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JUNE 2019



June Worship Matters

Sunday, June 2, 9am

9am-Baptism

Sunday, June 9, 9am

Pentecost

Annual meeting 10:15 am

Sunday, June 16, 9am

Are You Listening?

Sunday, June 23, 9am

Healed and Returned

Sunday, June 30, 9am

He Set His Face



May Prayer Reminders

- Family of Kathy Levine who died on June 2
- Family of Bill Leppert who died on May 27
- Family of Maxine Peebles whose Memorial was held May 25
- Ongoing prayer for Bill, Ron and Mark in their journeys of life and health

Celebration of Life Picnic for Gary Trunnell

Saturday, June 29, 2019

Stanley Park Pavillion 1-4 PM

Stop by for lunch or an ice cream cone!

RSVP- <http://garytrunnellpicnic.rsvpify.com>.

Please RSVP.

Pastor's Corner

Pastor Ron Bockhaus - Contact me at ron.bockhaus@smlc.us 970-646-6657

First Things First

You might recognize the title above being the same title as the popular book co-authored by S. Covey; A. Merrill and R. Merrill in 1994. In their book they provide an illustration that you may have heard. It goes like this:

I attended a seminar once where the instructor was lecturing on time. At one point, he said, "okay, it's time for a quiz." He reached under the table and pulled out a wide-mouth gallon jar. He set it on the table next to a platter with some fist-sized rocks on it. "How many of these rocks do you think we can get in the jar?" he asked. After we made our guess, he said, "okay. Let's find out." He set one rock in the jar...then another...then another. I don't remember how many he got in, but he got the jar full. Then he asked, "is that jar full?"

Everybody looked at the rocks and said, "yes." Then he said, "Ahh." He reached under the table and pulled out a bucket of gravel. Then he dumped some gravel in and shook the jar and the gravel went in all the little spaces left by the big rocks. Then he grinned and said once more, "Is the jar full?" By this time we were on to him. "Probably not," we said. "Good!" he replied. And he reached under the table and brought out a bucket of sand. He started dumping the sand in and it went in all the little spaces left by the rocks and the gravel. Once more he looked at us and said, "Is the jar full?" "No!" we all roared.

He said, "Good!" And he grabbed a pitcher of water and began to pour it in. He got something like a quart of water in that jar. Then he said, "Well, what's the point?" Somebody said, "Well, there are gaps, and if you really work at it, you can always fit more into your life." "No," he said, "that's not the point. The point is this: if you hadn't put these big rocks in first, would you ever have gotten any of them in?"

One can probably draw several lessons from this illustration. The one I would point out is the importance of making "first things first", as the title above says. By placing the large stones in the jar first, you are making them the first and most important items in the jar. Without prioritizing what comes first, there's no way to get all the large stones in the jar. It is that simple and that profound.

In this season of Pentecost the church is called to clarify what is most important to being the Christian church. What makes the church? Have you ever tried to answer that question for yourself or for our church? It's time we wrestle with it again.

As Lutherans we read the historic confessions of our church, specifically the Augsburg Confession and it says in article VII: *"It is also taught that at all times there must be and remain one holy, Christian church. It is the assembly of all believers among whom the gospel is purely preached and the holy sacraments are administered according to the gospel."*

Here are the two biggest stones for us as the church. It leaves a lot open for the assembly of believers to interpret and define don't you think? We have some interpreting and defining work ahead of us I believe.

In our discussion let us trust the Holy Spirit to show us our identity as the church of Christ. Plus, let us trust one another because of the Holy Spirit.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Ron

June Calendar at a Glance



Saturday, June 1

LaPuente Mission
10:30am Organ Rehearsal

Sunday, June 2

LaPuente Mission
9:00am Sunday Worship
10:30am Adult Forum
4:00pm Living Center Worship

Monday, June 3

5:00pm Meditation Hike

Wednesday, June 5

7:00am Sacred Space
4:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 6

9:00am Worship Committee
9:00am Quilters

Saturday, June 8

8:30am Men's Breakfast
10:30am Organ Rehearsal

Sunday, June 9

9:00am Sunday Worship
4:00pm Living Center Worship
10:15pm Annual Meeting

Monday, June 10

2:00pm Holy Communion at Good Sam's
5:00pm Meditation Hike

Tuesday, June 11

1:00pm WELCA

Wednesday, June 12

7:00am Sacred Space
4:00pm Choir Rehearsal
5:00pm Church Council

Thursday, June 13

9:00am Quilters

Saturday, June 15

10:30am Organ Rehearsal

Sunday, June 16

9:00am Sunday Worship
10:30am Adult Forum
4:00pm Living Center Worship

Monday, June 17

5:00pm Meditation Hike

Tuesday, June 18

Pastor Continuing Ed

Wednesday, June 19

Pastor Continuing Ed
7:00am Sacred Space
2:00pm Prior Wedding Rehearsal
4:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 20

Pastor Continuing Ed
11:00am Prior Wedding

Friday, June 21

Pastor Continuing Ed
Youth Group Overnight

Saturday, June 22

Pastor Continuing Ed
Youth Group Overnight
10:30am Organ Rehearsal
12:00pm HOA Meeting

Sunday, June 23

Pastor Continuing Ed
9:00am Sunday Worship
4:00pm Living Center Worship

Monday, June 24

Pastor Continuing Ed
5:00pm Meditation Hike

Tuesday, June 25

Pastor Continuing Ed
3:00pm Endowment Committee

Wednesday, June 26

Pastor Continuing Ed
7:00am Sacred Space
4:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 27

Pastor Continuing Ed
LaPuente PALS Overnight
9:00am Quilters

Saturday, June 29

10:30am Organ Rehearsal

Sunday, June 30

9:00am Sunday Worship
4:00pm Living Center Worship

The Annual Pancake Breakfast & Scholarship Fundraiser

I am arranging the annual pancake breakfast which is a fundraiser for the scholarship for the Wartburg Seminary student. It will be held on June 8th at 8:30 at the church.



All are welcome including spouses and friends. Menu will consist of pancakes, eggs, sausage and bread products. Our program should interest both male and female. Barry Power, a local resident who worked with NASA, especially on the space shuttle has put together a PowerPoint presentation called "60 years of NASA". It takes us back to the days of Sputnik and brings up to what you can do in space in the very near future. I have witnessed the presentation and it certainly brought back a lot of memories, this year being the 50th anniversary of the moon landing.

As an additional incentive for you to come and participate, a fundraising challenge has been made by two individuals. If we can raise \$500 from this breakfast, they will match up to that amount, thus generating at least \$1000 for the scholarship.

Oh, by the way, I can't do this by myself. Need help cooking, setting up, and cleaning. Can you volunteer.

John Tessler

Important Dates

Anniversaries

- Mary Banken & Terry Rizzuti..... June 03
- Darrell & Vanessa Paswaters June 11
- Del & Marilyn Kienker..... June 12
- Sheldon & Jenna Wahlstrom June 13
- Keith & Margaret Riedesel June 14
- Lee & Linda Schlitt June 17
- Allen & Jeanie Garner..... June 20
- Peter & Jeanne Nelson June 23
- Bob & Jane Rising June 25
- Michael & Alix Oglesby June 26

Birthdays

- Mark Lorenz June 02
- Bethany Lorenz..... June 10
- Margaret Riedesel June 14
- Mary Banken June 18
- Loren Johnson June 20
- Marion Dougherty..... June 21
- Kris O'Neil June 21
- Candy Sulzbach..... June 26
- Rick Brisbin..... June 30

June Bible Readings

June 2

Acts 16:16-34
Psalm 97
John 17:20-26

June 9

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 47
Romans 8:14-17
John 14:8-17

June 16

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Psalm 8
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15

June 23

Isaiah 65:1-9
Psalm 22:19-28
Galatians 3:23-29
Luke 8:26-39

June 30

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21
Psalm 16
Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Luke 9:51-62



JUNE QUILTING

We ended May sending 15 quilts with the work crew to La Puente for ministry outreach in southern Colorado for families that have graduated from their family shelter program. Our picture of the quilting group may be a bit fuzzy possibly because it is hard to get our hardworking quilting group to stand still or possibly because we have all those “fuzzies” from material on our cell phone lenses. (LOL)

We will again be working most Thursdays in June, on the 6th, 13th, and 27th from 9 AM to 11:30 AM to assemble, tie & sew quilts. Something new for June is a special summer blessing of quilts on the last Sunday at worship. We'll be putting our first half year of finished quilts on the pews on June 27. We'll pack them up after the worship service on June 30 to be taken to the regional collection center so they can begin their journey to Lutheran World Relief for distribution to where ever they are needed overseas. Won't you plan to join us on one of these quilt work Thursdays and/or help us pack up quilts at the end of the month? Your help and support makes such a difference in Colorado and in the whole world! For more info. please contact Linda Schlitt