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Thursday, November 19th, 2020

Worship this Sunday - With the rise in local COVID-19 cases we are no longer worshipping in the sanctuary. Everyone is encouraged to use the weekly Worship in the Home resource, which will be supplemented by Online Worship beginning at 8:00 AM Sunday morning. Worship in the Home is available on our website and is mailed weekly to those without internet access. Thank you for your patience as we continue to adapt our worship during this difficult time.

Welcome Pastor Ron Becklund - This Sunday we welcome back to the pulpit Pastor Ron Becklund, member of First Lutheran Church. Ron and his wife Mary have resided in Rush City for two years. Ron has served congregations in Washington state, northwest Minnesota, and northern Wisconsin.

Can I Still Assist With Worship? - Yes! If you are scheduled as a lector, musician, liturgist, acolyte or even usher, we would still appreciate your leadership. In most cases this will mean preparing by the Thursday before an audio or video recording of your role, either in the sanctuary or from your home. So keep that schedule handy, and we will be in touch with you!

When Will We Return to the Sanctuary? - Our COVID-19 Preparedness Plan indicates that when our local case rate drops below 50 per 10,000 we may resume worship in the sanctuary. Any decision will be announced by Friday morning the Sunday prior.

Altar Flowers - Altar flowers will still delight our eyes as part of our online worship, so please continue to sign-up! Sign-up sheets for 2021 are located on the Kiosk in the Narthex.

Connections with the Liturgy - The Prayer of the Day is a contemporary prayer composed for Evangelical Lutheran Worship in 2006. It asks God, who has promised us grace, for the wisdom and strength to live as did Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Life on Earth - Many theologians teach that God is available to us as Savior only in Jesus Christ. Yet the creeds and the psalms proclaim that God can be seen as mighty creator in the earth itself. Perhaps in our time we can sometimes speak of caring for Christ when we care for the earth, as if the parable for this Sunday's gospel also included lines like "I was deforested, and you planted trees."

Special Offering Envelopes - If you give by envelope, once every two months there is an envelope designated as "Special Offering." These offerings support endeavors beyond the regular ministries of First Lutheran. November offerings support Rush City Student Assistance.

Baptism & Membership - God's grace is a gift that is freely given to us. We don't earn a thing when it comes to God's love, and we only try to live in response to that gift. Please speak to Pastor Nathan if you interested in baptism or becoming a member of the congregation.

Need Some Quiet? - Our sanctuary is regularly open and quiet on many weekdays during office hours. As you are comfortable, you are welcome either individually or within your family to stop by for prayer and quiet. A daily scripture reading and other devotional items are available near the entrance.

Rule of 10 - Other than worship, all regular church and other activities inside the building now have a general limit of 10 people per event and no more than 3 different households or "pods." **At this time we encourage all groups whenever possible to meet by Zoom.** Please inform the church office if you'd like to use the church's Zoom account. All in-person groups are required to add their gathering to the church calendar and record their attendance at the information table outside the church office.

Christmas Caring Tree - The Christmas Caring Tree will be set up at Creek Side Café on Monday, November 23rd, 2020. It will be decorated with Christmas wish tags from children in the Rush City School District. Please select a Christmas wish tag, purchase gift(s) for the child and bring the unwrapped gift(s) to Creek Side Café by Friday, December 11th, 2020. Creekside Café is open Sunday, Monday and Tuesday from 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM and Wednesday - Saturday from 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM. Questions may be directed to Millie Peters at 320-358-3432 or Shari Schlager at 320-358-3463.

18th Annual Rush City Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner - Thursday, November 26th, 2020 from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM here at FELC. * Drive-up meals will be delivered to cars outside * (No inside meals will be served this year) Home delivery of meals can be arranged by calling the Church Office at 320-358-4076 by 1:00 PM on Wednesday, November 25th, 2020. Sponsors include: Rush City Churches, Rush City Lions and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

Members and Friends Homebound or in Assisted Living

■ Dorothy Folkema ■ Jan Goebel ■ Vada Hanson ■ Gladys Haugrud ■ Shirley Jones
■ Lois Moses ■ Gwen Olson ■ Pastor Beverly Robinson ■ Cliff Shoberg ■ Randy Ziesmer

Remember in Prayer

Prayer requests can be emailed or phoned in to the Church Office: 320-358-4076 or email: office@rushcityfirstlutheran.org

Please specify if the request is to be on the prayer chain, on the prayer list, or on both.

Please let the Church Office know when a name can be removed from the prayer list. -Thank you.

Cindy Bauerfeld	Diane Friday	Bonnie Larson	Corey Ploetz
Cary Behrendt	Cathy Gamache	Tennille Lewis	Heather Rasmussen
Jeri Bergquist	Karen Guthmueller	Luke Maher	JoAnn Rieland
Kyle Bergquist	Melanie Hedberg	Hazel Massey	Rev. Beverly Robinson
Matthew Bertram	Sarah Heling	LaDez Mell	Earl Roehlke
Darlene Walter Boyce	Janis Hendrick	Christina Mercer	Melissa Rossci
Arly Boyum	Steven Horazdovsky	Lola Mold	Sue Roth
Phyllis Burton	Jenna Heibner	Jerry Mollberg	Rick Schellbach
ReGina Clapp	Jean Howard	Tyler Muchow	Ray Schoeberl
Kelly Constenius	Al Hutchens	Kathleen Munt	Richard Schultz
Margaret Craine	Megan Jacobson	Darla Nelson	Ceil Shinler
Evelyn Dahle	Dan Jensen	Cindy Novy	Majorie Sobon
Kari Dittberner	Marsha Johnson	Gary Olson	Cathy Stanley
Karissa Dittberner	Priscilla Johnson	Phyllis Olson	Jeff Stevens
John Dreschel	Helen Johnston	Andy Osland	Erika Matzke Stoltz
Terry Duban	Josh	Mary Ann Pearson	Emily Stuber
Will Dunker	Terry Kay	Helen Peterson	Joann Sybrant
Jeff Elsenpeter	Angela Kuhlman	Linda Philips	Keith Weller
Braydon Erickson	Scott Kurtock	Elaine Pierce	Jen Witte
Darrin Forcier	Traci Kurtock	Pam Plash	

Christmas Pictures in the Sanctuary - While it's not likely we'll be able to worship in-person for Christmas Eve this year, the Decorating Committee is getting to work early so that families can schedule a time to take a family photo in the sanctuary during the weeks leading up to and following Christmas. Scheduling for pictures will begin in mid-December.

Reminder from W/ELCA - RADA knives are always available and make great gifts! Many items are on hand and others can easily be ordered. Contact Pam Meissner at 320-358-4861.

Pastoral Calls - You are welcome to contact Pastor Nathan anytime for a pastoral visit by phone or video call. You can use the "Count Me In" available through online worship or contact the church office to request a pastoral visit.

This Week

Sunday, November 22nd, 2020

8:00 AM: Online Worship (*available one week*)

Monday, November 23rd, 2020

1:00 - 5:00 PM: Office Hours

Wednesday, November 25th, 2020

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM: Office Hours

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Wednesday Quilters Come & Go (*COVID rules apply*)

12:00 PM: Staff Meeting

Thursday, November 26th, 2020

Thanksgiving Day

Church Offices Closed

11:00 - 1:00 PM: Community Thanksgiving Dinner (*drive-up service only*)

Friday, November 27th, 2020

9:00 AM: Decorating Committee (*COVID rules apply*)

Sunday, November 29th, 2020

8:00 AM: Online Worship (*available one week*)