

EARLY MAY CATCH-UP TIME ... "a few notes from the humble temple"

ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH "Oasis of Joy" USA

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Dear Friends ...

I think of the words from the GOSPEL this past Sunday:

"No branch can bear fruit by itself."

Too often I've tried to "get through stuff" on my own. Keeping it all inside ... pretending to be strong ... not wanting to appear weak or dependent.

These last 14 months have been eye-opening, tough, a bit scary for all of us.

Praying and caring and sharing have never been so important. My respect for you ... my dependence on you ... and my gratitude for this "humble temple" have a depth of spirit that has been life-changing.

Yes ... there is still uncertainty and anxiety about the future.

And we all have a lot of re-building and re-storing to do in our lives.

A FEW THINGS ABOUT THE CHURCH ... and, please ... if you have any questions or feedback ... call us anytime.

****THE PLANT SALE IS THIS WEEKEND.**

Saturday May 8 from 10:00 'til 2:00 Sunday May 9 ... all morning 'til about noon.

This all happens in the back parking lot and garage.

****THOUGHT FOR THE DAY CONTINUES ... Monday through Friday (live-streamed at 9:15 ... available anytime on Friends of All Saints Facebook, YouTube, and our web-site -- allsaintsjoy.com).**

****WORSHIP CONTINUES at the same times: Sunday 8:30 and 10:00. Thursday evenings 7:00 ----hopefully outdoors in a month or so. We continue to ask that you rsvp for Sunday ---- using the "app" on our web-site or by calling the church office.**

THIS IS A TIME OF RE-BUILDING AND RE-STARTING ... and we need your help.

We hope Sunday School and Confirmation and our Youth Group can be up and running this fall.

When registering ... use the grade your child will be in this fall. There is a registration "app" on our web-site for Sunday School, Confirmation, and Youth Group. There are also forms at the church.

****SUNDAY SCHOOL is for our kids age 3 through 5th grade. Your child needs to be 3 by September 1.**

****CONFIRMATION/CATECHISM is for kids grade 6 through 8. We meet two Monday evenings per month.**

Those of you in 8th grade now will be confirmed in September. We will set a date soon!!

****YOUTH GROUP is for kids grade 6 through high school. We have an informal "breakfast club" on Sunday morning ... and a variety of activities during the year.**

WE DO HAVE FIRST COMMUNION for young people 3rd grade and older. Those of you currently in 3rd grade have not had an opportunity yet. We will set a date for you soon. But ---- you need to let me know if you are interested in receiving FIRST COMMUNION. A phone call to the church or an email is all it takes!! Anyone 3rd grade and older is welcome to receive Communion. The class: one session, less than an hour!

We need the prayers and support of our entire church family. Your financial support (to the extent that you can) will keep us strong through the upcoming summer season. Your prayers and encouragement continue to breathe life into our ministry. God bless ... joy ... and thank-you.

Don

