



MOUNTAIN MOVER

July, 2020

It's Going to be a Different Summer ~ And it ALREADY IS!

A Message from Pastor Dave:

It all changed this this summer. We knew it was going to be different, it's just that we did not know. Having never lived through a pandemic. I thought it would be all over in a month or so, just like the President said. But it is not!

We closed the church, I thought for a month, and then we would return to normal, though we noted that it would be a "new normal". And now, 3 months later, things have not changed all that much, that is the pandemic is still with us...and growing. Oh, a lot has gone on, to be sure, we have had our eyes opened again to the racism that has been the under-tow of our society since the beginning of this country. And then we had the protests, and the riots and clashes, and a heart to heart conversation developing, not always to our liking. The political scene is a mess, with a chaotic back and forth with the "fake and the real". Who knows the truth?

Summer is supposed to be about taking a little time to relax and enjoy, a beach, a forest, some backyard BBQ with family and friends. At least that is what it was for me. And yes, some time away, to another place, a vacation trip perhaps to Lopez Island, WA, or Rehoboth Beach, DEL and even a time with the grandboys kayaking and fishing one of Wis-

consin's rivers.

This summer is different! And it ALREADY IS!

It is here that I turn to the things that keep me grounded. I trust and I believe in a mighty God who loves and cares for all of the peoples of this earth, a personal care that came through the sending of Jesus, our Savior, and the Holy Spirit of comfort! Yes, this is what I cling too, no matter the season, no matter the changes!

Jesus has already taken the twelve disciples and sat them down and prepared them for the changes that would be coming in their lives. Yes, things would be different for them. It already was. Go out Jesus said, preach this message: "The kingdom of heaven is near." Heal the sick, raise the dead...and be ready, none of this will be easy. And it wasn't!

Nor is it easy for us! To keep our fears in check and our anxieties at bay, to press our focus on the things that matter. And what matters I think is our "keeping the faith". By that I mean to be looking for the ways that we can make a difference in this time of pandemic. Turn yourself inside out. Move your thoughts away from yourself to the concerns of the other. Didn't Jesus say, "Whoever finds this life will lose

it, and whoever loses this life for my sake will find it." This says to me that my life is found in Jesus, "taking up the cross", and it is in giving my life for others that I am found.

I think that is a perspective that might be helpful for this summer that is already different. By putting my own interest off for the sake of the interest of the other, by looking out wider into the community, maybe we can see that someone who needs a new perspective on the pandemic of life. Perhaps we have a message and a hope, that will carry us through this summer that is so different.

O, I will lament, the loss of the summer travel to the places I love, and I will even grouse a little in not being with family for the BBQ or the fishing trip along the lakeside. But I will not let this summer "that is different" take away my hope for a better day to come, a new season, where we will be back together again.

**Peace to all,
Pastor
David Beard**





ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

Pentecost 5 2020

Wednesday, July 1 7:00pm and Thursday, July 2, 10:00am

Zechariah 9:9-12 Romans 7:15-25 Matthew 11:16-19

The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associated with those often excluded from the community. Like Paul, we may struggle with our own desires, forgetting the needs of those around us. We gather through the study of God's Word to be refreshed by our Lord Jesus's invitation to, "Come to me, all you that are weary and burdened." Indeed, the promise of God is that we are greatly loved, and that God will always reach out to us, and raise us up in the hope of a life renewed.

Zoom Meeting Bible Study Meeting Wednesday

Evening, July 1, 2020 7:00 PM

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Zoom Meeting Bible Study Meeting Thursday

Morning July 2, 2020 7:00 PM

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BACK TO "IN PERSON" WORSHIP

We are in the process of making our way back into "in person" worship at Faith Lutheran. I say it is a process as we are purposefully walking through this time, desiring to keep ourselves healthy and safe.

As mentioned last week during the 8:30am and 10:00am service this Sunday, July 5th, the first Sunday of the month we will celebrate the sacrament of holy communion at the two services.

Our services have been predictably small and that is good as we do not want to rush into this "in person" worship without taking the proper precautions. Guided by the CDC we will practice social distancing, the wearing of masks, no singing, and an abundance of caution. Any person returning, needs to consider the health risks based on your comfort level, as well as your health needs. Our Altar guild is cleaning the church between the services. We cannot guarantee your health at these worship gatherings. We are continuing to provide our YouTube service option and will do so through the summer.

IN HOME WORSHIP



Thank you for your encouraging words and thanks regarding our YouTube Worship Services. This has been a new way of reaching out, of being "innovative" in sharing the gospel of our Lord Jesus. I am learning as I go.

I will continue to produce and share our worship through YouTube. Our Parish Administrator, Lori Neu will continue to create our written services. She will share those through our website, FAITHSD.net, through our Facebook and our e-zine weekly newsletter. If you are not receiving our e-zine news online, let us know so that we can add or correct your emails. If you need copies mailed, call us at the church, or email us.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BLOG

Thank you to Irene Snavelly and Ashleigh Neu for writing up and sharing our Sunday School blog during this time of COVID 19 Closure.

Weekly lessons will continue to be posted along with an activity the children can enjoy with their family.

Please visit: ashbear04.wixsite.com/faihtsdsundayschool

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FAITH's Sunday School mission:

To lay a Faith Foundation through Bible study, learning prayer and hymns; our children and young people will develop a vibrant faith to share with others so they can also have an enthusiastic Christian Walk.

Ministry-To-Children



ZOOM BIBLE STUDIES

Bible Study



For those not familiar with ZOOM, we now have an account that will allow us to gather as an online community, face to face over our media devices. Our first experience will be to share our Sunday morning Bible lessons. To read them, pray and discuss the im-

plications of God's Word on our lives.

The studies are arranged for Wednesday evenings or Thursday mornings. Zoom Bible Studies will continue. You can email Pastor directly or Lori with any questions or help to join the study.

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you for your continued stewardship outreach. Your many gifts, tithes and offerings have gone a long way to maintain this ministry. Our thanks to Rene Li and Michelle Lopez for their service in this area. As you know many of the bills are ongoing, utilities, insurance, payroll, to name just a few. We were able to clean the carpets, the church and parish hall. We trimmed a couple of trees that were in need, but otherwise have tried to curtail the expenses, by keeping the AC off and



changing out all of the sanctuary lighting to LED lights, a huge savings we hope in the electric bill. Thanks to Tom Biermann, Joe Pike, and Paul Spencer for doing this work. Our garden looks great, thanks to Tom Biermann and Lisa Cahill and one of our Preschool families, Tam, Lily, Eleanor, and Sam. Your food donations for the Food Pantry have been most welcome. Paul and Janet Spencer have made sure that those items have been distributed.

WELLNESS OUTREACH

Over the course of the past 12 weeks, I have kept contact with the membership via phone, text, and email. Thank you to everyone who have also sent cards, made phone calls, arranged for food. Your care and compassion for each other has been wonderful to take in. Key to our outreach has been the support and

hard work of our Parish Administrator, Lori Neu who has arranged for the worship service bulletins, the weekly e-zine, YouTube worship and monthly newsletter, all of this from home and sometimes in the absence of the reliability of our network connections.

LOCAL FOOD PANTRY

I would like to encourage you, to continue to bring food over for our "Food Pantry" and we will begin to re-stock the pantry.

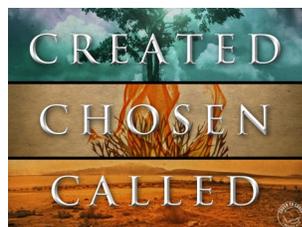
A few people have come around and I have been able to direct them to the City of San Dimas "Food Site".



FAITH DAY CARE & PRESCHOOL

Our Preschool is hoping to start up again later in July. There are many CDC Covid-19 requirements that need to be satisfied. Our Preschool Board and Congregation Council have met for several special Zoom meetings to go over the details for the re-opening of

the Preschool. We ask for your continued prayers for our Preschool Board members, Director, Gail Baldran, our teachers, students, and families in our preschool.



FAITH CALL COMMITTEE

Our Call Committee and Council have met with the Pastoral candidate and his wife, participated in a 'meet and greet' but we are still a ways off, for the gathering of the congregation for a Call Meeting, and there is a little more work

for the Council to do with the candidate. We do ask for your prayers for Pastor, his wife and family, and, for the leaders of the congregation as we move forward. The Call Committee will keep us informed as to the next part of the call process.



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THE VISION CORNER

What if we provided the funds to pay our mortgage, support all our existing ministries, and a minister of music?

What new ministries is God calling us to do? Who could we reach toward realizing our mission to introduce people to new life in Jesus Christ that grows into enthusiastic living?



Send your thoughts to flcsecretary@faihtsd.net or call them in to 909 599-3978, or speak with Pastor Beard or a member of our church council about them. Pray about you can help realize our mission.

Discover more news, photos and info at our website:

FAIHTSD.NET.

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