



# ***The Messenger***

*News about our church,  
our ministries and our people*

**July 2020**

**Living Waters Lutheran Church and Preschool**

## **Safety Team Update**

Steve Vaughan, Safety Team Chair

On May 31, Pentecost Sunday, we held our re-opening service with corporate worship. To prepare for the resuming of in-person worship the Safety Team instituted many new practices to try to ensure the health and safety of our church family. Those new practices include:

- ◆ Exterior doors from the outside to the narthex are propped open so that no one has to touch them.
- ◆ A hand sanitizer station is located in front of the doors to the sanctuary (which are also propped open).
- ◆ Wearing of masks is strongly suggested except while receiving communion.
- ◆ Congregating in the narthex before or after the service is not allowed.
- ◆ Seating is in every other pew with social distancing enforced.
- ◆ Passing of the peace is accomplished by staying in place and gesturing to those around you.
- ◆ Offertory plates are not passed. Offertory envelopes are placed in a collection plate located on a stand.
- ◆ All books have been removed from the pews and there are no handouts.
- ◆ There is no congregational or choir singing. All singing is done by soloists.
- ◆ Communion is practiced with social distancing and with the pastor dropping a wafer into the worshiper's hand and the worshiper removing a small cup of wine from a tray held by the assisting minister. (The cups are distanced in the tray to avoid accidental contact).
- ◆ The pastor and assisting minister wear masks while behind the altar table and while distributing communion.
- ◆ Restrooms are cleaned by a member of the Safety Team after each use.
- ◆ After service, congregants are excused from the back, one pew at a time, by an usher.
- ◆ Small bottles of hand sanitizer have been placed in every occupied pew.
- ◆ There is no fellowship time in the fellowship hall after the service.

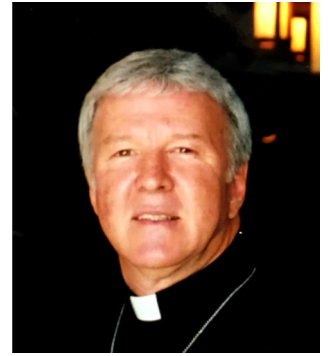
If you have any questions or suggestions regarding these procedures please call or email me at (443) 690-4678 or [captainhappy@hotmail.com](mailto:captainhappy@hotmail.com)

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

*Romans 6:23*

# From the Pastor

By Rev. Lyle Truitt



**Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts.**

***James 4:1-2***

Greetings Dear Ones!

Here we are in the month of July! The supermarkets are all stocked up with extra ribs, hamburger and hot dogs, and cold beverages. And yes, there's those flashing and colorful displays of fireworks that catch your eyes as soon as you walk in the store. In the month of July, as Americans, we all proudly shout, "HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA!"

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA! You are a great nation with a great history. And even though you have had a short history, compared to Egypt and Greece and Iraq and Italy and China, God has richly blessed you. You are the richest nation in the world and your natural resources are still the greatest of all nations. You are still the most GENEROUS of all nations---giving untold millions of dollars in aid to feed the hungry, and to clothe the naked, and to protect the innocent. Your flag still waves proudly in the free air—a symbol of all that makes you great. Whether at a ball game, political rally, concert, or worship service, she still sends a chill up and down our spines.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA!! You are great because you are good. You are good because you have learned that greatness is not measured in silver and gold, skyscrapers, space stations, or Olympic medals, or even in bombs or missiles or drones. Greatness is an inner quality found in what we ARE rather than what we POSSESS.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA!!! You are great because you allow your citizens to choose WHO and WHERE they worship. Your currency still carries the motto, "IN GOD WE TRUST." May we learn to transfer this motto from our currency to our hearts!

As I'm writing this article for the month of July, America is being wounded; wounded with the death of innocents, wounded with racial unrest, wounded with unlawful vandalism and looting and fires, and the unlawful destruction of historical monuments and statues. Wounded with a pandemic virus outbreak that has caused over 200,000 deaths in our great land; that has caused us to be lone rangers who cannot hug or shake the hand, or sit at a table with others.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA!!!! Keep the candles of your birthday cake of freedom burning brightly, as we look beyond your greatness, AND PRAY.....that ALL of your citizens will pause, will take off their face masks, will drop their signs of protest, and forsake their independent spirits, long enough to turn and to look to the Lord God Almighty, and ask for and be thankful for the freedom that only HE can give!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA!!

Pastor Lyle



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## A note from your Living Waters Stewardship Team

Watch your mailbox or your email inbox for a copy of your 2020 Mid-year financial giving statement. It will be sent out in early July for your review.....

.....and again *Thanks to all of You* for your continued support of Living Waters Lutheran Church during these unusual times, both through your financial stewardship and the volunteer support you have contributed.

We are truly blessed to have you as a part of our family!

*Rich Pelto*

Stewardship

## Calendar Updates to Note

**Secret Sister Reveal Luncheon** -Due to spikes in Covid19 numbers and social distancing still highly recommended, we are going to keep our same sisters this year until, hopefully, February when prayerfully this will all be behind us and we can get together for a reveal luncheon.

So please continue to shower your sister with love, prayers and the occasional card to let her know you are thinking of her.

*Patty Pauley and Kari Reece*

**Women of the ELCA Fall Gathering —**  
Canceled

**Fellowship Committee —** No immediate plans for social gathering.

## Happy Birthday

Surprise someone on the list by sending a birthday greeting.



July 1	Allison Larson
July 3	Deb Poe
July 6	JoAnn Dorrough
	Donna Suchy
July 10	Giulia Morgan
July 13	Ercell Wade
July 18	Nick Winiecke
July 21	Phyllis Shantz
July 27	Stanley Bliss
July 31	Bonnie Jensen
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