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# The Voice

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Aug 2 – 10 am Worship  
with Holy Communion

Aug 9 – 10 am Worship

Aug 16 – 10 am Worship  
with Holy Communion

Aug 23 – 10 am Worship

Aug 30 – 10 am Worship



**Sunday Morning Worship Service**  
with  
**Pastor Oddi**

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10:00 am to 10:30 am

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## "Clean or Unclean"

Clean or unclean? Infected or uninfected? These are important questions these days. As a society, at least in recent years, we have made a good deal of effort in stressing the importance of being clean. We have local health departments whose responsibility is to inspect restaurants to ensure that it is clean and that the food is being stored and prepared in a clean and safe manner. We see signs in stores and restaurants reminding the employees that they must wash their hands before they return to work after using the restrooms. Of course we know that it is very necessary for anyone to wash their hands after using the restroom; and now with the rise of the COVID-19 pandemic we have been told that washing our hands is even more important to control the spread of the virus.

The sale of hand sanitizer and Clorox Wipes and bleach, and countless other cleaning products has risen dramatically and now many of these products have become extremely hard to find. Grocery stores are now sanitizing the belts after every order. Restaurants are not only wiping down the tables between customers, but they are sanitizing them. Looking clean is not necessarily good enough when you are dealing with an invisible virus, you need to kill the germs of this virus.

But, as concerning as all of this is, as important as it is for us to wash our hands properly and to ensure items are sanitized so that the virus germs are eliminated there is a cleanliness that no amount of hand washing or hand sanitizer can provide us.

Read the account of Jesus washing His disciple's feet from **John 13**: "Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. (continued on page 2)



Our Faithful Servants



- August 2 – Pam Shannon
- August 9 – Pam Shannon
- August 16 – Nancy Jenkins
- August 23 – Nancy Jenkins
- August 30 – Nancy Jenkins



- Aug 2 – 8 – Marie Walsh
- Aug 9–15 – Linda Ritterbusch
- Aug 16 – 22 – Lesley Oddi
- Aug 23 – 29 – Phyllis Abbott
- Aug 30 – Sept. 5 - ???



Church Cleaning Sponsors

- Aug 2 – Jean Memken
- Aug 9 – Jim Cronin
- Aug 16 - ???
- Aug 23 - ???
- Aug 30 - ???

Lawn Mowing Sponsors

- Aug 2 – Lesley Oddi
- Aug 9 – Bill Whited
- Aug 16 – Royce Duncan
- Aug 23 – Marie Walsh
- Aug 30 – Hope Pappert



**“Clean or Unclean”**

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Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, do you wash my feet?” Jesus answered him, “What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand.” Peter said to him, “You shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no share with me.” Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” Jesus said to him, “The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you.” For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

It was important for people to wash their feet after traveling on the dusty roads of the time, because, even if a guest had just bathed before coming to the event their feet would have been dirty from the road. It was also an important hospitality custom for the host to provide for this foot washing, either to provide the elements for this washing to be done, or to have a servant wash the feet of the guests.

We need to be washed. We need to be clean. I am not speaking of the mere removal of dirt from our bodies, although that is important. I am speaking of being cleansed from the filth and stain of sin. We have been washed clean in the waters of Baptism. We have been washed clean by the shed blood of our Lord Christ. So, we who are in Christ have bathed as Jesus mentioned and are clean. However, we travel the dirty and dusty roads of this sinful world, and we sin, and this dirt and filth stains us and clings to us and we need a washing, we need forgiveness. The writer to the Hebrews writes in Hebrews **12:1-2**, “Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.”

Just as we seek to wash our hands properly and to kill the COVID-19 virus with sanitizing products in order to be clean; we still find ourselves unclean. It is the filth of sin that clings to us that we must be forgiven of each day both as we remember our Baptism and as we come before God in repentance and faith and repent of our sins and seek and receive forgiveness for Jesus sake. As our Lord Christ said in John 13, “If I do not wash you, you have no share with me.” To be truly clean we must be washed clean of every spot and stain of sin by the shed blood of our Savior Jesus. Clean or unclean?

Washed in the blood of Jesus – **CLEAN!**

*God's blessings to you all.*

*Pastor Dave*



- 8/3 – Michael Mandrick
- 8/9 – Jaclyn Pappert
- 8/14 - Jeanette Whited
- 8/15 – Kelsea Schleusner
- 8/17 – Kelli Hoyt
- 8/19 – Royce Duncan
- 8/21 – Sherry Gaarder
- 8/23 – Ryan Schleusner
- 8/28 – Karla Roush
- 8/29 – Jan Duncan
- 8/30 – Marilyn Bettis



- Aug 3 – Bob & Carolyn Henry
- Aug 7 – Eric & Wendy Riley
- Aug 13 – Kiley & Kelli Hoyt
- Aug 16 – Terry & Lisa Ewing
- Aug 17 – Royce & Jan Duncan



### Moving Forward

The LWML met on Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at 6:30 pm at the church. This was a special meeting since we have not met since March due to the Covid – 19 pandemic.

There was discussion concerning the garage sale mission monies that we were donating to the Shepherd's Kitchen at the Presbyterian church. This ministry was halted due to the Covid – 19 pandemic and then was discontinued as the Presbyterian church members did not feel they would be able to continue this ministry. A similar meal mission is being carried out through the First Christian church via the firefighters and other volunteers. The money will be put back in the garage sale money and added to this years proceeds.

It was decided to continue our meeting monthly September through July and take Covid -19 precautions at our meeting by wearing masks and social distancing.

#### Election of Officers 2020-2021:

- President - ?
- Vice- President – Liz Mandrick
- Secretary – Twyla Hazen
- Treasurer – Virginia McNair
- Mite Box Coordinator – appointed

Many thanks to Pam Myers and Phyllis Abbott for their perseverance in getting the armoire and bed sold from last year's sale. The garage is now empty of rummage sale items!!

We decided to help Roland Tullberg with a garage sale on Friday and Saturday, August 14 and 15.

We decided to have our Rummage Sale on Friday, July 17 from 8 am – 6 pm and Saturday, July 18 from 8 am – 11 am. We will ask the men in the congregation to help set up tables in the basement after church on July 5. The congregation can continue to bring in items through Sunday, July 12. Lesley will put that announcement in the bulletin. Pam Myers shared an email from the Catholic church concerning how they managed their sale this year due to Covid – 19. Twyla Hazen also had an article from the newspaper about the Catholic Church Rummage sale which outlined some of the precautions for this year's sale. With that information and other input from members we decided on the following precautions for this year's sale:

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## Voter's Meeting Minutes

### Call to Order

President Matt Gaarder called the meeting to order at approximately 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 12, 2020, with 30 voters present. The meeting was opened with prayer.

### Secretary's Minutes

Karla Roush moved to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2020. The motion was seconded by Kristy Grimm and unanimously approved.

### Pastor's Report

Pastor Oddi reported that he has attended the LWML meetings and serves as the St. Joseph Zone pastoral counselor and attends Ministerial Fellowship meetings. He is serving on the Board of Directors of the Ministry Center. He is serving as the junior District Pastoral Counselor for the LWML Missouri District and helped with the on-line convention. He also serves as the Circuit Visitor for the St. Joseph Circuit. Funeral services were conducted for Kate McKee on February 25. Due to a shortage of available pastors to serve in this capacity, he is serving as the vacancy pastor of St. Peter Lutheran Church in St. Joseph. He has instituted services on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month for Holy Communion and masks are required at this service and is sending out "Words of HOPE in Anxious Time."

### Treasurer's Report

Royce Duncan prepared a written report for the Voters along with a balance sheet and income/expense report as of June 2020. Royce explained how the CARES grant was awarded and administered.

Art White moved to accept the Pastor's and Treasurer's reports. The motion was seconded by Marie Walsh and unanimously approved.

### Committees and Board Reports

Elders: Dean Biermann reported that their information is contained in the report.

Trustees: Larry Abbott reported that their information is contained in the report

Finance: No report.

Evangelism: Dean Biermann reported that their information is contained in the report

Education: Karla Roush reported that their information is contained in the report

Campus Relations: Marie Walsh reported that their information is contained in the report. Joyce Cronin will be getting information out about the LCC. She will get students to use social media to communicate.

Long-Range Planning: Their information is contained in the report.

Kristy Grimm moved that we accept the reports as presented. The motion was seconded Dean Biermann and unanimously approved.

Old Business - There was no old business.

### New Business

Kate McKee Contribution: Kate McKee made a bequest to the church of an annuity. Royce Duncan provided information about the contribution and our options. The Council recommends to take the lump sum and use the quarterly payments to place in a scholarship fund to provide to a seminary student in the Missouri district. There was discussion about how the scholarship application would be work. Kristy Grimm moved, seconded by Joyce Cronin, to take the lump sum, look into investing the money, and use the dividend money to establish a scholarship fund in Kate McKee's name for seminary students from the Missouri district. There was discussion about how to manage the investment and put together a subcommittee on the investment. The church would be the investor and not any individual. The subcommittee members will be Royce Duncan, Luke Boone, and Kristy Grimm.

Moving Alter: Matt Gaarder explained about moving the altar forward to the front of the top step. Lesley Oddi discussed the details of paraments and how it would look if moved. There is no theological issue involved in the placement of the altar. Pastor Oddi feels that moving the altar would enhance our services. It was expressed that when the pastor faces the altar, he is talking to God and when he faces the congregation, he is talking from God. There was discussion about moving the altar forward and placement of the altar. Dean Biermann moved, seconded by Karla Roush, to make it a free standing alter. The motion carried with three nay votes.

Seminary President Nomination: Concordia Seminary of St. Louis needs recommendations for nominations to serve as the president. Larry Abbott moved that the congregation nominate Rev. Dr. Kevin Golden as president of Concordia Seminary of St. Louis. The motion was seconded by Twyla Hazen and unanimously approved.

Next Meeting-The next Voters' Meeting will be October 11, 2020.

### Adjournment and Closing Prayer

Karla Roush moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Kristy Grimm and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.

*Kim Hullinger, Secretary*

**From the LCC Director**

Freshman will be doing the majority of SOAR on-line. There will not be any event for activities to sign up students. The only event the college is sponsoring for campus centers is the non-denominational church service, which, of course, we do not participate. And the students will NOT have a one day where they all come to campus....they will be coming the 14<sup>th</sup> through the 17<sup>th</sup>. Aiden mentioned helping kids move in and handing out info on the house, and maybe putting fliers on cars. I will be putting up posters. I recommend doing an open house possibly August 23<sup>rd</sup>? I will be doing a ZOOM meeting with the four students coming back and see what they want to do. I have other ideas but the main thing is to pray! We're good at that!

Thanks for your support....and prayers!

JOY IN JESUS, Joyce Cronin



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### **LWML – Moving Forward**

With that information and other input from members we decided on the following precautions for this year's sale:

1. Only 10 shoppers in the building at 1 time
2. Masks are required
3. Hand sanitizer available when entering and leaving
4. No children under 18
5. No public restroom

Because we are not having Sunday school at this time and have no other activities planned for in the basement, we will take 2 weeks to set up for the sale. We will begin work on Monday, July 6 at 9 am and continue on Wednesday, July 8 at 9 am as well. We will schedule more times as needed and email more work dates and times. Virginia McNair will get the ad put in the Nodaway Newsleader and the Post. Pam Myers and Twyla Hazen will work on an article for the paper similar to what the Catholic church did before their sale outlining the precautions we are taking because of Covid – 19.

Lesley Oddi presented a short devotion about June's featured mission grant. "Touching the Living Word — Lutheran Braille Workers." Braille is a formal written language for the blind where raised symbols are used to represent letters and words. Since 1943, Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW) have been assembling braille Bibles and other Christian materials. In its 76-year history, LBW has produced and distributed, free of charge, over 14 million volumes of braille, large print, and audio materials. Many volunteers help produce the printed materials using zinc plates, braille presses, specialized paper, covers, and spiral bindings.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 7 pm at the church.

### **Rummage Sale Summary**

*It took from start to finish approximately 3 weeks of work from our willing LWML ladies who spent countless hours, and Jan Duncan who helped out.*

- *38 bags of clothing taken out to Big Brothers and Big Sisters in just the first van load.*
- *Full length van full to the roof with miscellaneous household, books, toys and other items taken to Big Brothers and Big Sisters also. The van was loaned to us both days by Roger Baker of MTE.*
- *Two boxes of picture frames and some pictures were taken to the Ministry Center.*
- *Two boxes of vases were taken to Maryville Florist to be reused.*
- *Minnie Lane (Melody) came and took a very few items that did not sell and that we would have disposed of.*
- *Putting in long hours of putting tables away, taking cardboard, lass to recycle center, packing boxes and hauling out quite a bit of trash.*

*Thanks to Larry Abbott and John Myers for their help in loading the van, taking to donate place by Sutherlands twice, and putting up the tables. Finish up work done and setting up for Sunday School and cleaning all the tables for their use.*

*Thank you to everyone that donated to the LWML Rummage Sale.*

*Blessings – Pam Myers – Phyllis Abbott – Twyla Hazen*

**Shoes to fill**

On Jean Memken's last Sunday at church here at Hope, Jun 28, 2020, Congregational President Matt Gaarder said that as the new secretary for our church I have "big shoes to fill." Jean is an exceptional member, employee and blessing to our church. Her devotion to Christ is clear for all to see. In everything she did, she used all of your talents to help the project, mission, event and many other things.

The Church Council asked Jean to make a list of the things that she did as the church secretary, so that whoever took her place would have an idea of what the church secretary job entailed. The list is 3 pages long, and I am sure she did not include everything that she did. She was the quiet support of our church, she took everything in stride. Jean was organized, she had been the secretary for many years, she knew how long it takes to "make" a Sunday Bulletin, an announcement insert, the monthly newsletter and much more.

While I can physically over fill Jeans shoes (my feet are bigger then hers); I will never be able to fill her shoes in the job as the church secretary. Her job performance sets a very, very "high" bar for her replacement to try and work to reach. I am so very thankful to be the church secretary, each day, each bulletin etc. is another way to serve God. I ask for your patience as I learn this job. On Sunday mornings, as I sit in church, I look at and use the bulletin. Now, though, I look at the bulletin differently-I see the mistakes that I have made.

Doing a good job as your church secretary the way I see it, is a way of respecting each of you as members and respecting and honoring God.

My pray is that I will never disrespect God or our church. With God's help and guidance, and your support, I will work each day to achieve that.

*Lesley*