



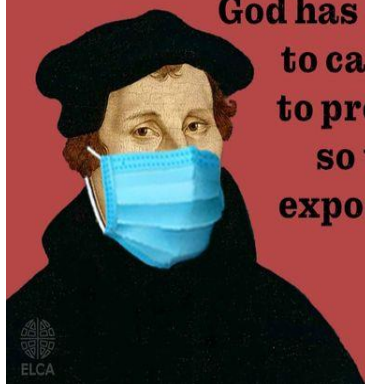
Epiphany of Christ News – November 2020

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Pastor Steve Crittenden

All of us have the responsibility of warding off this poison to the best of our ability because God has commanded us to care for the body, to protect & nurse it so that we are not exposed needlessly.



- Martin Luther, 1527

*Whether One May Flee
from a Deadly Plague*

From the Church Council

Dear Friends in Christ,

Figuring out 'how to worship in safer ways'

Well, just as we thought we were figuring out how to resume in-person services, we ran into road blocks. First, the Covid cases are once again on the increase in AZ. Second, we are running into a number of logistical problems. How big of a sound system do we have to purchase for an outdoor service between Friendship Hall and the Classroom wing. Do we purchase an electronic keyboard for outdoor music? Do we substitute the outdoor service for the on-line service? Do we have both service types plus bible study and mid-week Advent services? How much can we expect Pastor Steve to commit to this gargantuan work load of digital and electronic innovation? The Council has to remember that Pastor is hired and paid on a half-time basis.

Considering all of these factors, and heeding Martin Luther's 1527 admonition, the Council has decided that

we will postpone in-person services until the Covid situation is a bit clearer. In addition, having just in-person services would exclude on-line services for our Winter visitors, those Winter church family who may decide not to return to the valley this year. For the time being then, we will maintain the current electronic service and bible study schedule. As always, we appreciate your patience and good will. God Bless!

Your Servants in Christ --- the Church Council



A plea to help our charities

Carolyn Lewis, long time mainstay of service to our church family, has over 100 masks she would like to donate to the church for donations for charity. Carolyn is offering to mail the masks after the free will donation is collected at the church. Do you have a favorite sports team? Carolyn may be able to make up a mask just for that team. She is more than willing to sew up another batch. Just send a request to Carolyn at:

[thelandlou@gmail.com].

God's purpose for our church is to invite all to worship and grow through study, fellowship and mission.

A Crazy Quilt Charity Fund Raiser



The McDowell's

Carolyn Lewis, our intrepid sewer and quilter, would like to make a "Crazy" quilt with the left-over scraps using pictures of people wearing masks. What an unique way to commemorate this crazy and momentous year -- 2020. When the "Crazy" quilt is completed, there will be a raffle to raise money for our charities, charities that are really in great need. If you would send a selfie of yourself in your mask to, thelandlou@gmail.com we'll begin the process.

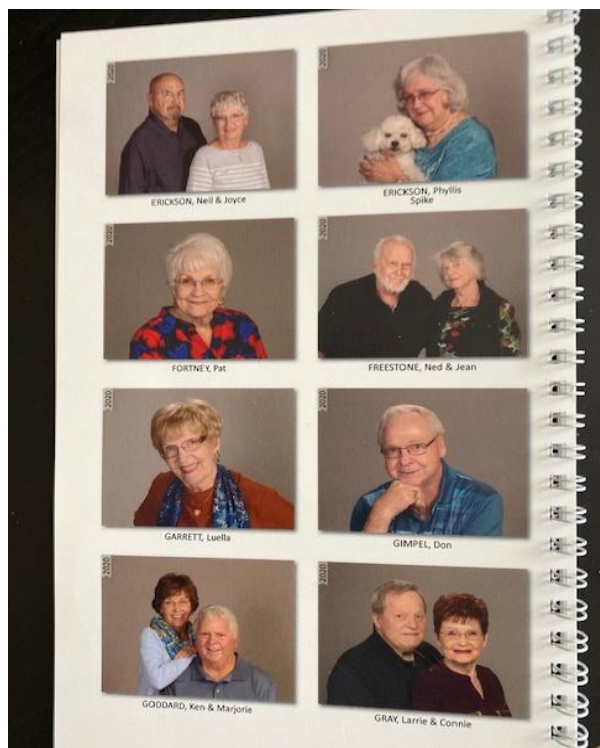
Dear Faith Family:

You have clearly taken to heart the need for continued support of the ministry of Epiphany of Christ Lutheran. The Council is extremely and truly grateful. We've enclosed envelopes for November donations as we continue to worship on-line.

Romans 15:13 "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

What Have You Been Doing Lately??

We'd love to hear how you are surviving this extended period of isolation. If you have a story you'd like to share with your church family, send it to rhlarsen@msn.com and we'll try to put it in the next newsletter.



-----The Directory has arrived-----



ERICKSON, Neil & Joyce



ERICKSON, Phyllis
Spike



FORTNEY, Pat



FREESTONE, Ned & Jean



GARRETE, Luella



GIMPEL, Don



GOODARD, Ken & Marjorie



GRAY, Larrie & Connie

You can pick up your copy of the directory in the church entry hall from 10 am to 12 noon on Wed. and Sunday.

Welcome Back! As Autumn days grow shorter and temperatures drop, we know Winter draws nigh. Winter Visitors are contemplating the journey to warmer climes and we're anticipating their arrival with joy! Travel safely.

Dear Friends at Epiphany,

We hope this finds you well. Hopefully we will head to AZ in a few weeks. Thank You so much for your ministry.

In Christ's Love,

Mauno and Elaine Silpala



Longing to join together as church family in sharing the gifts of Holy Communion

Mission Needs:

November: TLC (Transitional Living Centers) Men's Hygiene Products or contributions

December: Project Help: Gift cards or contributions for preteens/teens