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Sept 6 – 10 am Worship
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Sept 13 – 10 am Worship

Sept 20 – 10 am Worship
with Holy Communion

Sept 27 – 10 am Worship



Sunday Morning Worship
Service
with
Pastor Oddi

KNIM 1580 AM or 95.9 FM
10:00 am to 10:30 am

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“Waiting with Patience”

Paul, in Romans 8:18-25, writing under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit says, “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.”

We are and have been living in a time in which our patience is called for. We are not used to issues and changes in how we live, work, learn, and worship lasting for months and months with, truth be told, no end in sight for the immediate future. The following comes from an article from Synod:

Patient attention, valuable discoveries:

For many people, the coronavirus pandemic has been a test of patience – or worse. Medically vulnerable people face an anxious time of hypervigilance. Furloughed workers wait on hold or in lines for assistance. Special events have been canceled or rescheduled.

Those not impacted directly deal with assorted frustrations and inconveniences. Many people are learning the benefit of slowing down, being present (even virtually) to others and practicing patient attention.

Interestingly, scientist Isaac Newton did some of his best work when the plague forced Cambridge University to close. At home, the inquisitive student invented calculus and developed groundbreaking theories of gravity and optics. Later Newton called 1666 his annus mirabilis (“year of wonders”) and reportedly said, “If I have made any valuable discoveries, it [owes] more to patient attention than to any other talent.”

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Our Faithful Servants



September 6 – Nancy Jenkins
 September 13–Nancy Jenkins
 September 20-Pam Shannon
 September 27-Pam Shannon



Sept 6-12 – Jan Duncan
 Sept 13-19-Marcia Droegemueller
 Sept 20-26 – Marie Walsh
 Sept 27 – Oct 3 - ????



Church Cleaning Sponsors

Sept 6 – Bob Henry
 Sept 13 - ???
 Sept 20 - ???
 Sept 27 - ???

Lawn Mowing Sponsors

Sept 6 – Pastor D.
 Sept 13 – Twyla Hazen
 Sept 20 – Kristy Grimm
 Sept 27 – Karl Ritterbusch



“Waiting with Patience”

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What have you discovered during the Covid-19 crisis? What appreciations have you developed or aspects of life you may have previously taken for granted?

What has social distancing taught you about the Value of neighbors, church, community volunteering?

During the pandemic, what have you learned about persistence and God’s presence? What empathy do you now feel for writers of words such as “I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in His word I put my hope” (Psalm 130:5, NIV)?

In an article dated 8-25-2020 and titled: **“Survey reveals impact of COVID-19 on congregations”**, found on the synodical website we are given the following information: *In an effort to begin to examine the pandemic’s impact on the Synod, LCMS Rosters, Statistics and Research Services sent a survey to every congregation with a valid email address — 4,787 in total — in June. More than 1,200 congregations responded.*

Approximately 67% of respondents were located in communities that restricted churches from gathering for in-person worship. Only 5% of congregations reported being able to meet as usual, and less than 15% met in person for Easter.

About 80% of congregations used the internet to livestream or post recordings of services or sermons — up from 45% prior to the pandemic. Going forward, 70% plan to continue posting online, and nearly half of all respondents will continue livestreaming services or sermons.

They focused on providing midweek Bible studies or devotionals online (67%), offering the Lord’s Supper on an individual or family basis (59%), and making an intentional effort to contact every member household at least every two weeks (56%).

Approximately 80% of senior or sole pastors in the survey report that they have been busier than normal, and 65% of rostered workers who took the survey say that they are personally worn down by the added stress of the pandemic.

Despite the ongoing uncertainty, the survey results highlighted several reasons to be optimistic about the future:

75% of congregations say their members more clearly see the importance of their Lutheran identity.

92% of congregations had returned to in-person worship (approximately half of those at reduced capacity) by July 5.

The majority have a highly favorable view of the support they’ve received from their district, the Synod and their neighboring LCMS congregations.

We are going through a difficult time and the way we are doing things have undergone many changes. There is a great deal of fear and uncertainty both due to continuing bad news and sometimes conflicting messages. But there is hope, and as St. Paul writes in Romans, we wait for it with patience. We patiently wait for the fulfillment of all things. We patiently wait for the return of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ. In time there will be a return to normality in our lives. In time Covid-19 will be under control. Will there be another crisis to take its place? Very likely, as we live in a sinful world. But our hope remains constant. Our assurance in the promises of God remain steadfast; and with faith we wait with patience.

God’s blessings to you all.

Pastor Dave



One More . . .

- 9/3 – Matt Gaarder
- 9/7 – Cooper Gastler
- 9/10 – Tue Hunter Hoyt
- 9/13 – Bill Whited
- 9/14 – Andy Abbott
- 9/14 – Vanessa Pappert
- 9/15 – Chad Gastler
- 9/21 – Isabel Brunnert
- 9/24 – Luke C. Boone
- 9/24 – Michael Dean
Mandrick



- Sept 3 – Mike & Liz Mandrick
- Sept 8 – Larry & Phyllis Abbott
- Sept 11 – Dean & Dottie
Biermann
- Sept 20 – Andy & Sharla
Abbott
- Sept 25 – Karl & Linda
Ritterbusch



Dear Friends at Hope Lutheran,

Thank you for the lovely tribute after our worship service on June 28 and the extremely generous parting gifts. I have put the monetary gift to good use, buying some pieces of furniture that I have always wanted, but never quite had the right place for. I purchased a baker’s rack for my kitchen, and I created a coffee bar on it, which my children reminded me was a very Lutheran thing to do. I know I will use it every day! The beautiful angel you gave me sits on the top shelf and is a lovely memento of my years at Hope Lutheran. I also was able to purchase a console table for my front entry, which holds, among other things, my plant that was in the church office, so it, too, has a special connection to you and the many hours I spent with you as your church secretary. So now you are all a part of my home here in Neenah, and I am so happy to have these wonderful reminders of all of you. Thank you so much for your kindness.

We have been in Northern Wisconsin for almost two months now, and it is starting to feel a little more like home. Our move here was tiring, but went smoothly, and almost everything arrived in good shape. We are settling into our new neighborhood and meeting our new neighbors, and so far, they have been extremely nice and very helpful. Due to the pandemic, we haven’t really explored the Appleton-Neenah-Oshkosh area too much, but it seems like a very nice community. It sits on the shore of Lake Winnebago, and we have wandered along its beaches a few times, which is something totally new and different for me, but I do like it a lot!

I wanted to share with you that I have a job. About a week after we moved, I got up early one morning (the sun rises here at 5:00 am, so that is when I get up now!), and I thought I would just see what kind of jobs might be available in the area. So I googled, “Jobs, Neenah, Wisconsin” on my laptop to see what might pop up. The third job listed was for a church secretary at a Lutheran Church about 10 minutes from my home. Wow! That seemed promising. So I applied on-line and attached my resume and by 9:00 am, the Church Council president called me and wanted to clarify that I really had a Ph.D. I answered that I did and related a bit of my history. The president told me the Church Council was meeting over the noon hour and they would get back to me if they wanted to interview me. I got a call at 2:00 pm that day to set up an interview. I interviewed at 10:00 am the next morning, and by 1:00 pm, they offered me the job. This seemed way too easy. So I said I would pray about it and talk to my family and get back to them soon.

Too easy? Or just a reminder that God listens to prayers and answers them at just the right time. *“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” Matthew 7:7*

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**Our “To Do” List for the Fall Semester at
the Lutheran Campus Center - Northwest
Missouri State.**

 on going_ Daily prayer for the students and staff

 X Have Church and LCC listed in the Missouriian – in the Church directory column.

 on going_ Prayers of thankfulness for the continued support of the LCC from Hope Lutheran Church.

 X Have Bible Studies planned – “Lutherans in the Public Square”

 on going_ Pray for the communities – Maryville, Nodaway County, and the Campus to be safe in many ways.

 X LCC cleaned and ready for two students to move in to the apartment rooms upstairs.

 on going_ Pray for all the first responders –medical and safety- who help our students in so many ways.

 on going_ Work on flyers to put around campus – helping to let students know about the LCC and the benefits of being part of the LCC.

 on going_ Pray for the families of all the students and staff.

 X Update church website with current information about how we are protecting students who come to the LCC.

 on going_ Pray for our country – peace, tolerance, kindness, caring, and thankfulness of freedom

 X Update church website with information about this semester's Bible Studies, activities, and other events

 on going_ Pray for God to strengthen our faith, to show us our path, to help us treat others as we want to be treated.

 X Update the church website with LCC directors office hours, hours that the center is open.

 on going_ Pray that God will help us to reach out to our neighbors, our fellow students and invite them to church and the LCC.

Please help us work on this checklist daily-God's Blessings – Joyce & Pastor

Members helping members, neighbors helping neighbors, answering the call.

It doesn't matter how you say it, we are blessed with wonderful helpful, kind, caring brothers and sisters in Christ.

Roland Tullberg is moving to the Homestead Community – Bob & Carolyn, Smiley and our newest member Elaine Anderson all live there too; we are never alone-thanks be to God. So when you move you have a moving sale; and that is what Roland did with the help of many people-some are listed below. The processed from the moving sale were donated by Roland to the LWML at Hope in honor of his wife Joan. Joan Tullberg was a very active supportive member of the LWML at Hope for many, many years.

Hearing God's and Roland's call for help were:

Matt Strauch, Mike Mandrick, Royce and Jan Duncan, Larry and Phyllis Abbott, Bill and Jeanette Whited, John and Pam Myers, Jim and Twyla Hazen, Luke Boone, John and Betty Miller, Merv and Marilyn Bettis, Cynthis Carmichael, Pastor Carl and Marcia Droegemueller, Beth Goudge, Virginia McNair, Marie Walsh and Roland.

Special thank you goes to Roger Baker – of MTE, for the use of the MTE van to haul tables over to the Moving Sale and back to church.

The sale raised over \$1,200.00 dollars – which help to support the missions of the LWML.

We have new contact information for our member College Students:

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Ashley Riley

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Omaha, NE 68178-9326
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Ashley and her teammates are celebrating – It was announced on July 27, 2020 by the Big East Conference – New York, that the Blue Jay Women's Cross Country team has been recognized with the 2019-20 Team Academic Excellence Award for having the highest collective grade point average in their sport. Congratulations Ashley and your teammates!

When we receive the addresses for Felicia and Jessica Sheil we will let you know.

One More ...

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As many of you know, I really didn't understand why I had to make this move at this stage in my life, and God and I had *many* conversations about it. I didn't want to move, but I have learned to leave things like this in God's hands, and that is what I did. I never asked God to find me a job, but I did ask for direction, and that He would lead me to where He wanted me to be. I think that is exactly what He did, and I truly believe my years at Hope were preparing me for what I will encounter when I start my new position here next week. It will be interesting to see how God uses me now, and I am grateful to have this feeling of peace in knowing He is guiding me in all this.

As I continue to settle in here, I am so thankful for your calls, e-mails, texts and letters, keeping me up to date on what is happening in Maryville and at Hope. I still watch the Facebook Live services and it is always good to see so many of you during communion services! I do miss you, and plan to make my way back to Maryville whenever I can. If any of you are looking for a good place to swim, boat or fish, and enjoy some cool (or cold!) weather, please come visit us up here in Neenah. You can check out Thrivent headquarters just up the road in Appleton, visit one of the 20 (yes, 20!) Lutheran churches in the area, or go to the paper museum (remember, we are the home of Kimberley and Clark, who invented the Kleenex!) Or you can just stay with us and we can have coffee every morning from my new coffee bar!

May God continue to bless all of you and bless Hope Lutheran as you serve as His ambassadors in Maryville. *I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:3-6*

In Christian Love,

Jean



Dear Brother and Sisters in Christ,

Since 1977 Hope has been our church home. We thank all of you for your friendship, support and love! We will be moving on September 1st to Columbia, MO, to be near our son Eric.

Our new address will be:
410 Bailey Dr.
Columbia, MO 65203

Our phone 573-808-5608 will allow texting.

We pray God's blessings to each of you.

Merv and Marilyn

ACHIEVEMENTS RECOGNIZED

At the FFA Banquet Awards 2020-two of our members who are also students of the Jefferson C123 School received the following Awards.

Jaclyn Pappert was given the:

- ❖ Chapter Degree Recipient
- ❖ Fall Speaking Award – Missouri State
- ❖ Sheep Producers – State Aternate
- ❖ Poultry Production
- ❖ 8th Place Team at Lathrop Contest-Entomology
- ❖ Service Medal Recipient

Andrea Riley was given the:

- ❖ Star 2020 Greenhand
- ❖ FFA Creed-State Participant
- ❖ State FFA Choir
- ❖ Turf Grass Master Management
- ❖ Scholarship Medal Recipient
- ❖ FFA Knowledge Individual High 2nd out of 110

CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH JACLYN AND ANDREA FOR RECEIVING THESE OUTSTANDING AWARDS.



The members of the LWML ordered and purchased Two new altar cloths that cover the new altar top. The cloths have lace on each end – the lace is so Beautiful, such a wonderful enhancement to our Worship and praise to our Lord and Savior.

This page is printed on white paper to make it easier to the pictures.

OUR ALTAR...



... BEFORE



...DURING



... AND AFTER

Thank you Smiley Oltman for doing a magnificent job of configuring the altar in this new way.