



*Birthdays
of the Month*

**WE WISH A HAPPY B-DAY TO ALL OUR
FRIENDS WHO HAVE BIRTHDAYS
THIS MONTH!**

- 4 NORENE GRACE FRANCE**
- 6 MARY WINGES, RACHAEL CHHABRIA**
- 12 MILLIE CONWAY**
- 15 BILL ERDMAN**
- 16 JOHN FICKS**
- 17 MATTHEW BELLUCCI, ROBYN WISER**
- 18 RENEE WISER**
- 23 CONNIE GEPHART, BILL SCHAFFRICK**
- 24 AMELIA LILLIE**
- 25 SAUNDRA SPAULDING**



- 20 FELICIA & STEPHEN FREY**
- 22 PASTOR FRANK & KAREN MILLER**
- 27 JOHN & BETTY FICKS**

**MAY YOU ENJOY YOUR DAY AS YOU DID ON
YOUR FIRST ANNIVERSARY –
WITH LOVE!**





**FIRST LUTHERAN COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 21, 2020**

PRESENT – ANDREW WARTSCHLAGER, STEPHANIE MCCOY, SHARON LILLIE, PAUL NELLIS, JIM BLINCOE AND PASTOR AUSTIN NEWBERRY.

CALL TO ORDER AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA.

PASTOR OPENED WITH DEVOTIONS.

SECRETARY WAS UNABLE TO GIVE A REPORT AS COPY OF MAY MINUTES WAS UNAVAILABLE.

PASTOR PROVIDED A WRITTEN REPORT. HE HAS REQUESTED 6/30 UNTIL 7/5 OFF. SO FAR HE DOES NOT HAVE A PASTOR TO PRESIDE OVER THE SERVICE. IF HE IS UNABLE TO FIND SOMEONE, A SERVICE OF THE WORD CAN BE DONE.

TREASURER AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – WE HAVE RECEIVED A GRANT FROM THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF LOUISVILLE AND FROM THE SCHAFFRICK FOUNDATION. WE HAVE DECIDED TO PUT THESE TOWARD THE ROOF AND BRICKWORK REPAIR. 10 PERCENT OF THE SCHAFFRICK GRANT WILL BE SENT TO SYNOD (\$1400).

IT IS REPORTED THAT WE HAVE HAD NO DIP IN TITHING DURING THIS TIME, SOMETHING WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR AS MANY OTHER CHURCHES ARE FACING A FINANCIAL STRAIN.

OLD BUSINESS –

OUR SUNDAY SERVICES HAVE RESUMED. ATTENDANCE IS LESS THAN A NORMAL SUNDAY. SOME ATTEND VIA ZOOM, OTHERS ARE ACCESSING THE RECORDING OF THE SERVICE LATER. SHARON WILL CONTACT THE GROUPS THAT USUALLY MEET IN OUR BUILDING, TO SEE HOW THEIR PLANNING IS COMING ALONG.

ROOF REPAIRS – MOTION FROM PROPERTY COMMITTEE, THAT WE ACCEPT THE BID FOR REPAIRING THE ROOF FROM ISAAC OF RAM ROOFING WAS MOVED, SECONDED AND APPROVED. WE ALSO M/S/A THAT THE BID FROM BJB FOR REPAIRING THE BRICKWORK BE APPROVED; CONTINGENT TO APPROVAL FROM THE CONGREGATION.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING WILL BE HELD JULY 12TH. ANDREW WARTSCHLAGER WILL NOT BE ABLE TO BE THERE SO THE MEETING WILL BE LED BY VICE PRESIDENT PAUL NELLIS. PHONE TREE, EMAIL AND PAPER LETTERS WILL BE USED TO ANNOUNCE THE DATE.

THERE IS INTEREST IN GETTING A NEW SIGN WITH PASTOR'S NAME ON IT FOR THE FRONT OF THE BUILDING. SHARON WILL LOOK INTO IT.

COMMITTEES

WORSHIP AND MUSIC HAS DONE A VERY NICE JOB CHANGING THE SERVICE AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE DURING THIS TIME.

THE COMBINED SOCIAL COMMITTEES ARE ASKED TO COME UP WITH A PLAN FOR THE PICNIC.

PROPERTY HAD A QUICK DISCUSSION ABOUT THE HVAC SYSTEM. WE ARE USING PRUDENTIAL AGAIN BUT WANT TO INVESTIGATE AND MAKE SURE THAT THE TERMS OF OUR ANNUAL MAINTENANCE CONTRACT ARE BEING FOLLOWED.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER.

**RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED,
SHARON LILLIE, SECRETARY**



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH FOOD PANTRY

JULY, 2020

THE CORONAVIRUS HAS FORCED MANY CHANGES ON US, AND OUR FOOD PANTRY HAS NOT BEEN EXEMPT FROM THOSE CHANGES.

OVER THE YEARS, WE HAVE DEVELOPED A SYSTEM FOR TRACKING OUR CLIENTS AND THE FOOD THEY GET. THE SYSTEM HAS SERVED US WELL, BUT WE HAVE BEEN FORCED TO DO THINGS DIFFERENTLY.

WE STILL GET FOOD FROM DARE TO CARE. ONCE EACH WEEK A SMALLISH SHIPMENT, USUALLY 700 TO 1,000 POUNDS OF FOOD, IS BROUGHT BY OUR DRIVER VOLUNTEERS, CHUCK BLOEMER, AND GLENN PEAVEY. ONCE A MONTH WE GET A LARGE SHIPMENT, USUALLY 7,000 TO 9,000 POUNDS OF FOOD, BROUGHT BY A DARE TO CARE TRUCK AND SUPPLIED BY USDA AND PURCHASES MADE BY DARE TO CARE. THE FOOD IS SORTED AND PREPARED FOR DISTRIBUTION BY OUR VOLUNTEER TEAM.

WHEN A CLIENT COMES TO US FOR FOOD, THEY ARE MET AT THE FRONT OFFICE DOOR AND ADMITTED TO THE BUILDING ONE AT A TIME. OUR REGISTRAR VOLUNTEER TAKES MINIMAL INFORMATION FROM THEM, SUCH AS THEIR NAMES AND THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THEIR HOUSEHOLD.

LARGE BOXES WITH AN ASSORTMENT OF DRY, FROZEN, AND REFRIGERATED FOOD ARE PREPARED IN OUR WORK ROOM AND BROUGHT TO THE FRONT OFFICE DOOR. EACH CLIENT THEN IS GIVEN THE BOX'S CONTENTS, WHICH ARE USUALLY PUT INTO THE CLIENT'S GROCERY CART.

THE ENTIRE PROCESS USUALLY TAKES ONLY THREE OR FOUR MINUTES, AT WHICH TIME THE CLIENT IS BID GOOD-BYE AND LEAVES. ALMOST ALL CLIENTS ARE VERY COOPERATIVE, UNDERSTANDING THE NEED FOR THE PROCEDURES, AND ARE APPRECIATIVE OF THE AMOUNT AND VARIETY OF FOOD THEY ARE RECEIVING.

WHILE WE ARE ALL LOOKING FORWARD TO GETTING BACK TO "NORMAL," OUR VOLUNTEERS AND OUR CLIENTS HAVE ADAPTED WELL TO THE NECESSARY CHANGES.

JIM LILLIE, SITE SUPERVISOR
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH FOOD PANTRY
IN COOPERATION WITH THE DARE TO CARE FOOD BANK



PASTOR'S CORNER

DEAR FRIENDS,

GRACE TO YOU FROM GOD OUR FATHER AND FROM OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.



ONE OF THE MANY STRANGE THINGS ABOUT THIS PERIOD OF HISTORY THAT WE ARE LIVING THROUGH, AT LEAST IN MY EXPERIENCE, IS THE SEEMING CONTRADICTION BETWEEN NEWSWORTHY EVENTS HAPPENING IN RAPID SUCCESSION ALL OVER THE PLACE AND THE SENSE THAT TIME IS STANDING STILL. AT HOME MOST OF THE TIME, RARELY SEEING OTHERS OUTSIDE THOSE WE LIVE WITH IF WE DON'T LIVE ALONE, THE DAYS STREAM INTO ONE ANOTHER AS ONE DAY OF NOTHING MUCH HAPPENING FLOWS INTO THE NEXT. IT'S ALMOST AS IF THERE ARE TWO DIFFERENT WORLDS; A WORLD "OUT THERE" WHERE THINGS STILL HAPPEN AND THE OFTEN MONOTONOUS WORLD OF DAILY LIFE IN A TIME OF PANDEMIC.

I'D LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT IF WE COULD SEE THINGS FROM GOD'S POINT OF VIEW, WE MIGHT BE SURPRISED AT JUST HOW MUCH IS GOING ON IN OUR SEEMINGLY RESTRICTED LIVES. GOD IS PRESENT AND GRACE IS AT WORK WHEN WE LIMIT OUR CONTACT WITH OTHERS AND WEAR MASKS FOR THE SAKE OF OUR NEIGHBOR. GOD IS PRESENT AND GRACE IS AT WORK WHEN WE REACH OUT TO OTHERS BY PHONE OR SOCIAL MEDIA TO CHECK IN, TO OFFER ASSISTANCE, OR JUST TO SAY HELLO. GOD IS PRESENT AND GRACE IS AT WORK WHEN WE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILIES, FRIENDS, FELLOW CHURCH MEMBERS, (PASTOR!) AND FOR OURSELVES.

IN 1KINGS 19: 11-13, GOD SPEAKS TO ELIJAH, NOT IN AN EARTHQUAKE, NOT IN THE WHIRLWIND, BUT IN A STILL, SMALL VOICE. WE DON'T OFTEN FIND OURSELVES ALONE IN A CAVE BUT THE CURRENT SITUATION HAS PLACED US ABOUT AS NEAR TO ELIJAH AS WE MIGHT EVER HOPE TO BE. GOD DID NOT SEND THE CORONAVIRUS TO TEACH US A LESSON ABOUT QUIETING DOWN, BUT IN THE MIDST OF THE PANDEMIC GOD MEETS US IN OUR SITUATION AND, AS ALWAYS, MAKES THE BEST OUT OF THE SITUATION. GOD IS SPEAKING TO US EVEN NOW, IN THIS MOMENT, IN THE SEEMINGLY ENDLESS MONOTONY OF THIS TIME. TO QUOTE ANOTHER PROPHET, WE CALL OUT FROM OUR DARKNESS AND SOLITUDE, "SPEAK LORD, YOUR SERVANT IS LISTENING." 1 SAMUEL 3: 7-11.

PAX,
P. AUSTIN



**WE ARE CANCELLING CHURCH SERVICES EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY!!
THE NUMBER OF THE COVID-19 VIRUS IS RISING AGAIN AND WE DON'T
WANT TO TAKE CHANCES WITH OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS!!**

*Our thoughts
And prayers
Are with you.*



REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

*Bill Erdman
Virginia Kelley
Bill & Wand Schaffrick
Dennis & Christel Spetz
Kim Berko*



A note from Dennis & Christel Spetz

Greetings from the Masonic Home. Things are still pretty quiet here - no outbreaks of the virus in the village Apts. We pray for continued healing for all!

Thank you for your prayers and good wishes. We miss being at church and hope to see you soon.

Peace & Love

Dennis & Christel



Thanks to the 9 Households who used their Rewards card for FLC to receive money. From Feb 27 - May 27, we earned \$30.37. It's really easy to sign up to receive rewards for FLC. Just think how much we could receive if everyone used their rewards card. It could pay the Utility bill!!

FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED

The number of Homeless People around our church is growing! We need more items that we can give to them. There is a list below of suggested items to donate. We will also take monetary donations and Caroll will buy food for our Homeless. There is a box in the outer office marked for donations or you can send a check to the church and mark "Homeless" on it.

Bottles of Water

Peanut Butter Crackers	Snack Packs (Have crackers/meat/cookie)
Applesauce	Fruit Cups
Vienna Sausage	Starkist Tuna or Chicken Pouches

Anything that has a flip-top opening - remember they don't have can openers/microwaves, etc. You could go to the Dollar Tree and see what they have in the way of snacks.

You can always send a check to church, Attn: Caroll and mark for Homeless.

Make check out to First Lutheran Church.

If you have questions, you can call Caroll at Church (502) 584-4926 between the hours of 8:00 am - 1:00 pm or leave a message on the answering machine.

