

June 10, 2020 – Congregational Letter #9 regarding COVID-19

Dear Friends and Members of Our Saviour's;

“I rejoiced with those who said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the LORD.’” Psalm 122

As we enter into Phase 2 of our recovery, we want to highlight some of the adjustments we are making.

Drive-In Worship and Online Services will continue each week. If you haven't ventured out to experience our Drive-In worship, I would encourage you to do so. A growing number of people are coming. A number of people commented that they were not really sure they would like worship in their car. But when they came, and saw people's faces and join in worship with others, they really enjoyed it. If you are already coming, you might call someone else and extend the invitation – often people just need a little encouragement. Plus, rain or shine, you are perfectly safe as we remain in our vehicles.

Sunday, June 21st, is Father's Day, but we also are planning a special service for our graduating seniors. We hope that the parking lot will be packed to celebrate with them – and then they can “drive off” into their future in the Spirit of the LORD! The list of our graduates is included in the June church newsletter. (Unfortunately, due to a delay in post office handling, the newsletter did not arrive as scheduled. It should appear in your mailbox shortly.) If you would like to give them cards, simply send them to the church and they will be included in their basket for the day.

Sunday School for youth and children will begin this Sunday, June 14th. Safety precautions are being made so that Sunday School for both youth and children will be provided in the new fellowship hall. Temperatures will be taken, masks worn, hand sanitizer, and safe distancing will be adhered to – in order to keep everyone safe. Parents can bring their kids to the fellowship hall and then return to their cars.

Also, Alex will begin **“The Vine” youth gathering on Fridays, and children’s gathering on Wednesday evening**, per state COVID-19 guidelines. Alex sent out an extensive email to all participating families covering all the details of safety regarding those youth gatherings. If you have any questions or did not receive his email, please call him for more details.

For twelve weeks I have been sending out a daily devotion to the congregation. As we move forward, and things are opening up, I will be dropping back to **emailing two devotions per week**. They will be sent out on Tuesday and Thursday. Also, a **congregational letter** will continue to be sent out during the summer, **every other Wednesday**.

At this time, to maintain staff safety, we would like to keep the **church facility closed to open traffic during office hours**. You can reach Linda at the church office by phone or email, Monday - Thursday, from 9 a.m to 3 p.m.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Mark

Flowers for Residents of Josephine Caring Community!

An opportunity has arisen for Our Saviour’s to bless the residents of Josephine Caring Community. It has the support of several ministries in the church and Josephine’s chaplain. The idea is to give every resident of Josephine a small arrangement of flowers from the congregation’s gardens as a gift of love.

We are seeking donations of garden flowers for June 20. Bouquets will be made and delivered to 160 residents that day. If you can help by donating flowers from your garden, please contact Carol Curtis, 360-387-1189 for more information. We’re requesting focal flowers like roses or daisies, filler flowers like statice or lavender, and greens like dusty miller, salal or pittosporum, just to name a few examples.

We will need flowers to arrive at the church parking lot no later than 8:30 a.m.

on June 20. A small team of arrangers will be creating bouquets to go into 16-ounce red plastic cups which will, along with a card of greeting, be delivered to Josephine around 11 a.m.

For those of you who are bringing flowers, we'd appreciate it if you would put the cut stems into bundles of 12 and let us know what kind of flowers you will be bringing and the quantity. When you arrive at church, we'll ask you to carry your buckets to a designated spot near the worktables, lessening the need for interaction and being mindful of the safety of Josephine residents.

Please pray the following members and friends of Our Saviour's:
Family and friends of Luther "Lou" Jonson; Mike Olson; Marybeth Sande; Elsie Wietzke; Tina Wallin; Cindy and Ron TD; Dale and Barbara Tetlow; Ingeburg Paul and her son, Hugo Paul; Robin Erickson; Shary Richards; Beverley Klatt; Dave Matthewson; Marylee and Leon Sams; Gary Aldinger; Julia (granddaughter of Mary and Vern Wolff) Ryker (grandnephew of Judy and Paul Anderson); Koreen Guillermo (niece of Jon and Jane King); June Gilbertson (Annette Bowden's sister-in-law)
Prayers for both parents of a local family, with young children at home, who cannot work due to having COVID-19.

Financials:

OSLC Offering Report as of May 31, 2020

2020 Budget \$501,377.00

	Actual Received	Budget Need
General Offering May 2020	\$ 46,414.77	\$ 48,210.00
Year to date	\$190,197.72	\$212,124.00

Fellowship Remodel Deficit 4/30/2020	\$9,491.83
Building/Remodel Pledge May offerings	<u>\$ 4,685.14</u>
Loan Balance 5/31/2020	\$4,806.69

June 7, 2020 – Offering Report
2020 Budget \$501,377.00

	Actual Received	Budget Need
Weekly offering	\$ 11,135.00	\$ 9,642.00
Month to date	\$ 11,135.00	\$ 9,642.00
Year to date	\$201,332.72	\$221,766.00

Fellowship Remodel Deficit	\$4,806.69
Building/Remodel pledge offerings	<u>\$1,848.34</u>
Loan Balance	\$2,958.35