

# **“Jesus is our ROCK” ... MUM IS THE WORD!! ... keepin’ the church going!!**

All Saints Lutheran Church ... an “OASIS OF JOY” for all ...  
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Hello, all ...

It’s been half a year!! ... since this journey with this pandemic began. We’ve prayed ... we’ve hoped ...  
we hurt ... we struggle ... we find joy in simple moments of goodness and kindness.

We are doing our best to stay connected with all of you. Our door is open ... the phone rings ...  
we are here to support you in any way we can. And your support of our humble temple ---- more  
important than ever. Thanks for caring and sharing and praying.

**WE HAVE A COUPLE FUN THINGS COMING UP.**

**THIS WEEKEND IS OUR ANNUAL MUM SALE.**

Special thanks to Jim Melka and crew for making this possible. The sale happens SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 ...  
from 9:00 am ‘til 1:00 pm. It’s in the back-parking lot and garage.

THEN IT CONTINUES ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 ... from 8:00 am ‘til noon.

Plants bring color and hope to our lives ... and it’s a good way to support our ministry.  
The plants will be spread out ... we’ll keep safe distance ... and please bring a face-covering.

**OUR SEPTEMBER SUNDAY SCHOOL FAMILY PROJECT BEGINS THIS WEEK, TOO.**

**“JESUS IS OUR ROCK”**

We have a rock ... a bag with paints and brushes and instructions ... for each of our kids. You can pick  
them up beginning Thursday evening. They will be here from 6:00 pm ‘til after worship. The  
JESUS IS OUR ROCK packets will also be here throughout the plant sale. We would like your decorated  
rock back by Sunday, September 27. We need to seal them and weather-proof them ... and then  
when Sunday School opens ... we will have a picnic to dedicate our rock garden.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH PROGRAMS will not begin before October 25. This is our target  
date ... but ----- we will only begin if it is safe. Our staff meets at the beginning of October to  
assess how things are going.

In the meantime ----- we have worship on Thursday evenings at 7:00 ----- we may have to move indoors  
soon. It depends on the weather and how soon it gets dark. We have worship on Sunday mornings at  
8:30 and 10:00. Please make your rsvp each week ---- with the “app” on our web-site ... or by calling  
the church office. Thanks for continuing to bring a face-covering.

I am so thankful for those who “labor” to keep our church healthy. I’m writing this on LABOR DAY.

\*\*Thank – you staff: Debbie Facius, Kathy Janik, Kathy Klang, Bob Gename, Mike Hefter,  
Len Wcislo, Doug Klang, Linda McAley. Your consistency and hard work make such a difference.  
Thanks to Lori Bloodt for her Sunday School leadership, and Paul Childers for helping Bob Gename.

\*\*Thank-you to our “worship team.”

Our “thoughts for the day” (are you tired of me yet??) and worship services in-house and on-line are  
the glue holding us together. Len Wcislo, Doug Klang, Hector Perez, Joel Colwell, Mike Hefter,  
Kathy Janik, Zach Wcislo, Kathryn Cargill, Michele Apps (Thursday nite music), Debbie Facius,  
Alan Facius, Larry Johnstone, Carol Sandler, Tom Devlin, Peggy Sullivan, Dominic Thompson, Jane Miller,  
Tom O’Brien, Bill Marciniak, Ken Konecki, Debbie Hohbach, Tom Hohbach ---sorry if I forgot anyone!!

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I certainly don't know what lies ahead.  
One day. One week. One moment at a time.

Please ----- if you need support: financially, spiritually, personally ... we are here.  
This is our church together.  
Come in and pray.  
Come and take a walk out back.

Many of you (actually all of us) are concerned about how we are doing financially.  
Our staff and church council are monitoring this monthly. We are doing ok.  
Your first responsibility is to your family. For those of you who can ---- we appreciate and need your financial support. Dropping by the church with your gifts ... mailing in your donations ... it all helps. Kathy Klang (708-945-0588) can help you with direct deposit if you'd like.

We are losing the money for Sandburg students parking here ... since they are on re-mote learning ... and when they return ... it won't be every day. It has an impact not getting that \$20,000 this year ... but in the spirit of giving "thanks" ----- we are grateful for what we have received over the years.

This week we begin replacing our aging boilers. New equipment ... and a new more efficient design. It's about a \$40,000 price-tag ... but this will service us well ... and save us money down-the-line. Several years ago we established a "maintenance/building" reserve fund. So, we have the money to do this.

A SPECIAL THANKS to Ed O'Malley. He has overseen our HVAC program for years ---- donating his time and incredible expertise. We are deeply grateful.

In conclusion ... a few reminders ...

\*\*Looking forward to next weekend.

\*\*Remember this week's "passwords" ----- Mums and Rocks!!

\*\*Registration forms for Sunday School (3-year olds through 5<sup>th</sup> grade) ... Confirmation (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) ... youth group (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade) are available as an "app" on our website ... hard copies here at the church.

\*\*RSVP for Sunday worship (you don't have to register for Thursday night) ...

Each one of us ... in our own way ... is a "messenger."  
May our message always be one of kindness and love.

THANKS FOR BEING PART OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY.  
GRATEFUL ALWAYS FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND PRAYERS.

Joy and Peace

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