## "My Lord, what a morning!@!!" All SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH "Oasis of Joy" USA

Today is ... Sunday, September 2, 2018

A blessed "Labor Day" weekend to all. Welcome!! We hope your soul is nourished a bit ... sharing this morning with us.

We very much enjoy having kids in church. When they get a bit noisy and goofy ... we ask you PLEASE TO RESPECT the sanctity of our worship experience, and the comfort of your neighbor. We have a fine nursery for kids age 5 and under. Our highly paid and moderately festive staff is always anxious to care for your kids. Please accompany your son/daughter to the nursery, and introduce yourself to the attendants. Help yourself to some of the finest coffee on the southside in Charter Hall. It's great having you here!!

announcements? kind words? commentary?

## **OPENING PRAYER**

It's amazing, Lord, how one negative person can bring me down. It's humbling and embarrassing, too ... when my own negativity brings someone else down. I don't like doing this.

I need to surround myself with "positivity" ---- is that a word?

I want the "joy of living" ... "the bright side of life" ... the "full cup" attitude ---- this is what needs to punctuate my journey.

I find myself getting "dragged down" too easily ... by those who only see what is wrong. And I know ---- I'm the one to blame. I let this happen. Well ... I don't need to be the victim.

I don't need to get "sucked-in." I don't have to buy-in to the "dark side."

Every step I take ... every moment I live ... every decision I make --- YOU ARE THERE.

Never telling me what to do ... or where to go ... to whom to listen to. You gently guide me. You nudge me.

You embrace me.

I just need to listen more ...... I'll try --- amen.

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## The eternal light shines brightly this morning ...

from Judy Edberg .. in loving memory of her husband Bob's birthday on September 10. May God bless his memory and spirit.

## BEGINNING NEXT SUNDAY ... SEPTEMBER 9 ... WE MOVE TO OUR

fall schedule: worship at 8:30 and 11 ... Sunday School, Youth breakfast club, and adult choir rehearsal between services.

REGISTRATION FORMS for youth group, confirmation, and Sunday School are in the narthex.

\*Tuesday: Stitch and Sew, 6:30

\*Wednesday: Sunday School teachers meeting, 7:00

\*Thursday: Evening worship, 7:30 ----- we are moving indoors now.

NEXT SUNDAY...... the St. Coletta's choir is joining us for worship at both services ... there will be lots of "love in the aire."

FIRST OUTREACH BINGO OF THE SEASON ... dedicated to our veterans. Friday, September 21, 6:30. We need more players ... so please rsvp today. It's a wonderful adult evening.

WE ARE PLAYING BINGO AND COOKING HOT-DOGS for the veterans at the Illinois Veterans' Home in Manteno --- Sunday, September 16. We bring "lots of money" ... over \$1000 in singles ... and good food and hats.

THE LOVE BUCKET IS DEDICATED TO THIS EVENT.

PLEASE SIGN UP TO DONATE FLOWERS ... SHARE THE ETERNAL LIGHT ... HELP OL' DON WITH COMMUNION ... also ushering, greeting, and nursery ..... we appreciate it!!