

"From the humble temple ..."  
ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH "Oasis of Joy" USA  
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Hello, friends ...

I've spent my share time (you probably have, too) worrying about "stuff." Even at the church ... I can become too pre-occupied with things like church attendance, paying bills, will enough people show up ... How about you? I know each of you has a full plate. It's easy to lose the "joy" in the midst of all the things you have to deal with.

I just got back to the office ... after visiting with Hector Perez in his home. He is recovering from a stroke. Doing ok ... but his world has to "slow-down" for a while ... as he recovers and gains strength. My thoughts and my soul begin to turn ---- to all I have to be thankful for. Thinking not about what I don't have or can't control ... but saying "thanks" for my simple and precious blessings ...

\*\*healing for a buddy like Hector. \*\*a phone call from someone I haven't seen for over a year.

\*\*sharing Communion at your kitchen table.

\*\*still turning the key to the front door after 48 years.

\*\*a lady who believes in me ... even in moments when I don't believe in myself.

\*\*just hearing the word "dad" or "papa" or "daddy-oh" or "gramps" ...

\*\*making a mistake, forgetting what comes next ... and knowing it'll be "ok" ...

\*\*being slower than I used to be ... and learning more about humility and grace ...

\*\*the person who comes to church only twice a year, and knows it's better than not showing up at all ...

\*\*the mechanic and plumber and handy-guy and hair-dresser ... making my world better ...

\*\*saying the Lord's Prayer in English ... pretending it's Swedish (ok, Bill?) ...

\*\*watering flowers ... \*\*listening to the sounds of silence ...

\*\*"where 2 or 3 are gathered ---- remember, Jesus said this!! \*\*touching one life, before the day is over ...

\*\*it's fun to be first ... ok to be last ... being thankful for all those moments in the middle ...

Thankful for all of you.

Hope to see some of you "in the temple."

with joy and peace

"rev" 

COMING UP

EVENING WORSHIP every Thursday evening 7:00 (we now have a cart to help you get down and back) ... outdoors, weather permitting.

CAR WASH AND CHURCH PICNIC/FAMILY TIME

Sunday, August 14

\*Car wash for Ukraine (all morning) ... led by our youth (yes, we need help@!!) ... and a picnic following the late service. Hot-dogs and brats ... side dishes catered by Papa Joe's ... we have drinks (bring your own if you want ... but don't have to) ... games, an indoor cake walk, tent, "jumpy thing" ... would love a good turn-out. Please rsvp soon.

BINGO AT ST. PETER AND PAUL UKRAINIAN CHURCH

Friday, August 19

Doors open at 5:00 ... games begin at 6:00.

We are assisting them ... and we hope to have a good turn-out from our church.

It's good to have this partnership with them ... and thanks to all of you for never forgetting what our Ukrainian friends are going through.

TIME TO REGISTER

\*Sunday School: for kids at age 3 by September 1 through those in 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

\*Confirmation/Catechism: for young people 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. We meet every other Monday ... 7:15 – 8:30. We begin at the end of September.

\*Youth Group: for young people 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

THE REGISTRATION APPS are on or web-site ... hard copies are available at the church.

WE CONTINUE OUR SUMMER SCHEDULE

through September 5, with worship at 8:30 and 10:00

\*\*September 12 is the beginning of our fall schedule ----- with worship at 8:30 and 11:00 ... Sunday School and Youth breakfast club at 9:45.

ADULT CHOIR ... a note from our director Doug Klang (708-945-2188)

The choir will be starting up again in late August. We are now singing one or two Sunday per month (which is likely how things will stay for the foreseeable future, assuming the pandemic allows). We are always looking for new members. The only prerequisites: the desire to sing, the ability to read and follow musical notation, and the willingness to attend rehearsals. We rehearse for about half an hour between services two or three times per month from September to May. Then we sing once at each service per month. If you and/or other members of your family enjoy singing and would be interested in sharing your talents, please let me or Pastor Don know. Thanks.

WE HOPE TO RESUME BINGO at the veterans' home in Manteno. They have been on and off with lock-downs ... but they are hoping to be able to do Bingo with us in October. Will let you know as soon as we have a date.

SOME MORE GOOD NEWS? (at least I hope is!!)

"Thought for the day" will resume in September. We will have it Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9:15. And, of course, you can "tune-in" anytime on FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS FACEBOOK and YOU-TUBE. It's been a vital part of staying connected ... and hopefully the return will help us keep that connectedness going. I am so grateful for the "team" making this happen.

PRAYERS

\*Bill Torsberg is nearing "the finish line" .... still with us at home. \*Aaron Borling has begun chemo ... the cancer is contained in the tibia in his knee ---- doing well. \*Chuck Knox – Karen's husband – died this week. \*Hector Perez is recovering from his stroke at home. \*John Van Buskirk's mom Joyce died recently. \*Karen Hohbach's sister Annette passed away. \*Tom Sendag and Howard Kuehn are home from the hospital. Happy anniversary to Greg and Kathy Cargill (#46) and Darrell and Danica Mathis (#10). \*David and Tracy Klimek are parents again --- welcome Travis James. Lots of people not mentioned ... prayers to all!