

June 1, 2022 – Congregational Letter #34

Dear Friends and Members of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church;

I want to remind you of our "Thank You" Celebration for Alex and Katherine this Sunday, June 5th, at 9:30 a.m., between services. Our children and church have been blessed by their ministry among us. We pray that God will richly bless them in their future ministry in Indiana.

I also want to let you know that Laura Rockwood will be continuing to lead the Elementary Kids Program on Tuesday's at 6:00 p.m. **through the summer months**. Laura and Matt have two kids and have been an active part of our congregation over the last couple of years. Matt grew up in the congregation. He currently plays bass in the Praise Team. Laura has participated in worship, the drama team, and Sunday School. We are blessed to have them willing to serve our kids.

In addition, Taylor McCall, son of Jaimi and Ben McCall and grandson of Dan and Linda Haskins, will continue the program meeting with Middle and High School students **during the summer**. Taylor will be a senior, this fall, studying Exercise Science and Business at the University of Providence in Great Falls, Montana. Taylor's faith has been growing strong throughout his college years. We are blessed that he is willing to work with our students this summer.

While we have leadership for our youth during this interim time, we are praying and searching for a list of candidates to interview for the permanent Student/Family Director position. The executive committee has reviewed the job description and is beginning to place the position on appropriate job sites. Please join us in prayer, as we wait upon the Lord and are in the process of discerning who God has planned to lead our youth ministry in the future.

This Sunday, June 5th, is Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost is the day we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the early disciples which ignited the early church. The Holy Spirit transformed a small band of fearful followers into a committed crew of faith filled believers. These witnesses of Christ's

resurrection, set off a fire that is still burning 2000 years later and we pray burns brightly through us.

Traditionally, people have worn **RED** on this day to symbolize the fire of the Holy Spirit burning in and through the believers on that first day of Pentecost and that also burns in us. **You are invited to wear red on Sunday.**

The following Sunday, June 12th, we will be celebrating our Graduates. We will honor our graduates at both services and have a reception between services at 9:30 a.m. **If you would like to bring a card for the seniors, there will be a basket for each student.**

Finally, how about one more compass story that relates to our “Mission 150” focus.

An old sailor repeatedly got lost at sea, so his friends gave him a compass and urged him to use it. The next time he went out in his boat, he followed their advice and took the compass with him. But as usual he became hopelessly confused and was unable to find land. Finally, he was once again rescued by his friends. Disgusted and impatient with him, they asked, “Why didn’t you use that compass we gave you? You could have saved us a lot of trouble!” The sailor responded: “I didn’t dare to! I wanted to go north, but as hard as I tried to make the needle aim in that direction, it just kept on pointing southeast.”

That old sailor was so certain he knew which way was north, that he stubbornly tried to force his own personal persuasion on his compass. As a result, he was unable to benefit from the guidance it offered.

Pentecost marks the arrival of the Holy Spirit. May we continue to allow the Holy Spirit to lead us in Mission and Ministry, marking our course and helping us to set our sails.

Please plan to join us Sunday, July 17th, at 9:30 a.m. – as we begin a churchwide conversation about where the Spirit is leading us.

Pastor Mark

God Bless You All!

