

Lutheran Church of Providence July, 2021 Newsletter

Pastor's Corner

Summer is here and the weather is great. Hot, dry, afternoon showers, these are the things that Florida is known for. Unfortunately this also means that church attendance is down as people want to get out and enjoy outdoor activities. Let's keep in mind that all that we have comes from God and is a gift from Him. When a hurricane is on the horizon we encourage others to pray that it turns and misses us. We should also pray thanking God, for good weather, health, and abundance. As the people of God we are mindful that God is in control and that we need to come to him with everything, not just when we are in danger or want something. That is why we have church every Sunday; to thank God, sing his praises, and look at what is in store for us (as far as we can tell) for the upcoming week.

As we go forward blessed by God we will continue to open up our service after Covid one piece at a time. We are going slowly because of the variants of Covid that are around, and the fact we do not much about them. As we have more people visiting us for the first time, we need to keep everyone as safe as possible. I thank everyone who has helped out during these uncertain trying times.

There are several people who have asked about a new member information class. I am planning on holding one on Saturday, July 31 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. I ask you to sign up so I can have enough refreshments for everyone, and enough food for a noon meal. There is no charge for this and upon completion participants will have the option of becoming a member of the church.

Our church has many areas for people to assist in and we encourage you to volunteer. Help is needed in our food bank that hands out food on the fourth Friday of every month from 9:00 -10:00 am. Our quilters meet every Tuesday and will train you in how you can be of help. We also need greeters before our Sunday worship as well as people to work on the Altar Guild, fellowship committee, communion assistant, and various other activities.

As a congregation we all need to work together so that the work of our Lord can continue. If you see anyone who has not been here for a while, please encourage them to return, also invite people you come in contact with in the community to come and worship with

I pray that you are blessed during this summer season, and that you stay healthy until we are back as a family in the fall.

In Christ Our Lord, Reverend Robert Weikart

Quilting Newsletter

Thank you to all members who have contributed to The Quilts for World Relief this year. It is with these donations that we can purchase supplies for the quilts. Also, donations can be made for quilt postage (see address below). Our quilts are sent all over the world, with one of our recent donations sent to Bosnia. We accept monetary donations, sheets, and fabric. The sheets can be purchased at thrift shops, garage sales, or from your own linen closets. Neither the size nor the color matters, we use them all. If you would like to donate fabric, we use cotton or cotton blends in the quilt. It takes a little over three yards to make a quilt top, which can be broken into two or four different fabrics.

So far this year, I am happy to report that we have completed 44 quilts and have 15 additional quilt tops to tie. We are a team of volunteers who work diligently each week toward completing our goal of 100 quilts. I believe with God's help, we will be able to achieve this goal. If anyone would like to help with this project, it will be appreciated. If you can tie a knot, measure, and are good at matching colors (i.e. your own clothes) please join us on Tuesday morning at 9 am.

Thank you again for all your prayers and support.

Sandy Wylie Good Samaritan Quilt Plaza P.O. Box 17061 Baltimore, MD. 21298

Coffee Hour

We have been able to enjoy coffee hour the past two weekends, while still maintaining social distancing for the safety of everyone. Thank you to everyone who has donated their time and brought refreshments. If you are able to volunteer to bring in treats to share, the sign in sheet is located in the Narthex.

Name Tags

We will be ordering new name tags in the next week for members of our congregation, and those who wish to join. If you need a new name tag, please contact the office at 386-789-3300 or Email us at <u>lutheranchurchofprovidence@gmail.com</u>.

Greeters:

We need volunteers to meet and greet people in the Narthex on Sunday mornings. Greeters pass out our bulletin as well as welcome packets to new visitors. If you are interested in helping, please sign the signup sheet located in the Narthex.

Newsletter and Bulletin Submissions:

We want to hear from you! If you would like to add to our weekly announcements, or have an article to add to the monthly newsletter, please contact the front office.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

CHURCH COUNCIL: The second Tuesday of the month

BOOK CLUB: The second Thursday of the month

BIBLE CLASS: Sundays at 9:15 A.M.

FOOD PANTRY: The Fourth Friday of the month from 9:00am-10:00 pm