

Worship Lifeline

Congregational News

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OCTOBER 11

In accordance with constitutional provision C10.02, a special meeting of the congregation of All Saints Lutheran Church has been called by Interim Pastor Ruth Hamilton and Congregation President Lisette Branscomb for Sunday, October 11, 2020, at 11:15 a.m.

In accordance with constitutional provision C13.05, the purpose of this meeting is to elect a 6-member Call Committee. The council recommends the following slate of 6 members who have agreed to serve on the Call Committee:

Tom Wagner, Martha Wooden, Barb Litke, Maddy Faass, Mary Yale, Blandon Johnson, Herb McCaulla – council liaison

Of course, the floor will be open during the meeting for other nominations and/or you can contact Lisette prior to the service to request names to be added to the list.

No other business will be transacted.

RETURN TO SANCTUARY PLANS

With the caveat that plans could change if trend lines reverse, we are planning to return to the sanctuary for in-person worship on Reformation Sunday, Oct 25. In preparation, we will have a second dress rehearsal on Oct 18 similar to the August 31 rehearsal so that we can provide an effective worship experience both in person and via Zoom.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 15

Over the next six weeks, we are going to be thinking about stewardship with the help of the book *Giving to God: The Bible's Good News about Living a Generous Life* by the Rev. Dr. Mark Allan Powell. Pastor Powell is lively, funny, and down to earth. He also understands stewardship as Gospel, "Good News." I hope you find him enjoyable and inspirational.

-Pastor Ruth

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!

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.

- ❖ 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

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

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

|        |                              |
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| Oct 17 | SE Gwinnett Co-op Food Drive |
| Oct 31 | Lilburn Co-op Food Drive     |
| Nov 14 | SE Gwinnett Co-op Food Drive |
| Nov 28 | Lilburn Co-op Food Drive     |

## Ministry This Week

### Zoomday, Oct 4, Pentecost 18

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

### Monday, Oct 5

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

### Tuesday, Oct 6

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

### Wednesday, Oct 7

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|------------|---------------------------|
| 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, Oct 8

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

### Friday, Oct 9

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| 9:00 AM | Cleaning Services |
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### Saturday, Oct 10

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| 9:00 AM—F  | OldTown Lilburn Yoga |
| 9:00 AM—GR | OA cancelled         |

### Zoomday, Oct 11, Pentecost 19

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| 10:00 AM—S | ASLC Zoom Worship              |
| 11:15 AM—Z | Special Congregational Meeting |

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.



## In Scripture Today

### Matthew 21:33-46

Matthew's intention in the parable need not be ours: recent Christian theological discussion attends not only to Matthew's condemnation of Jewish religious leadership, but also to Paul's testimony that God remains faithful to Israel, into which believers in Christ are grafted. On Sunday, each biblical reading means to address the assembled Christian community: thus, it is we as the tenants of the vineyard, now interpreted as the church, who are called to heed the Son and to build upon Christ as our cornerstone.

### Isaiah 5:1-7

The poem in Isaiah 5 is chosen this Sunday because the gospel's parable explicitly cites its details, and it is good to know the Old Testament reference that the evangelists assume their audience has. When Christians hear this "love song," we are to examine to what degree we are yielding only wild grapes, unfit for producing good wine. Looking at us, does God see justice, or bloodshed?

### Philippians 3:4b-14

Both today's readings in Isaiah and Matthew include what Lutherans call "law"—that is, the bitter truth of our own human failings. Paul writes "gospel": we now know Christ and are found in Christ. Thus we can respond to God's call, despite the rubbish—the "shit"?!—of even our devout religious practices.

## Readings for Oct 11

### Isaiah 25:1-9

The feast of victory

### Psalms 23

You prepare a table before me, and my cup is running over. (Ps. 23:5)

### Philippians 4:1-9

Rejoice in the Lord always

### Matthew 22:1-14

The parable of the unwelcome guest at the wedding feast

## Russ' Reminders

### Anniversaries

#### OCTOBER

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

### Birthdays

#### OCTOBER

- 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

### Oct 4

Lector: Cherie Mason  
Worship Assistant: John Yale  
Greeter: Tom & Sheila Wagner  
Counters: Tom & Lorraine Herring

### Oct 11

Lector/Worship Assistant: Joanne Swanson  
Greeter: Bruce Kraus  
Counters: Tom & Lorraine Herring

### Oct 18 (dress rehearsal in-person/Zoom)

Altar Guild/Comm Assistant: Joann Rosselle  
Lector/Worship Assistant: Mary Kay Kates  
Ushers: Bruce Kraus & Kim Faass  
Greeter: Herb & Melody McCaulla  
Zoom Host: Kelly Kraus  
Sound Board Operator: Al Kates  
Counters: Barb Litke & Lorraine Herring

### Oct 25 (in-person/Zoom)

Altar Guild/Comm Assistant: Julie Boyer  
Lector/Worship Assistant: John Yale  
Ushers: Bruce Kraus & Mac McCann  
Greeter: Jack & Lisette Branscomb  
Zoom Host: Kelly Kraus  
Sound Board Operator: Roger Boyer  
Counters: Angie Sanderlin & Lorraine Herring

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