

March 2019

THOUGHTS FOR THE JOURNEY

“Where in the World is Pastor Joel?????”

During some seasons of the church year, I’m physically absent more than I’m here. That has been the case the last three weeks being at conferences each week. First, the Minister’s Week event at TCU/Brite Seminary. Part of that week was attending a wonderful workshop on creative worship with Carol Kocher, our organist. The keynote preacher for this Disciples of Christ event was Dr. David Lose, who is senior pastor of one of our largest Lutheran churches, Mt. Olivet, in Minneapolis.

The second week had me at Briarwood Retreat Center for continuing work on Leadership in Faithful Innovation, a process, led by Luther Seminary, that Advent is committed to with 4 other congregations in the NT-NL Synod. You will hear more about this on Sunday when I talk about the results of the survey you took a month ago and what that might mean for our mission and ministry. Pastor Edy and I have been part of the initial phase and the whole congregation will participate in years 2 and 3.

This week I was asked by the Synod office to attend an Anchor Church Conference at Calvary Lutheran Church. This is an exciting concept where churches with more people and more resources (campus, money, people) shepherd struggling congregations and form a relationship and connection with those congregations. I was challenged to see Advent as a possible leader in this movement to maximize the ministry we can do in God’s Name. Frankly, it was inspiring and a little overwhelming.

I’m here next week as we start our observation of Lent, but then again gone the week after as I go with 14 of our youth and adult leaders to climb the highest mountain in Texas, 8749 ft. Guadalupe Peak. It is an awesome climb and a wonderful experience for those Advent youth and adults who have gone on the numerous trips to this beautiful, remote place in west Texas over the 14 years I’ve been here. I expect the same this year, as we see God’s creation up close and personal.

So – I’m overwhelmed with new possibilities for Advent, excited about the ministry we share, and looking forward with hope as we continue to proclaim the Gospel at 3232 S. Cooper Street and beyond!!!

Peace,



Pastor Joel



WANTED: CAMP WORKERS

Bishop Gronberg has invite our youth to consider working at Briarwood this summer. There are a variety of positions and roles to play as you grow as leaders and help us develop our young people as followers of Jesus and leaders in our synod for the future. Interested?

Check out this link for more information. <https://www.briarwoodretreat.org/copy-of-camp-counselors>

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Preschool—5th graders start in room 2/4 of the CGC building from 9:45-10:45am on Sunday mornings. After a 15 min opening, children rotate each week to a different workshop. Workshops include Arts & Crafts, Games, Creative Cooking, Movies, Science, Drama, and more.



For children in Preschool – 2nd grade. This group meets in the CGC building on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday evenings of most months from 6:30-8 pm. *March 20th, April 3rd, & May 1st (Arlington Skatium)*



For children in 3rd-5th grade. This group meets in the gym on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday evenings of most months from 6:30-8 pm. - *March 20th, April 3rd, & May 1st (Arlington Skatium)*



Summer & Confirmation Camp 2019 July 28th – Aug 2nd

All money must be given directly to Greta with checks made out to Advent Lutheran Church (DO NOT PUT IN OFFERING PLATE & DO NOT PAY BRIARWOOD.)

YOUTH

Reminder: No Second Sunday event for Youth in March



MEN OF ADVENT

Come join us for an evening of food, fellowship and spirits on Thursday, March 7th @ 6:30 pm at Chuy's Mexican Restaurant 4001 Bagpiper Way, Arlington (in the Highlands). Contact Tom Ness or Dick Wentzel with questions.



FUN 4 LUNCH BUNCH

is going to Abuelo's 1401 W I-20 on Thursday, March 21st @ noon. Anyone 55+ is welcome to join them.



Save the Date!

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner: March 5th , 6:00pm - 8:00 PM in Luther Hall

Free Will Offering will go toward reducing the cost of camp & trip expenses
Bring your family & friends to enjoy a dinner of pancakes, eggs, bacon & sausage all prepared by the Youth Members.

Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Supper



SLAM to go to CR Smith Museum Tour on March 12
American Airlines 4801 Texas Highway 360
Cost \$6 for seniors meet there at 10:00am.



AMERICAN AIRLINES
CR SMITH MUSEUM

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

MEMBERS REQUESTING PRAYERS

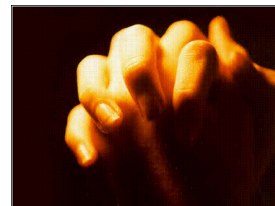
MOURNING LOSS: Ness family on the loss of Linda’s mother 2.24.19

HEALING: Boyd Tolles, Dianna Thibault, Keith Hutchins, Rita Beck, Don Geist, Phil Howard, Jack Davis, Kathy Clay, Gottfried Weber, Earl Horn, Dee & Tom Riggelman, Dave Lindell, Maddie Johnson, Cambri Collins, John Staehle, Gil Ginn

WISDOM/STRENGTH/GUIDANCE: Gloria Cramer, Gwen Oller

LONG-TERM CARE: Doris Heikkinen, Dolores Trokey, Allen Sowle, JoAnn Kelley, Vivian Jacobson

MILITARY: Cpt. Jeff Horn Jr., Ben Bailey



Prayers requested for Non-Member Friends, Relatives

MOURNING FAMILY & FRIENDS OF: Vivian McCallum (2.24) Judy Thomas, LaJuan Rice, Joan Dales, Dora Martinez’s father

LONG-TERM CARE: Susan Mertes

HOSPITALIZED: Miguel Soto

AWAITING BIRTH: Kelly, Erin Anderson

HEALING: Mary Jane Wright, Sandy Johnson, Paul Brown, Shirley Robison, Nidia Veloz, Vivian McCallum, Janie McCarty, Dee Bosch, Reggie, Addison Dennis, Ethan Levins, Brenda Storey, Leon Warren, Peggy Haase, family of James Hawthorne, Richard Brass, Cindy Woodland, Barbara Guidry, Betty Lightle, Leo Smith, Brian Peaslee, Mary Lou Geist, Carlos Randol Jr., Evelyn Lawvere, Don Burgess, Linda Boyd, Milt & Barbara Sage, Dave VanBuskirk, Christine Thompson, Lawrence, Mary West, Remi Sier, Shawn Finer, Louisa Youree, Donna Brown, Melissa Freeman, Laurence Lowe, Shiela, Cynthia Ebert’s grandson, Jessica Dawson, Cyndie, Leon, Keith Wyrick, Lisa Dunwiddy, A. C., Janet, Nick, Maureen Burgess, Marianne Rugely

COMFORT/WISDOM/STRENGTH/GUIDANCE/SAFETY: Angelique Tomme, Tom & Betty Blackstone, Walter Daniel, Brian Wazac, Kent Brown, Pam Burgrass, Shane Eaton, John & Dixie Brown, Don & Brenda Storey, Darlene & family, Kirk, Paul Brown, Jean Schroeder, Yemen, Pam Hall & her mother, Craig Cook

MILITARY: Dylan Hoog, Mike Kelly, Avery Shaw, Ben Reswick, Andrew Musfeldt, Travis Guidry, Matt Dennis, Brandon Ivey

PRAYER PARTNER: Green Oaks School, Malaika Children’s Orphanage Foundation, UTA Lutheran Center, APD Officer Darren Vercruyse, Kairos Prison Ministry

Please pray for Advent Youth & Leaders as they travel to Guadalupe Mountain National Park during Spring Break (3/12-16); they will hike to the “Top of Texas”.

Definition of Financial Stewardship

Colds & Sickness may keep us away,
But Advent still has bills to pay!
So here’s our February Tithe, albeit a bit late,
Hope it helps keep the bill collectors away from our front gate!

Author, Dulcie & Ed Kulberg

Property update:

We have completed the re-plat of our property and sold the western portion of our field as well as 1323 W Mayfield. Thank you to Mark Wazac for all the leg work in making this happen. ~Lynn Courtney