

“For everything there is a season” a time to rebuild and move forward ...

**ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH “Oasis of joy” USA
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Dear Friends ...

So much has happened in the last almost year-and-a-half ... I don't even know where to begin. All I know is this: our church continues “to be the church.” We are the bearers of God's grace ... and Jesus' kindness ... and we've managed to get through this journey with a measure of strength and humble courage ----- and the incredible support of so many of you.

In some ways ---- the “hard part” is ahead of us. Re-building and restoring some of the things we haven't been able to do. I will do my best to update everyone. Please call the church anytime if you have questions or concerns.

****WORSHIP CONTINUES to be at 8:30 and 10:00 through the summer. And Thursday evening at 7:00.**

The one exception is **Sunday, July 4** ----- our “celebration of America.”

We are having one service at 9:30 ... with a reception afterwards. Always a meaningful morning!!

We want July 4 to be a genuine celebration of what our country stands for.

You no longer have to make a reservation for worship. Also ----- face coverings are optional for those who have been vaccinated. If you haven't been vaccinated ... we ask that you consider wearing a face-covering.

Our church has been a safe environment through this pandemic. Yes, our state is now open and in stage 5 ----- and we want to be a part of us all moving in the right direction. If you have any questions or concerns ... don't hesitate to call me at the church. We are family ... and we need walk this journey together.

We need you to begin REGISTERING for what is coming up at the end of summer and the beginning of fall ...

****We will begin Sunday School in September ... can't wait to get you back!!**

We have classes for kids who turn 3 by September 1 through those in 5th grade.

****The youth group is for kids 6th grade through high school (12th grade). We meet on Sunday morning ... and also try to have one activity per month.**

****Confirmation (catechism) is for young people in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. We meet two Monday evenings per month. This is a stepping stone to becoming an “adult member” of the church. We have some fun ... and even learn some good things about Jesus and the Bible!!**

YOU CAN REGISTER ON OUR WEB-SITE (allsaintsjoy.com) ----- there is an “app” for each of these groups. We also have forms at the church.

OUR MEN'S CLUB IS MEETING NEXT WEEK ----- Wednesday, June 23, 6:30 ... in the garage!!

We need new guys ... and you are welcome. We're talking about maybe bringing the steak fry back at the end of August. Stay tuned.

I know a lot of you have been away from the church for a while. I hope our on-line worship presence has kept you connected ... along with the “thoughts for the day” that are continuing on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Your financial support is so important ... along with your giving spirit. I so much want our “humble temple” to stay strong and vibrant, so All Saints can be an important part of your life.

Another day. Another sunrise. Another sunset.

And, most of all ----- a good dose of hope and love. “rev”