



Saved by Grace ~ Led by the Spirit ~ Called to Serve

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Guest Pastor, Rev. David Keesey-Berg

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 16, 2020

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Outdoor Worship 9:00 a.m. in our North parking lot. Altar area will be set up under the North entrance overhang. The middle parking section will be blocked off so shade can be more easily accessed. Please bring your own communion elements and lawn chairs. For all in-person services, face masks are required. If you do not have a mask, one will be provided for you. We also encourage you to maintain physical distance. ***Other things to consider bringing along:*** water bottles, and an umbrella to provide some shade!



Of course, outdoor services are weather dependent, and we will monitor the forecasts. If it appears that we have to cancel, we will send an email. Cancellation notices will also be posted on our website, as well as our Facebook page.

Online Worship is also available. If you don't feel comfortable attending the Outdoor Worship, or in the case of bad weather, please join us for worship online via our YouTube channel at 9:00 a.m. As always, look for the link for the online service in your email!

Readings for Sunday, August 16

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Second Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Gospel: Matthew 15:10-28

Please keep in your prayers: **Fred Sage**, health issues. **Ralph**



Novotny, following a mowing accident, is in assisted living in Madison. Please keep Ralph and Gloria in your prayers.

Dwayne Linstroth, Sandi Linstroth's brother-in-law, stage 4 mesothelioma. **Gail Meister** stage 4 bone cancer. **Bud Bailies** recovering from heart surgery.

PASTORAL TRANSITION - OUR THANKS to Rev. David Keesey-Berg, as he is our guest pastor today! Rev. David Keesey-Berg has also agreed to lead us throughout August.

SANCTUARY UPDATE

The inside work is well underway. Most of the pews have been removed and we are preparing for full demo, which will start later this month. We will be moving several items, including the altar, pulpit and cross, into the Friendship room temporarily.

We'll be starting work on the roof next week. We'll be removing the stone on the 13 and 14 and placing it in a designated area in the parking lot. If you would like to come and pick some up, please feel free! We are planning for the roof to finish up in early to mid-September, and for the solar array to be installed by the end of September.

As the work gets underway, we'll plan to share regular video updates, so you can see the transformation in progress. If you have any questions about the work, please reach out to anyone on the Building Improvement Team.

HOME COMMUNION VISITS - Barbara Newhouse, a member of the St. John's Care Caller Team, will resume doing communion visits. An outdoor setting with masks and social distancing is a requirement. The elements were blessed this past Sunday by Rev. Keesey-Berg. Please call the office (291.4311) to leave your name and number, if you wish to have a communion visit. Barbara will contact you to set up a day and time.

OFFERINGS REMINDER

Your continued financial giving is important to the health of our congregation, our synod, and the church at large – especially now. Your generosity is appreciated as we work together to continue our mission. There are several easy ways for you to get offerings to St. John's: 1) **Mail** your offerings to the church office. 2) **Automatic Giving** - call the church office and leave a message for Shirley Schiffner. She will return your call and assist you in signing up for auto giving. 3) **Venmo** - www.venmo.com/StJohnsOregonWI
4) It's also easy to [**GIVE ONLINE HERE**](#).

FACE MASKS If you are in need of a face mask, a variety of cloth masks are available to anyone needing one, or more. They are all packaged individually, and can be picked up at St. John's during office hours, or on Sunday mornings. There is no charge for the masks, however, if you'd like to make a donation to the NINA Fund there are donation envelopes available.



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF – *Beirut, Lebanon*

Three 40-foot shipping containers filled with humanitarian aid that included thousands of handmade quilts and baby-care items were destroyed in the devastating August 4 explosions at the port of Beirut, Lebanon. The shipment also included school supplies for students and personal care kits, were destined for refugees living in Lebanon, principally from Syria and the Palestinian territories. The total value of the lost shipments was approximately \$624,000. The loss of more than 22,000 quilts, sewn by individuals and members of Lutheran congregations across the U.S., could mean a more bitter winter for thousands of refugees, said Melanie Gibbons, deputy director, outreach and engagement at Lutheran World Relief.

In addition, the shipping containers held 100 cartons of kits filled with school supplies, 300 cartons of personal care kits and 125 cartons of baby care kits.

"Our hearts are breaking as we grieve and pray with our brothers and sisters in Beirut," said Daniel Speckhard, president & CEO of Lutheran World Relief. "We are committed to replacing the aid that was lost and are working on an emergency response to provide assistance as the city recovers and rebuilds."

The explosions killed more than 150 people, injured more than 5,000 and left at least 300,000 without shelter. The blast was strong enough to register as the equivalent of a 3.3-magnitude earthquake and was felt as far as Cyprus, 150 miles away.

How to help

Donate online: <https://lwr.org/beirut>

Donate by Phone: 1.800.597.5972

Donate by Mail: Lutheran World Relief

PO Box 17061

Baltimore, MD 21297-1061

SUPPORT KJETIL ODDEN If you are interested in helping to support him as he has committed to serve as a missionary to North Africa for one year, please contact Kjetil – he would love to tell you more about his connection to Cru! Cru is a Christian group Kjetil was involved with while at Northwestern. You can reach Kjetil by phone at 608-220-0510 or by email at



Kjetil.Odden@cru.org. You may also support Kjetil via his secure personal giving page at <https://give.cru.org/1099366>.

Both one-time and monthly gifts are humbly accepted and greatly appreciated! You can also mail a check payable to Cru, to my address: 5466 Marie Rd, Oregon, WI, 53575. If you have questions, please reach out! Finally, I would ask you to be praying for me and my team as we prepare for the year. Thank you so much. Love and peace! Kjetil

HOW CAN YOU VIEW WORSHIP VIDEOS IF YOU DO NOT HAVE FACEBOOK?

Step 1: Log onto our website at stjohnsoregonwis.org

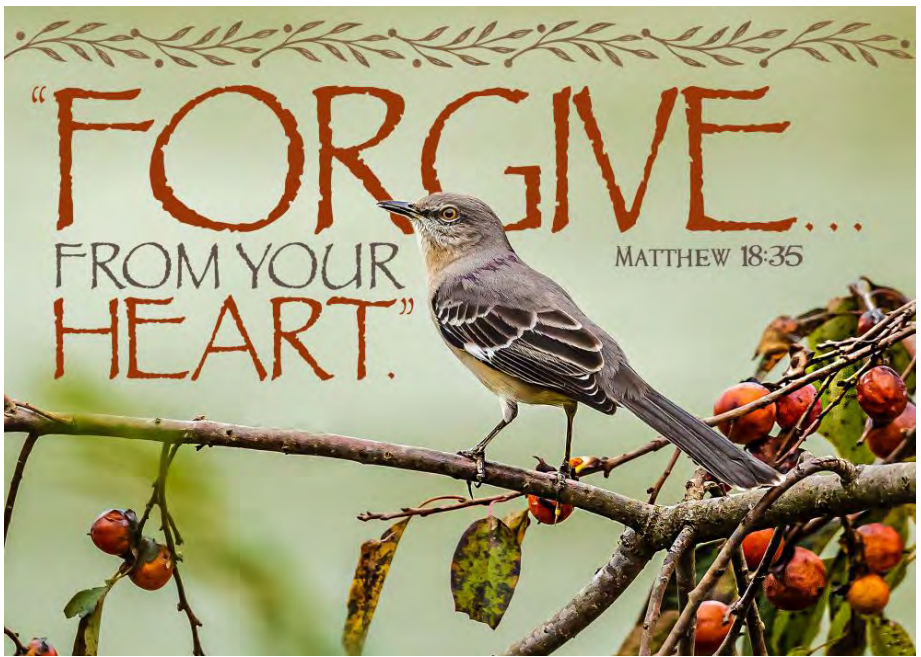
Step 2: Click on the *‘Watch Worship Services’* wording, just under the purple St. John’s logo

Here you’ll find all the latest videos that have been posted.

Double-click on the one you wish to watch. If you are having trouble, please contact the church office for assistance. **You can also go directly to St. John’s**

YouTube Channel here: [St. John’s YouTube Channel](#)

If you have any submissions or questions in regards to the Weekly Announcement Bulletin, please contact the office at 608-291-4311 or email barbd@sjlserve.net by 4PM each Tuesday.



ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

August 16, Sunday

Rev. David Keesey-Berg, Pulpit Supply

9:00 AM Online Worship Premiere

9:00 AM Outdoor Worship (weather permitting)

August 17, Monday

6:30p Finance Team Meeting (Friendship Room)

7:30p Executive Team Meeting (Gathering Area)

August 18, Tuesday

9:00-11:00AM – Oregon Brooklyn Food Pantry

1:00PM Altar Guild

6:00 PM Beth Moore Bible Study: Daniel (Friendship)

August 19, Wednesday

11:00AM Staff Meeting

August 20, Thursday

Newsletter Articles due by end of day

1:00PM WELCA Board Meeting (Fireside)

August 21, Friday

Church Office is closed

August 23, Sunday

Rev. David Keeseey-Berg, Pulpit Supply

9:00 AM Online Worship Premiere

9:00 AM Outdoor Worship



Sept 12 – Sugar Creek Annual Quilt and Antique Auction – Craft Fair, 5K Trail Run, Fun Walk

For more information:

<http://wp.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org/8-2/retreats/special-events/>

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Church Office Information

Hours: 8AM – 4PM, Monday-Thursday

Office Phone: (608) 291-4311- please leave a message

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St. John's Social Media

Website: stjohnsoregonwis.org

Public Facebook Page: facebook.com/stjohnsoregonwi

Facebook Group for the Members of St. John's:

facebook.com/groups/stjohnsoregonwi

YouTube Channel: youtube.com/c/stjohnslutheranchurchoregonwi

Twitter: twitter.com/stjohnsoregonwi

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Questions? Contact Sheryl Lindmeier at sheryllindmeier@gmail.com