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## JULY 2020 NEWSLETTER

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## ***From the Pastor's Desk . . .***

***“There’s a lot I need to learn...”***



That’s what one of you recently said when asked about the major upheaval that is happening in our country around the issue of racism. I was encouraged by the attitude of humility and the genuine desire to learn not only about others, but about one’s self. It strikes me as a healthy posture to take in this distressing time.

***“There’s a lot I need to learn...”*** doesn’t mean that what one has learned up to this point is wrong or right, it just acknowledges that it’s incomplete. There are stories, perspectives, experiences, and histories that need to be heard, welcomed, incorporated and accepted.

***“There’s a lot I need to learn...”*** not just about others, but about oneself. The family and community in which I was raised significantly affects what I think about people who are like me and people who are different from me. The values, morals, biases, prejudices, gifts, sacrifices and suffering of generations before me has filtered down to me and I have passed them on... knowingly or unknowingly... intentionally or unintentionally.

I have been struggling the past several weeks with how to respond pastorally to racial struggles and division that has come to the forefront over this past month. This pastor’s heart breaks whenever there is conflict, anger, hurt and division. There is a lot of work to be done to heal relationships in our families, our workplaces, our communities, and our country. So much work that it can seem overwhelming and immobilizing.

Life has taught me that changed people change the world. And, the only person I can really change is me. So, my first pastoral response to the current crisis of racism is to adopt the wise words for myself: *There s a lot I need to learn...”*

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***There s a lot I need to learn...***” And I’m going to begin by reading a book entitled Waking Up White (and finding myself in the story of race) by Debby Irving. I have no idea where this might lead me, but I am eager to share the journey with any others who, in a spirit of humility and genuine desire for self-understanding and learning, would like to join me. If you are interested and open to learning along with me, I invite you get your own copy of the book and begin reading. There is an audio version, for those who prefer to listen, rather than read. It’s also available for kindle.



Then, in August, I’ll offer some times and ways for us to have conversations about what we’re reading and learning about ourselves around the topic of race. Watch for more announcements about this through the month of July. And, if you are engaging with the book, please let me know so that we can support one another as we learn together.

Serving Christ and community with you,

*Pastor LaDonna*

## **Ways to Engage in Worship During July**

***In-person on Sundays in our pavilion***

***9:00a.m. and 10:45 a.m.***

Bring your own folding chair, wear a mask and be prepared to maintain physical distancing from those who are not part of your household.

***Online at our St. David’s YouTube Channel***

A brief service of music, scripture, preaching and children’s message. New service posted by 7:00 A.M. each Sunday and available 24/7

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

Volunteers are needed to cook, serve the meal, and clean up after the meal on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month for the Hanover Area Council of Churches (HACC). Our next Saturday to serve is July 11<sup>th</sup> 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 July 14<sup>th</sup> 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.*

## **PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

Property committee will be meeting at church in the pavilion on July 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M.

## Summer Lunch Update for July

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 9<sup>th</sup>.

We are asking that church members still continue to purchase items, if able. **We added 2 items to the shopping list (See below: applesauce, and fruit cups)**

We will continue to collect food from 5-6 P.M. on the following dates: July 7<sup>th</sup>, July 14<sup>th</sup>, July 21<sup>st</sup>, and July 28<sup>th</sup> from 5-6 P.M. at St. David's Lutheran Church 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"> <li>• 15 oz. can baked beans</li> <li>• 10.75 oz. can chicken noodle soup or beef vegetable soup</li> <li>• 14.75 oz. canned pasta</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12-18 oz. box of Rice Krispies, Cheerios, or Honey Nut Cheerios cereal</li> <li>• Ramen Noodles</li> <li>• Small boxes of raisins</li> <li>• 3 oz. box of strawberry or orange jell-o</li> <li>• 3.4 oz – instant Chocolate pudding</li> <li>• Box of granola bars</li> <li>• 100% Fruit Juice boxes</li> <li>• Box of Mac &amp; Cheese</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 14 oz. jar of pizza sauce</li> <li>• 18 oz. jar of peanut butter</li> <li>• 64 oz. bottle of apple juice</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>New Items for June And July:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Plastic jar of jelly</b></li> <li>❖ <b>Hotdogs (8 count)</b></li> <li>❖ <b>8 oz. bag of Mozzarella Cheese</b></li> <li>❖ <b>Applesauce</b></li> <li>❖ <b>Fruit cups</b></li> </ul>

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

## **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.

## **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 1 P.M.

## **BOUNDLESS RETREAT FOR YOUTH**

Julie Smith and family have a lot of vegetables that are coming in the next couple of weeks. If anyone would like some of these vegetables, please call Julie at 717-633-1498 to see what has come in for picking. You can then leave a donation for the Youth trip to Boundless.

### **Happy Birthday**

		07/17	Wayne Barnhart
07/02	Brad Utz	07/17	Jeff Peter
07/03	Tony Laughman	07/18	Dean Stuffle
07/03	Lance Robison	07/21	Dayne Cullison
07/03	Krista Mamet	07/23	Taylor Bennett
07/04	Paige Adams	07/23	Sue Shaw
07/07	Joyce Plank	07/24	John Fetrow
07/08	Louise Swearman	07/24	Matt Wilson
07/09	Kent Martin	07/25	Jean Nash
07/10	Annette Sell	07/27	Clyde Gotwalt
07/10	Linda Rohrbaugh	07/29	Melissa Miller
07/10	Ashton Moses	07/29	Tabatha Schaffer
07/12	Alexander Chambers	07/30	Larry Wildasin
07/15	Connie Kopp		
07/16	Martha Rutledge		

## **THANK YOU NOTES:**

Dear family & friends,

A special thankyou for all the prayers, cards, and phone calls on the passing of my sister, Mildred. Also thank you to Pastor LaDonna for your special love and care. Thanks to Louise for my delicious birthday meal. And thank you to all for my many sympathy and birthday cards, phone calls and prayers. You are awesome. God Bless and keep you in his care.

Love  
Hilda Schuchart

## **THANK YOU TO:**

- Property committee for all the things they are doing around the Church while no one is here.
- Joyce Arndt for new medical kits and Tim Hartman for installing the medical kits.
- Harold Utz for power washing the pavilion and picnic tables.
- All the sponsor for the money toward the Digital Worship.
- All who picked up Strawberries at Julie Smith house for the Youth trip next year.
- All who help support the Summer Lunch Program.
- Everyone who has been coming out the P.A.L program each month during this time.
- People who worked in the flower beds, trimming shrubbery and pulling weeds.

## Prayer List

### **New prayer request:**

- Comfort for Dave Bixler, Loretta Barnes and Lucy Barnhart at the death of their brother, Glenn Bixler;
- Comfort for Jean Nash at the death of her sister, Cathy.
- Healing & Strength for Marie Wisensale, Andrew Staub, Kathy Stump, & Alicia Gauger

### **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, Allison Trump, Tim Kurtz, Tim Lawrence, Sherry Bentzel, Diane Baumgardner, Dan Webber, Peggy Perin, Debbie Halleran, Dale Dyer, Nevin Raubenstein, Kent & Donna Myers, David & Bea Waybright, Bea Reynolds, Larry Lohoss, and George Hauck