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From the Pastor's Desk

(reprinted from a digital message dated May 19, 2020)

“IT ALWAYS TAKES LONGER THAN YOU THINK.”

That's a common phrase in our house. It's something say, for example, to help alleviate the frustration that it's taken most of a day just to **prepare** the bedroom walls for painting. It's something we used to say to our daughter when she grew impatient that a church meeting went longer than expected, delaying family plans for a night out.

“It always takes longer than you think.” It's something our renewal team and church leaders have said about our renewal process. We are still working on “homework” from that process, even though the training ended a year ago.



“It always takes longer than you think.” It's also something we can say about the question of when we can return to in-person worship and gatherings.

On May 22nd, York county moved to the “yellow phase”, which opens the possibility of gathering in groups of less than 25, while wearing masks and maintaining social distancing. The leadership of our congregation reached a consensus at our May 18th monthly meeting that, until we see how our community is doing and functioning under this less restrictive phase, especially whether there is an increase in positive tests for Covid-19, now is not the time to resume in-person gatherings. As people move about more, in their work and social environments, we will not know for 14-28 days how this more open movement is affecting the spread of the virus.

In the meantime, our congregation has established a Pandemic Response Team to continually assess when it seems safe and good for us to be together in person. This team is looking at recommendations from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), along with the guidance issued by the Center for Disease Control and the health officers of our commonwealth. In essence there are about 30 questions that need to be asked and answered

before it is safe to be together in person for worship or other gatherings, even for just 25 people. Those questions pertain to things like what space is most appropriate for gathering? What should the seating arrangements be? What is the procedure for sanitizing the space after each use? What is the procedure be for disinfecting if someone, who was in worship, should later test positive for the virus? Who would do that sanitizing? How do we protect those most vulnerable?

Answering those kinds of questions takes times, planning, and work. That is to say, it always takes longer than you think. *Remember, we stopped in-person gatherings “on a dime”... immediately and with very little notice. But our re-gathering will be just the opposite. It will be thoughtful, careful, planned, prepared, methodical, and slow – for the wellbeing of all who are associated with our congregation. At the heart of any plan for re-gathering is not personal preferences, but what is loving towards our neighbor.*

I am so very proud of each of you for the ways in which you have responded and adapted to our ways of worshiping and staying in touch during this time. Who ever thought you'd worship in your living room or on your patio? Who ever thought you've have attend Bible study on the computer, where you see little screens of each participant? Who ever thought your kitchen table or a coffee table would become the altar holding the body and blood of Christ? Who ever imagined that one person with a computer would connect to our worship on YouTube and then call someone who doesn't have a computer and let them listen to the worship service over the phone? Who ever thought you'd treasure a weekly mailing containing that week's printed sermon and announcements?



You **are** doing these things and more to keep your connections to your church family strong and to continue to grow in your faith. And, because it always takes longer than you think, we will need to continue these for a bit longer. As we are gathering in this new way, we do so in the same trust and promise that that we do when we are together in person: where two or three are gathered in Jesus' name, he is among us. And God will watch between us while we are physically absent from one another.

Serving Christ and Community with you,

Pastor LaDonna

P.A.L. (PROVIDE-A-LUNCH)

Volunteers are needed to cook, serve the meal, and clean up after the meal on the 2nd Saturday of each month for the Hanover Area Council of Churches (HACC). Our next Saturday to serve is June 13th between the hours of 8:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Come for all or part of this outreach ministry. The location is 136 Carlisle Street, Hanover. Please contact Mary Bixler if you have any questions.



LAUNDRY LOVE

We have had a successful year. Every second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 P.M., our team meets at Suzi Suds on North Carlisle Street, Hanover. We greet customers and offer to pay for their laundry to be washed. While the washing is being done, there is time to visit with patrons, share some snacks, and do activities with the children. It is nice meeting our neighbors in a different way by talking to them and learning about them and their needs. If anyone would like to provide a donation towards the snacks that we provide for the evening, please see Michelle Quelet. We can still use some help during these evenings. If you are able, please join us on June 9th at 6:00 P.M. Hope to see you there.



Right now people are picking up the coins that they need to do their laundry.

They are not meeting at Suzi Suds.

SPONSORSHIPS FOR ONLINE WORSHIP

Sponsorships for online worship are now being accepted. The cost is \$60 (while we are not worshipping in person, this replaces the sponsorship for bulletins, communion and worship supplies). Sponsors will be noted in the weekly announcements and in the online worship. Please call the church office (717-632-1922) or email (stdavidlutheran@yahoo.com) to become a sponsor.

YOUTH GATHERING FUNDRAISING:

Strawberry season is here. All donations are going to help fund the youth going to the National Youth Gathering in 2021. Contact Julie Smith at 717-633-1498. We can pre-pick them for you or you can pick your own. Schedule for picking your own will begin on June 1st, Mon-Thurs from 8 A.M. – 3 P.M. Please bring containers along to put them in.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CANCELLED FOR 2020

A consensus has been reached among the participating churches to not hold VBS this year, due to the uncertainty of when large groups will be able to gather again in public places. St. David's Lutheran will be the host for 2021.

THE SPRING PRIMARY ELECTION

The spring primary election will be held on June 2nd. Our church will host this event for assigned registered voters in our fellowship hall.

2020 SENIOR

Airan Goulet, from South Western Hight School.

CHURCH STAFFING DURING “STAY AT HOME ORDER”

Our office administrator, Pam Kemper's new office hours will be Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 8 A.M. to 12 P.M. Starting the week of June 1st. Please note the change.

Summer Lunch Update for June

Thank you for all of the food donations that have been delivered to the church in the past few weeks! Due to your generosity we are going to hold a revised version of the Summer Lunch program starting June 9th.

We are asking that church members still continue to purchase items, if able. **We added 3 items to the shopping list (See below: jelly, hotdogs, and shredded Mozzarella cheese)**

We will continue to collect food from 5-6 P.M. on the following dates: June 9th, June 16th, June 23rd, and June 30th from 5-6 P.M. at St. David's Lutheran Church (**There will be NO collections on June 2nd due to it being election day.**) The collection bin will now be placed outside of the door by the covered drop off area. Someone will be there to collect the items from the bin. The drop off has been moved as we will be handing out lunch bags to the families in need at the Fellowship Hall doorway.

Thanks again for your caring and generosity!

2020 Summer Lunch Donation Requests

<u>Canned Items</u>	<u>Boxed Items</u>	<u>Plastic/Glass Items</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 oz. can baked beans • 10.75 oz. can chicken noodle soup or beef vegetable soup • 14.75 oz. canned pasta 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12-18 oz. box of Rice Krispies, Cheerios, or Honey Nut Cheerios cereal • Ramen Noodles • Small boxes of raisins • 3 oz. box of strawberry or orange jell-o • 3.4 oz - instant Chocolate pudding • Box of granola bars • 100% Fruit Juice boxes • Box of Mac & Cheese 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 oz. jar of pizza sauce • 18 oz. jar of peanut butter • 64 oz. bottle of apple juice <p style="margin-top: 10px;">New Items for June:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Plastic jar of jelly ❖ Hotdogs (8 count) ❖ 8 oz. bag of Mozzarella Cheese

*Please note that store brand foods are fine. Sizes are suggested to keep the bags of food similar.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

06/01	Nevin Barnhart	06/16	Katie Siroky
06/01	Miriam Barnhart	06/16	John Stuffle
06/01	Cole Kronsteiner	06/16	Robert Miller
06/02	Jim Staaf	06/18	Loretta Barnes
06/02	Barb Hendrickson	06/19	Faith Stuffle
06/04	Rita Saltzgiver	06/19	Ricky Stanson
06/06	Millie Miller	06/22	Ethel Meckley
06/07	Eli Wilson	06/23	Jordyn Smale
06/09	Clyde Krebs	06/24	Hailey Lynd
06/10	Jenn Stewart	06/25	Dorothy Grogg
06/11	Sharon Blouse	06/26	Pam Kemper
06/12	Deb Zepp	06/28	Donna Baumgardner
06/12	Sherri Graham	06/28	Ellie Sanders
06/13	Kevin Barnes	06/29	Charlie Hagan
06/14	Maynard Becker		

THANK YOU NOTES:

- For Property Committee for all the things they are doing around the Church.
- Cindy Blum for taking the time to clean and sanitized all of the Church. Washing all the costumes and curtains.
- Jackie Lake for taking all of the gowns in the sacristy and washing them and fixing anything that needed to be repaired.
- For the people who have been taking care of the flower beds.

WE ARE PRAYING FOR

New prayer request:

Comfort for Hilda Schuchart and family on the death of her sister, Mildred Raubenstine.

Blessing for David & Tracey Suddreth who got married on May 9th.

Comfort for Bob Fulton and family on the death of his brother, Steve.

For those known to us who are first responders, healthcare workers, and

workers in essential businesses: Joyce Arndt, Nikki Baile, Matthew Barnes, Tony Clouser, Allyson Donovos, George Donovos, Athena Good, Dave Kemper, Julie Shadle, Nevin Rohrbaugh, Ron Kessler, Mary Kessler, Tom Garrett, Karen Garrett, George McNamara, Aaron Rinehart, Neil Rohrbaugh, Becky Rohrbaugh, Christopher Wensel, Diane Wensel, Lisa Wentz, Erica Wilson, Kevin Green, Lori Green, Karen Tregoning, and Chris Sterling

FOR THOSE RECEIVING PASTORAL VISITATION AT HOME:

Ethel Meckley, Gladys Shearer, Millie Miller, Tony Laughman, Edna Rickrode, Ada Mancha, Kiki Beyer, Joyce & David Plank, Ann Hempfing, Dorothy Grogg, Mary Wildasin Clyde & Reda Gotwalt, Frank Martin, and Margie Utz.

FOR HEALING & STRENGTH

Frank & Hazel George, Kim Laughman, Julie Groft, Harold Utz, Dave Barnhart, Deb Klinedinst, Melvin & Marjorie Wentz, Hilda Schuchart, , Suzie Luks, Kaleb Trump, Travis Trump, Mary Lou Davis, Tom Phillips, Sunny Blouse, Ryan Laughman, George Hesse, Brock Beckham, Deb Brady, Allison Trump, Tim Kurtz, Tim Lawrence, Sherry Bentzel, Diane Baumgardner, Dan Webber, Glen Bixler, Peggy Perin, Debbie Halleran, Dale Dyer, Nevin Raubenstein, Kent & Donna Myers, David & Bea Waybright, Bea Reynolds, Larry Lohoss, and George Hauck