



During the past weeks you may have noticed hearts on the church doors or on homes around town. The World of Hearts movement began via social media and spread worldwide. Hearts suddenly appeared on hospital windows, businesses, homes. Heartsthat visual, universal symbol has become a response to the unseen, spreading virus. Hearts became an expression of heart-felt gratitude and love shown to all of the people who remain in harm's way to care for and help others.

Music is one of my many views beyond the bedroom window ... simple lyrics arranged with a beautiful melody and all created with a single purpose to express the emotions of the heart.

The Covid-19 virus succeeded in ending our Wednesday services during Lent and so much more. Thus one of my favorite piano pieces could not be shared with you. However during this time after Easter the message still remains very relevant, giving us reassurance during this pandemic. The composition was arranged by Kurt Kaiser using the lyrics and music he first heard as a young musician. They inspired him throughout his life. Sadly you cannot hear his exquisite arrangement, but the following lyrics speak so deeply of an even greater love than we can ever show to others.

Jesus loves me, this I know,
For the Bible tells me so ...
O how He loves you and me,
O how He loves you and me.
He gave His life, what more could He give?
O how He loves you,
O how He loves me;
O how He loves you and me!
Jesus loves me ... this I know,
O ... He loves you and me.

... Jesus' unconditional love, caring and concern for each of us. As His followers, our actions are to be a reflection of His actions and teachings.

During this serious pandemic the actions of tens of thousands have reflected that same concern and caring for others ... knowing that in doing so their very lives could be at risk. Yet they continued on the only path they could.

Jesus knew His life would definitely lead first to His death, but then His glorious resurrection ... all with a single purpose ... that we, His children, might live forever. Jesus, too, faithfully continued to follow the only path possible.

He gave His life, what more could He give? O how He loves you and me!

As a parent lovingly cares for their trusting child, Jesus promises to protect and care for us. We must only put our belief and faith in Him. He promises to be with us and carry us forward through whatever days lie ahead.

May you know the peace that reassurance brings,
Jo L.



“Come, grow with us...”

Dear readers,

The purpose of this publication is to provide our church community with news, information, spiritual support and humor. During the Governor’s Stay at Home Order the Evangel is being published bi-weekly. In an effort to reach our members who do not reside in the 55706 zip code area in a timely manner the Evangel will be mailed every other Tuesday beginning on May 19, 2020.

Co-editors, Donna M. & Jo L.

Hello again friends,

I am sure you are feeling as cooped up as I, and wondering what to do with all of our “down” time. One thing I have been doing is watching church services online. I watch the Sunday service from Elim Lutheran with one of our former Pastors, Jim Hagen. I watch 2 other services, one from each of my daughter’s churches. Each of these churches are incredibly different, but I have found the messages to be very similar: God loves us, God will never leave us, God understands us, and everything we have is a gift from God. Another message is to never loose sight of what God is doing in your life, or doubt that he knows what he is doing. Now THAT is a big one. Look all around and we see things that you would not think God is controlling, but he is. He is in control, and whether or not we have found it yet, he is equipping all of us, with ways to contribute our gifts from him, in this pandemic.

Take a minute to sit in complete silence, breath in and out and ask God, what can I do? *How have you equipped me to be a bright light in this dim time? How can I help? Where can I help? What do you want me to do?* It would be a lot easier if God could just give you a call, or send an email and let you know his plan for you, but that, as we know will not happen. However, God will let you know, in His way and in His time. So let’s be ready to do what God has equipped us to do, and open our hearts and minds to receive his message.

And as always,
 Stay safe, Stay healthy and Stay home!!!
 Roxanne

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**O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
 for his steadfast love endures forever!**

Psalm 107:1



People who care for others show it by wearing masks. Your mask protects others in case you are infected (you can be and not know it). Their mask protects you should they be infected and not know it. Show others the YOU CARE by your actions!

Hearts from us to you!

Want to participate in the World of Hearts movement? Our church doors have been decorated to show our message of hope to others. In this issue are some hearts to get you started or to add to your already existing display.



Online Sermons

Here are several sources for online sermons:

Elim Lutheran—<https://www.elimlc.com/covid-19-resources> Pastor Jim Hagan preaching

Gloria Dei—<http://gloriadeiduluth.org/worship/livestreamingworship.html>

Zion Lutheran Superior, WI—https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCs74h1pTJ_Rh2IqPff31lig/

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd—lcgsduluth.org

Grace Lutheran, Libertyville, Il—<https://gracelutheranlibertyville.org/online-worship-services/>

Thank You

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2020 Budget & Current Exp. Offering* (thru Apr 28)

2020 Adopted Annual Budget	\$ 97,970
2020 Monthly Budget	\$ 8,164
2020 Budget thru April	\$ 32,656
Current Expense Offering YTD	\$ 25,616
Mission Support Offering YTD	\$ 913
Total YTD Current Expense Offering	\$ 26,529

* Figures are unaudited and subject to adjustment.



A Mother's Love

There are times when only a mother's love
 Can understand our tears,
 Can soothe our disappoints
 And calm all of our fears.
 There are times when only a mother's love
 Can share the joy we feel
 When something we've dreamed about
 Quite suddenly is real.
 There are times when only a mother's faith
 Can help us on life's way
 And inspire in us the confidence
 We need from day to day.
 For a mother's heart and a mother's faith
 And a mother's steadfast love
 Were fashioned by the angels
 And sent from God above.
 --Author Unknown

On a brighter note....

- The peaks of the Himalayan mountain in India can now be seen for the first time in decades.
- World-wide stay at home orders have reduced nitrogen dioxide pollution by 30%.
- Mountain lions are basking on the asphalt roads in California.
- Bears have been seen walking everywhere in Yosemite. It is not clear if they were practicing social distancing on their walks.

Prayer List

If you have updates for anyone on this list please call the church office at 218-827-2659

- Lorraine Huset
- Rick & Dorothy Sand
- Mary Ann & family
- Lydia, Drew and family
- Darrel Johnson
- Judy Johnson
- LuAnn Carlson
- Jay Sweet
- Tony Zieska
- Marlene Akkanen
- David Lindgren
- Ben Marks
- Bryan McDonald
- Jim Herberg



If we do not have a contact name or if no indication was made for how long to pray for someone, our practice is to remove names after 3 weeks on the Prayer List.



Time to get your garden in...the rabbits, gophers and deer are hungry!

Church Lawn Maintenance

Winter appears to be over and Spring appears to be here! With this warmer weather comes church lawn maintenance. The Property Committee is always looking for volunteers to keep our church lawn looking its best! The maintenance schedule is for one week at a time beginning on Monday each week. If you can help please sign up in the narthex or call the church office to see what weeks are available. Volunteers Allan Eckman, Ed LaFrenier and Ray Denny lead the cleanup under the pine trees around the sheds.



Red Geraniums for Pentecost Sunday

Although it is likely that we will not be gathering for worship on Pentecost Sunday, May 31st, we will still be taking donations of potted red geraniums to plant out by our sign on Acacia Road as soon as weather permits. You can drop off your geraniums during office hours the week before May 31st. If we are able to have worship they will adorn the chancel and altar areas. In any case after you leave them at the church we will care for them until they can be planted.

I called around to some local nurseries to see who was open and would have potted red geraniums. Here is what I found:

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|----------------------------|--------------|
| Vern's Greenhouse | 5471 Hwy 7 |
| 218-749-29814 | Virginia, MN |
| Range Landscaping & Garden | 905 19th St |
| 218-741-6643 | Virginia, MN |
| WalMart | Mt. Iron |
| 218-305-3314 | |

(Not in yet, not sure when they will get them.)

The red represents the fire of the Holy Spirit burning within each of us. In this small way we can show the Babbitt community that even though our church building is closed we, the church members, are our church.

Jo L. reported that a "heavenly moment" happened for her on April 25th at 10:59am. All the windows in her house were open for the first time since Summer 2019!

Do you have a "heavenly moment" or some news to share? Send it to the church office and we will publish it in the newsletter as space allows.

Day Camp Update

In the interest of public safety we are cancelling our 2020 Day Camp. Although the Stay at Home order may be lifted by the dates of the Day Camp, the potential for the spread of the Covid-19 virus is a risk we are not willing to take. Plans are already underway for the 2021 Day Camp!

Fishing Opener

We are looking for pictures from the 2020 fishing opener to put in the newsletter. Contact the church office if you have a picture!

**Sunday, May 17, 2020
Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,

we are raised with him to new life.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,

for in the beginning you created us in your image

and planted us in a well-watered garden.

In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched,

and you gave us water from the rock.

When we did not know the way,

you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.

At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side,

and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water,

for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere.

Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love.

Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Acts 17:22-31

Psalm: Psalm 66:8-20

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Gospel of Our Lord

Alleluia. Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them,* and we will come to them and make our home with them. **Alleluia.** (John 14:23)

John 14:15-21

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

The Apostles' Creed (Pg 8)

Prayers of Intercession

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Abiding God, you have revealed yourself to us in the form of your Son, Jesus Christ. Embolden your church, as your followers, to reveal your love to everyone in our speaking and in our living.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You are the creator of heaven and earth. Revitalize the health of oceans, rivers, lakes, springs, glaciers, and other bodies of water that give life to your creatures.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You call all people of the world your children. Judge the nations justly, show mercy to the oppressed, and speak truth to power through your prophets.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You come near to us when we are lost, and you hear our distress. We pray for those who suffer in any way. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Your commands are good and merciful. Give us courage to take hold of our baptismal promises to work for justice, advocate for the voiceless, and free the oppressed and imprisoned in body, mind, or spirit.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You remain with us always, O God, and your kingdom has no end. We remember the saints who have gone before us. Unite us forever in your final victory over death.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (pg 8)

Blessing

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead
raise you to new life, fill you with hope,
and turn your mourning into dancing.

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,

bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

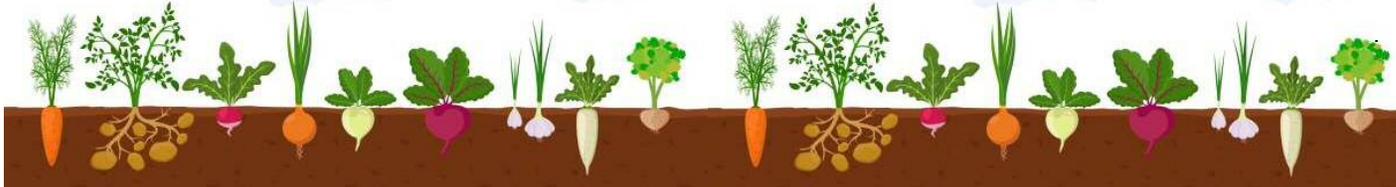


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<h1>May</h1>			<h1>2020</h1>		
					1 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Church Office Hours	2
3 Fourth Sunday of Easter No Worship Service Scheduled	4	5 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Church Office Hours	6 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Church Office Hours	7	8 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Church Office Hours	9
10 Fifth Sunday of Easter Mother's Day No Worship Service Scheduled		11	12 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Church Office Hours	13 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Church Office Hours	14	15 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Church Office Hours
17 Sixth Sunday of Easter No Worship Service Scheduled	18	19 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Church Office Hours	20 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Church Office Hours 6:30 PM Council Meeting	21 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Church Office Hours	22 No Church Office Hours	23 Ruby's Pantry at Babbitt Municipal Center 9:00 AM Volunteers 9:30 AM Registration 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Distribution
24 Ascension of Our Lord No Worship Service Scheduled	25	26 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Church Office Hours	27 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Church Office Hours	28	29 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Church Office Hours	30
31 Pentecost Sunday No Worship Service Scheduled						

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