

# Worship Lifeline

## Congregational News

### \*\*\*WELCOME REV. KAREN BODA\*\*\*

Rev. Karen Boda, Assistant to the Bishop for Congregational Life for the Southeastern Synod, is with us today for the Installation of Rev. Ruth Hamilton as our Interim Pastor.

Since 2016, Pastor Karen Boda served at Faith, Clay, AL, just north of Birmingham. In addition to the pastor of the congregation, she served as chaplain and board member for the preschool and was also active with ecumenical partners in community worship and feeding programs. She was a synod dean and member of the Synod Compensation, Personnel, and Discipline Committees. She also represents the synod in the Region 9 Women in Ministry Core Team and previously served two terms on synod council.

Pastor Boda graduated from Candler School of Theology at Emory University and did her Lutheran year through the Atlanta Lutheran Formation Experience (ALFE) and affiliation with Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary (LTSS). She interned at St. Luke, Atlanta, GA. She and her family were long-time members at Resurrection, Marietta, GA. She is a second-career pastor, having previously been a director in customer support at Hewlett Packard and a partner in a small management consulting firm. Pastor Boda and her husband, Alan, have three adult children, Brian, Katherine, and Allison, and a sweet pup named Rosie. All of the Bodas attended Furman University, Greenville, SC and their blood runs purple.

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### \*\*\*Return to Sanctuary Plans\*\*\*

The Covid statistics and graphs are looking better and better, but we have agreed we should wait at least a couple of weeks after Gwinnett County schools complete reopening to discuss next steps for our return to worship in the sanctuary.

*Lisette Branscomb On Behalf of the Church Council*

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### \*\*\*CHRISTIAN CONVERSATIONS\*\*\*

Interested in study and discussion of the lessons for our Sunday worship services? Join the Christian Conversations Meet-Up via Zoom on Tuesday mornings, 10:15 to 11:30. The lessons for each upcoming Sunday service are listed in The Lifeline the Sunday before. Text John Jones at (770)366-5544 with your name and e-mail address. You will receive the Zoom link information via e-mail from Susan Holbrook. Looking forward to seeing you!

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### \*\*\*DRIVE-BY FOOD DRIVE SCHEDULE\*\*\*

10am at the church – drive by to drop off donations:

|         |                                                                                 |
|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sept 19 | Lilburn Co-op Food Drive                                                        |
| Oct 3   | SE Gwinnett Co-op Food Drive <b>and Blessing of the Animals outdoor service</b> |
| Oct 17  | Lilburn Co-op Food Drive                                                        |
| Oct 31  | SE Gwinnett Co-op Food Drive                                                    |

## Ministry This Week

### Zoomday, Sept 20, Pastor Ruth's Installation

|            |                   |
|------------|-------------------|
| 10:00 AM—S | ASLC Zoom Worship |
| 8:00 PM—F  | AA                |

### Monday, Sept 21

|                   |                      |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| 6:00 PM/7:15 PM—F | OldTown Lilburn Yoga |
| 7:30 PM--GR       | OA cancelled         |

### Tuesday, Sept 22

|             |                         |
|-------------|-------------------------|
| 9:00 AM—F   | Sandwich MeetUp*        |
| 10:15 AM--Z | Christian Conversations |
| 7:00 PM—Z   | ASLC Council            |
| 7:45 PM—F   | NA cancelled            |

### Wednesday, Sept 23

|            |                           |
|------------|---------------------------|
| 6:30 PM-LL | Word of Faith             |
| 6:30 PM—F  | OldTown Lilburn Yoga      |
| 7:00 PM—Z  | Pastor Ruth's Bible Study |
| 8:00 PM—F  | AA                        |

### Thursday, Sept 24

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|-----------|----------------------|
| 6:00 PM—F | Cub Scouts cancelled |
| 8:00 PM—F | NA cancelled         |

### Friday, Sept 25

|         |                   |
|---------|-------------------|
| 9:00 AM | Cleaning Services |
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### Saturday, Sept 26

|                      |                      |
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| 9:00 AM—F            | OldTown Lilburn Yoga |
| 9:00 AM—GR           | OA cancelled         |
| 10:00 AM—Parking Lot | Drive-by Food Drive  |

### Zoomday, Sept 27, Pentecost 17

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|------------|-------------------|
| 10:00 AM—S | ASLC Zoom Worship |
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Z=Zoom; F=Fellowship; OC=Out of Church; OO=Outer Office  
GR=Gray Room; LL=Lower Level; CL1=Lower Level Open Room 1;  
CL2=Lower Level Open Room 2; N=Narthex; S=Sanctuary; UR=Upper Room; A=Away from All Saints

\* Calendar Note: The Sandwich MeetUp limits participation to 4 individuals at this time. Sandwiches are shared with Rock of Ages in their ongoing shepherding with homeless/street people.

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### \*\*\*PASTOR RUTH'S BIBLE STUDIES\*\*\*

By Heart: Conversations with Martin Luther's Small Catechism (Augsburg Fortress, 2017). Also available on Amazon as a used book for half price.

- ❖ September 23: Chapter 2 - The Ten Commandments
- ❖ September 30: Chapter 3 - The Apostles' Creed
- ❖ October 7: Chapter 4 - The Lord's Prayer
- ❖ October 14: Chapter 5 - The Sacrament of Holy Baptism and Confession
- ❖ October 21: Chapter 6 - The Sacrament of the Altar
- ❖ October 28: Chapter 7 - Daily Prayer and the Household Chart

## Readings for Sept 27

### Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

The fairness of God's way

### Psalm 25:1-9

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love. (Ps. 25:6)

### Philippians 2:1-13

Christ humbled to the point of death on a cross

### Matthew 21:23-32

A parable of doing God's will

## In Scripture Today

### Matthew 20:1-16

Once again, Matthew balances his earlier emphasis on righteous living with the assurance of God's forgiveness. The allegory contradicts the commonplace religious idea that in the afterlife, heaven or hell will be assigned as deserved. In this allegory, God disrupts our notions of reward and punishment by surprising mercy. We receive this mercy already at the table.

### Jonah 3:10—4:11

The conclusion of the short story of Jonah is chosen as a parallel to the allegory of the laborers in the vineyard. Like us, Jonah begrudges forgiveness for his enemies, and perhaps like us, he cares more about his own comfort than about the lives of 120,000 other people. Perhaps the reader can make clear the poignant irony that this brilliantly written story intends.

### Philippians 1:21-30

Today's excerpt from Philippians introduces the themes of the letter: joy in the faith and a call for unity. One connection with today's gospel is that only because of God's unending forgiveness for both sides of every quarrel can we accept one another and live in unity.

## Russ' Reminders

### Anniversaries

#### SEPTEMBER

- 16 John and Joyce Holdrich
- 25 Thomas and Cindy Murphy

#### OCTOBER

- 4 Al and Mary Kay Kates
- 16 Jerry and Pat Barnes
- 19 Ralph and Pat Ehrich

### Birthdays

#### SEPTEMBER

- 13 June Hix
- 18 Kelly Kraus, Martha Wooden
- 23 Thomas Murphy
- 24 Emilie Bush Lancaster, Joanne Swanson
- 27 Mark Sanderlin
- 30 Helen Zupan

#### OCTOBER

- 2 Ian Edward Mitchell
- 5 Charlie Kuni
- 10 Angie Sanderlin, Jerry Wigbels
- 11 Marjorie O'Brien

- 13 Justine McCann
- 14 Miriam McCann
- 17 Bob Johnson, John Jones
- 20 Mary Kay Kates

## Worship Assistants

### Sept 20

Lector: Lisette Branscomb  
Worship Assistant: Kelly Kraus  
Greeter: Rica Kelly  
Children's Sermon: Lisa Mitchell  
Counters: Tom & Angie

### Sept 27

Lector: Kevin Swanson  
Worship Assistant: Joanne Swanson  
Greeter: Sue Lystad  
Children's Sermon: Kevin Swanson  
Counters: Tom & Angie

### Oct 4

Altar Guild: Lennie Cauble  
Lector: Cherie Mason  
Worship Assistant: John Yale  
Communion Assistants: Julie Boyer  
Ushers: Susan H. & Lisette B.  
Greeter: Tom & Sheila Wagner  
Projectionist: Kelly Kraus  
Children's Sermon: Mac McCann  
Counters: Tom & Lorraine Herring

### Oct 11

Altar Guild: Amy Cauble  
Lector: Joanne Swanson  
Worship Assistant: John Holdrich  
Communion Assistants: Mary Kay Kates  
Ushers: Bruce K. & Herb M  
Greeter: Melody M. & Sheila W.  
Projectionist: Kelly Kraus  
Children's Sermon: Lisa Mitchell  
Counters: Tom & Lorraine Herring

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