

The Voice of Hope

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STEWARDSHIP ...our offerings, time and talents to the glory of God

Pastor Rob Blezard, assistant to the bishop of the Lower Susquehanna Synod, a man passionate about stewardship, shares a monthly blog including how we appreciate and use ALL the gifts God has provided us. Truly food to live by.

Steward our future church

For clarifying our thoughts and helping us to reset priorities, there's nothing like a crisis – whether it's a job layoff, a death in the family, social upheaval or a health emergency.

With Covid-19 we've witnessed plenty of all of these, and more! Despite our natural resistance to change, we're learning new ways to live. *As a disciple of Christ*, what thoughts have clarified for you? *As a follower of Jesus*, what personal priorities have you reset?

The questions arise because you are the church, we are the church together and stewards of the church. We will pray the Holy Spirit will guide us to a “new normal” of holy living as both disciples and community that will be different – and better – than what we've known.

What might that look like? Here are some questions to pray over and discuss:

- When your church suspended in-person worship, what ways did you find to stay connected to God? To one another? What did this teach you about holy living? About being church together?
- Covid-19 forced us to “be church” without buildings. What has this revealed about the nature of community? About the value of buildings? As we go back into our buildings, how can things be different? Why must they be?
- In light of what we've learned, what values, ideas, traditions, habits should we let go of? Which should we keep? What really matters? And why?
- How can your insights, strengths and gifts help to shape the future of your life as a disciple and follower of Jesus? Of your congregation? What can you give to the future church in time, talent and treasure?

Covid-19's crises are still teaching us. As stewards of God's church, we can renew and restructure our church to fulfill God's mission. With God's guidance, we will.

--Rob Blezard

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MAY ACTIVITIES ...current and planning ahead

DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME
8-2-20	9 th Sunday after Pentecost	Online Service
8-9-20	10 th Sunday after Pentecost	Online Service
8-16-20	11 th Sunday after Pentecost	Online Service
8-23-20	12 th Sunday after Pentecost	Online Service
8-30-20	13 th Sunday after Pentecost	Online Service
	<p>Services, meetings, and bible studies in August will continue to be via email and online until further notice from the synod. The recommendation is to wait until CDC phase 3 to resume services. Remember to keep in touch and share the peace by mail and or phone as we continue to stay safe.</p>	

Are you interested in what's happening in the Florida-Bahama Synod? Sign up to receive the newsletter, E-Spirit by going to the Florida-Bahama Synod web site, scroll to the bottom of the page and follow the easy directions. You will read many interesting articles about what is happening in our area churches. Stay connected!

ANNOUNCEMENTS... and other useful news

VETERAN'S BREAKFAST

The veterans typically meet at Perkins restaurant on the 4th Saturday of the month. Call first to see when resume meeting.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

Watch for news on new start date. Continue reading God's word daily.

MUSTARD SEED DONATIONS

Donations have been postponed due to the virus. Check with Mustard Seed to see when they reopen. 772-340-1406

ATTENDANCE CARDS

Debbie Barr can count how many people participate on the **online worship service**. Pass the link to neighbors, friends and family so they can also "go to church" with you! It is a wonderful way to share God's word.

PLEASE NOTIFY

The church office when you or a family member is ill or hospitalized so we can add you to the prayer list. Please also let us know when you are home and doing better, or when a name should be removed from the list.

Because of the Coronavirus all meetings will be postponed or via email until further notice

July Income/Attendance

DATE	VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE	INCOME
7-5	134	
7-12	91	
7-19	184	
7-26	48	
Gifts In-Kind		
Deposits		\$4238.00
Totals	457	\$4238.00

A huge thank you to Jim Rodgers, Ellen King, and David Christensen who have been keeping the lawn and landscaping beautiful!

Also thank you to Debbie Barr and Jim Rodgers for counting again this month.

SPECIAL DATES...to celebrate

August



Birthdays

Leslie Peterson 7-24

Shelly Tillman 8-02

Sandra Del Serro 8-03

Randy Roberts 8-03

Ryan Barr 8-06

Marilyn Wheeler 8-07

Jenna Billings 8-11

Marion Zimmerman 8-16

Robert Kirchhoff 8-22

Karen Kenninger-Masa 8-24

Corrienne Billings 8-25



Happy Anniversary

Gary & Nan Billings 8-03

*There are three things that last
faith, hope and love
but the greatest of
these is love*

1 Corinthians 13:13

PRAYER REQUESTS

Jean Beldin, Grace Benway, Mary Bergerman and family, Brooke Blake, Matthew Blake, Pricilla Carpenter, Jean Carroll, Gloria Costley (Debbie Barr's mom), Josselyn Dawson and the Kasten family, John Eubank, Robert Fernandez, Jackie Fowler, Karen Frampton, Claudia Gillis, Cruz & Delia Gonzalez, Frank Harris, Dolores Hart's family, Hope Lutheran Church, Tom Jameson, Kathleen Jarrach (Mary McGinn's daughter), Karen Keat, Bob and Debbie Kirchhoff, Matt Loede, Christa Luhrs, Rachel Martin, Barbara McClure, Mary McGinn, Charlie Nilsen, Joan Ojala, Jeff Payne, Leslie Peterson, Nino Peterson, Rudy Pinto, Kimberly Robinson, Joan Sellas and family, Art Sharot, David Simpson, Chuck Strickler, Shelly Tillman and family, Mark Tocchetti, Clemmie Vincent, Marilyn Wheeler, Betty White, Diane Woodcock and the Luther family, Larry and Marian Zimmerman, Richard Zuber.

Members in Residential Care

Pricilla Carpenter- The Gardens

Grace Benway – Lake Forest Park

Members of Our Armed Forces

SPC Cody Allen USA - USA

Master Sgt. John King - USAF

2nd Lt. Sierra McRae, US Army

During this time of COVID 19 pandemic - PRAYER for those making decisions, frontline workers and their families, persons working in public, working from home and those who have lost their jobs, schools, student and parents of students, those suffering from the virus and those who have died, those who are suffering from loneliness and anxiety.

God, we pray for people worldwide that our focus is on You

Church Council

President – Jim Rodgers	Diane Roma	Leslie Peterson
Vice President – Susan Spee	Marvel Sawyer	Fred Heins
Secretary – Barbara McClure	Nino Peterson	
Treasurer – Mark Tocchetti	Nan Billings	

Church Council Highlights

7-2	Council voted 9-1 by email to lease the church as long as those leasing provide the church with proof of insurance and a signed Covid-19 waiver.
7-9	Jim Rodgers notified council that there was another leak to an area he has previously fixed several times. An estimate was done by Miranda Plumbing and A/C to replace 2 shut off valves and several feet of PVC pipe for \$1,699. He made an executive decision and approved the work as it is needed in order to sell the church. Jim also told council that Ellen is having trouble with the laptop and the sound system.
7-15	Council president Jim Rodgers informed council that the repairs on the water line were completed and that Ellen is still working on the sound system. Jim and Nan Billings met with real estate agent John Hockey. Mr. Hockey said that potential leesees are not wanting to lease yet except for AA because of Covid-19 precautions. He also said that he has 2 interested buyers and expects to have an offer to purchase to present to Hope within a few weeks.
7-19	Email vote 7 No and 3 Yes to repair sound system at this time. The request for a vote on 7-17-20 was for \$1000+ to purchase a new laptop, Microsoft fees and service call by Jennifer for sound system.
7-29	Jim Rodgers, Fred Heinz and Nan Billings met with real estate agent, John Hockey, for an update of potential buyers. He again let us know to expect to have a possible contract soon.
8-3	Council met at hope in-person and via zoom (thanks to Ellen King) to review a new contract offer from Grace Baptist Church. After discussion, a counteroffer was voted on and unanimously approved. The changes were written up and given to Susan Spee to take to the lawyer to review.

MUSIC...make a joyful noise!



Several Local Christian Radio Stations

89.9 WCNO Christian Music and Programs

96.3 CHRISTIAN FM Contemporary Christian Music

88.1 WAY FM Contemporary Christian Music

Worship the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing with joy. Psalms 100:2

Being Faithful

- Put God first
- Seek & Do God's Will
- Pray Daily
- Worship Weekly
- Study & Know God's Word
- Love & Serve Others
- Tithe Thankfully
- Share the Gospel
- Participate at Church
- Repent Unfaithfulness

Return to the Lord



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to lead the community to Christ**



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