithful "adopt a box" families who continue to generously donate a box of diapers every month.

In February, we received donations of highchairs, strollers and several other baby items from the TryLife Center in Lower Burrell.

In March, our world significantly changed due to the Coronavirus. In order to continue to meet the needs of the families in our community, we decided to continue our mission in a modified capacity. To keep contact to a minimum, we set up a canopy tent outside the social hall as our base. We register families there, making sure that everyone follows the social distancing guidelines. The families wait outside while the few volunteers in the church gather diapers and wipes and then bring them out to the families. The volunteers are wearing gloves and masks to protect everyone. It has snowed for both the March and April distributions—we are praying for warmer weather for May!

We also started a food/paper product donation table. We had a generous donation for this table from Sue Seymour in March and from Lauren Baier (a member of the community who arranged a mini food drive in her neighborhood) in April. Also, on Lauren's suggestion, we are attempting to partner up with 411 Food Rescue to see if we could obtain food donations to help our families during this time of food insecurity.

We had an anonymous donation for our April distribution. The donor purchased forty \$50.00 gift cards from Walmart that were passed out to the families at the distribution. It is truly amazing to see the generosity and acts of kindness in this time of crisis. Thank you to all of these amazing angels for bringing a light into the darkness!

Would you please consider, **if you can**, making a monetary donation for the purchase of diapers during this time of great need? Or possibly providing a donation of food/paper products for the families?

Our next distribution dates are May 16<sup>th</sup> and June 20<sup>th</sup>.

## **G and J Dollars for Rise Against Hunger**

We, as a joint ministry within PLUM, will once again prepare meal packets for “Rise Against Hunger” this coming September. This year we are increasing our

goal from 15,000 meals to 20,000 meals! Each church within PLUM will need to raise approximately \$350.00 (they have not yet calculated the exact amount). We have started raising the money needed now by collecting "G and J" dollars. **We are asking everyone to look at the dollar bills they have and consider donating any dollars they receive with the letter "G" for God and "J" for Jesus to this ministry.** *(When looking at the dollar bill, there is a letter in a circle to the left of the picture of George Washington.)* **Please save your "G and J" dollars in your own container until we can resume worship services and you can bring them here.**

### **Prayer List**

**Please review the following prayer list. If your family member or friend no longer needs to be on the list, please let us know so we can update it.**

Please include these people in your prayers:

**Our Members** – Karen McDonough, Lil Fresch, Ryan Park, Brett Massimino, Diane Clem, Mitch Atkins, Chuck Hershey, Betty Beranek, Luyviana Petersen, Margaret Achtzehn, Kitsy Cochran, Carol Godor, Mark Smith, Henrietta Solomon, Chuck Rubbo, Karen Smith, Glenda Ann Wareham, Sandy Fry, Robin Prady, Tom Cochran, Steve Solomon, Brian Bergman, Janet Feltes, Carol Miller, Aaron Solman

**Our Friends** – Pastor Rafanan and his family and friends, Tom Miller, Sara Stumme, Clara Hager, Pastor Koch, Lance Lewand, Nathaniel Lewand, Jane Ramer, David Wilhide, Kelly Haley, Valerie Sas, Tammy Smiley, Cheryl Hayes, Keira Longo, Dennis Pollock, Nancy Stepinsky, Debbie Yutzy and family, Darcy Riazzi, David McCurdy, Kelly Ward, Bruce Hayes, Kyle Wertman, Tim Hamilton, Karen Dunn, Jenni Stevenson, Darcy Yeloushan, Pat & Dennis McCarthy, Mary Lou Campbell, Jennifer Miebach, Steve Plecko, Alex, Bernard Socha, Suzanne Whitacre, Joan Hall, Joyce Hollick, Bryce Patrick, Kristin Cherone, Rob Zarate, Tracy Zarate, Ruth Sileo

**Our Shut-ins** – Eugene Woods, Irene Vozel, Lucy Gracan, Bill Malis, Pat Palm, Donna Churilla

**Blessed Bundles' Families & Friends** – Layla, Delaney, Jacob, Zac, Alrya, Nicole, Alanis, Alexis, Traedyn

### **Thrivent Choice Dollars**

The Thrivent Choice program lets members choose where some of Thrivent Financial's charitable outreach funds go. **If you are a Thrivent member**

**who is eligible to participate in this program, you can choose Lutheran Church of Our Saviour to receive your Choice Dollars.**

Thank you to those who have already designated their Choice Dollars to Our Saviour! For any questions concerning the Thrivent Choice Program, please contact Mim Abraham, your Thrivent representative, at 412/389-9450.

### **Birthdays**

#### **April**

Pat Palm 4/2  
Jack Moore 4/5  
Ken McDonough 4/6  
Justin Rubbo 4/8  
Sarah Zitcovich 4/9  
Marty Ponebshek Jr 4/18  
Alyssa Moore 4/21  
Cynthia Kisel 4/24  
Lillian Fresch 4/26  
Dennis Reed 4/28  
Alexander Csukas 4/30

#### **May**

Connie Cunningham 5/3  
Charles Rubbo III 5/3  
Tessa Turberville 5/3  
Amanda George 5/4  
David Morton 5/5  
Miles Hardin 5/7  
Henrietta Solomon 5/11  
Jason McManus 5/13  
Mark Critchlow 5/16  
Betsy Park 5/20  
Ernest Miller 5/22  
Frank Feltes 5/23  
Nathan Kremer 5/24  
Lacey Reed 5/29  
Kathleen Evans 5/31

**Have a wonderful birthday! To those whose birthday already occurred, we hope you enjoyed your special day!**

If your birthday did not appear on the list or if it's incorrect, please notify us so we can update our records.

### **Can Collection for Recycling**

**We're still collecting aluminum cans** (example: **pop and beer** cans) for recycling. Please bag them and **drop them off in the entranceway outside the kitchen door. Don't forget to pop off those tabs first!** The Thrivent Pop Tab Challenge will most likely be an annual event and we can get a jump on next year's event.

### **Special Congregational Meetings**

Special congregational meetings were called at all the PLUM churches on February 2<sup>nd</sup> to vote to call Sue Devine as a pastor in PLUM. The votes were taken, and it was unanimous. **All voted to call Pastor Sue to be our pastor in PLUM. And she said yes!**



## **Congregational Meeting**

**Our bi-annual Congregational Meeting was held on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

The following actions took place:

- *Acceptance of the November 17<sup>th</sup> congregational meeting minutes.*
- *Motion was made and seconded to accept 2019 Annual Report. Motion carried.*

## **Council Meetings**

**Council met on February 11<sup>th</sup>.**

**Members present:** Lars Bohman, Sandi Bergman, Debbie Massimino, Pam McCurdy, Robin Prady, Jane Atkins, Ken McDonough, Pastor Gropp and Vicar Mandy Gilberti

**Member absent:** Diane Johnson

The following actions took place:

- *Motion was made and seconded to accept the corrected minutes of the January 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion carried.*
- *Motion was made and seconded that we continue our membership with Lutheran Church Extension Service for \$50. Motion carried.*
- *Motion was made and seconded that we use investment earnings to give a gift to Vicar Mandy Gilberti for \$1,100 to help defray her costs as a seminary student. Motion carried.*
- *Motion was made and seconded that we use the endowment interest of \$1,749 toward the purchase of an AED, as a capital improvement project. The balance is to come from the Memorial Fund, once we have the final amount. Discussion: talked about payment options for Happy Apple. Tanya is receptive to an AED, but Happy Apple is short on funds at this time. Once we have the final cost, someone will talk with Happy Apple. Motion carried.*

**Council met again on March 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**Members present:** Lars Bohman, Sandi Bergman, Debbie Massimino, Diane Johnson, Pam McCurdy, Jane Atkins, Robin Prady, Pastor Gropp

**Members absent:** Ken McDonough, Vicar Mandy Gilberti

The following actions took place:

- *Motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the February 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion carried.*
- *Motion was made and seconded to have a congregational call meeting on June 7<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of calling Vicar Mandy Gilberti. Motion carried.*

**Council met again on March 27<sup>th</sup> at a special ZOOM meeting.**

**Members present over the internet:** Lars

Bohman, Sandi Bergman, Debbie Massimino, Diane Johnson, Pam McCurdy, Jane Atkins, Pastor Gropp, Vicar Mandy Gilberti

**Members not able to connect:** Ken McDonough, Robin Prady

The following actions took place:

- *Motion was made and seconded to cut Happy Apple's rent in half for the month of April, with the hopes of getting the difference back over the next few months. This would be possible if Happy Apple applies for the Payroll Protection Plan and is approved. Motion carried.*
- *Motion was made and seconded to continue to pay Jane and the sexton during this time of shutdown. Motion carried.*

Those wishing to view full council/congregational meeting minutes can do so once they are approved at the following meeting and are made available in the church office.

**We pray for our nation and the world as we face uncertainties around coronavirus. Protect the most vulnerable among us. Grant wisdom, patience, and clarity to essential workers, especially as their work puts them at great risk. Guide us as we care for our families, congregations, workplaces, and communities. Give us courage to face these days not with fear but with compassion, concern, and acts of service, trusting that you abide with us always. Amen.**





## In God We Trust

This statement is embossed on American currency, yet today some question the relevancy of these words and the validity of their imprint on money. Trust, and more importantly, in whom and what we place our hope can vary greatly and many of the differences are situated within basic demographics—age, gender, socioeconomic status, etc. The notion of trust had a drastically different meaning several months ago, regardless of demographics. One day that may come to mind is Ash Wednesday 2020. As we began our annual Lenten journey, we anticipated fish fries, Bible studies, prayer, meditation, and fasting. All in preparation for the Easter celebration in April. And then, in a relatively short time, our worlds were turned upside down with information about a widespread virus posing a threat on the United States. This was no longer a long-distance problem being observed from afar...it was in our neighborhoods, schools and businesses. The level of fear and anxiety has been compared to that of 9-11. But this was much different. After 9-11, activities began to return to some kind of normal within a week or so...as businesses began to reopen, students returned to classes, and airplanes returned to the sky. April 26<sup>th</sup> will mark the two-month anniversary since Ash Wednesday 2020, and most are still awaiting some glimpse of “normal” and yet the waves of fear and anxiety continue.

Our human response to these events is understandable. Fear is an emotion in which our bodies typically respond with fight/flight/freeze. Anxiety symptoms (hyperventilating, racing heartbeat, sweaty palms, panic sensation) are the body’s response to prolonged worry; mostly about the future...will things ever be normal or will it always be like this? Some may ask, does fear lead to anxiety or just the opposite; or perhaps they go hand-in-hand? One new term that’s recently surfaced is “anticipatory grief,” which refers to feelings of grief occurring before an impending loss. The impending loss refers to our future as we think about what it might look like instead of what we may have hoped for.

We could review the scientific research about our autonomic nervous system (composed of the sympathetic and

parasympathetic nervous systems) and how their function in stress situations lead to experiencing fear and anxiety due to changes in our brain chemistry resulting in these bodily responses; but can the information be trusted coming from a non-scientist such as myself? And besides, there’s not all that much interest in the scientific origins behind fear and anxiety symptoms. We just want it all to stop and go back to normal, right?

So, we rely upon our instincts and intuition to guide our actions and responses in these stressful times. This may translate into a desperate hunt to satisfy our appetite for information. As with other traumatic events, we turn to mainstream media but now there’s also social media as additional information resources, at our fingertips in an instant! But oh, how to determine which resources are reliable and trustworthy? Wading through the massive amount of media information can be overwhelming in itself. Some put their trust in local television and radio and others prefer larger, mainstream media (some might call this old-school thinking). While others put their trust in live press conferences by governmental leaders. Still others place their faith in the opinions and postings of celebrities, family and friends on social media. Who to trust? Where to turn? What’s reliable? Are there any concrete answers about our future?

None of the above resources can impart God’s wisdom to any of us. Which begs the bigger question, is it in God we truly trust? We may reach out to God in prayer, imploring Him for guidance and strength in these troubled times, but what do you hear? In these times, I’m reminded of the story of Samuel (1 Samuel 3). You may recall this is the story of Eli and Samuel where they lie down, the Lord speaks to Samuel but Samuel is confused and thinks it’s Eli speaking. Once Eli provides Samuel with a suggested response, Samuel then responds appropriately to the Lord’s call, who imparts a message of His coming actions in Israel. Samuel was then recognized as a prophet of the Lord.

How closely are we listening to God’s words and more importantly what’s our response? Trust in the words of the Lord is anchored in our faith. While there are physical challenges to participating in worship, there are no restrictions to access God’s word and our appetite for information can be satisfied in His word. But we must also listen and trust that when the Lord imparts a message to us of love, hopefulness and helpfulness that we then pass this along to others by whatever means available. A card, letter or telephone call reaching out to someone with wishes for a blessed day or that you’re keeping them in thoughts and prayers can make a difference in the world of another, especially when the actions are accomplished out of trust rooted in God’s inspiration. We can’t go back and tomorrow is unknown so how about we live for today?

Just for today, I will let go of anger.

Just for today, I will let go of worry.

Just for today, I will give thanks for my many blessings.

Just for today, I will do my work honestly.

Just for today, I will be kind to my neighbor and every living thing.

You would be amazed at the things you can do, just for today.

Kathy Hays



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**Worship Services**

Sunday at 3:00 p.m.

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**VISION STATEMENT**

We believe God's vision for the Lutheran Church of Our Saviour is that we become:  
a loving community whose Christ-like love for others embraces everyone, including those who have yet to experience the love and acceptance of Jesus Christ, Our Savior.

**MISSION STATEMENT**

We are a family of believers:  
Renewed through worship,  
United by Christ's call,  
Bearing His love into the world.



**STAY WITH. RAISE UP. SEND OUT.**  
**GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.**