

Worship Lifeline

Congregational News

CALL COMMITTEE ELECTED

At the Special Congregational Meeting held on October 11, the following members were elected to serve on the Call Committee:

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

The first charge for the committee will be to put together a Ministry Site Profile.

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### \*\*\*RETURN TO SANCTUARY PLANS\*\*\*

As of this writing, we plan to return to the sanctuary on Reformation Sunday, Oct 25. Today we are conducting our worship as a second dress rehearsal so that we can ensure an effective worship experience both in person and via Zoom.

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COMMITMENT SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 15

We have been 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



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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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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 21: Chapter 6 - The Sacrament of the Altar
- ❖ October 28: Chapter 7 - Daily Prayer and the Household Chart
- ❖ November Wednesdays to be determined as needed.

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

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

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| 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 18, Pentecost 20

10:00 AM—S Dress Rehearsal/Return to Sanctuary  
8:00 PM—F AA

### Monday, Oct 19

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

### Tuesday, Oct 20

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

### Wednesday, Oct 21

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 22

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

### Friday, Oct 23

9:00 AM Cleaning Services

### Saturday, Oct 24

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

### Zoomday, Oct 25, Reformation Sunday

10:00 AM—S/Zoom ASLC Worship

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.

## Membership News

Jerry and Sue Lystad are moving to be closer to son Rob and family. Their new address effective 11/06/20 is: 2474 Club Estates Drive, Statham GA 30666.

Home phone and cells remain the same:

770-985-4321 Home  
770-853-5854 Sue's cell  
770-797-5260 Jerry's cell

Jerry and Sue hope to join us via Zoom later in November so that we can wish them farewell.

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Jim Scobee thanks everyone at All Saints for their get-well wishes, cards, and phone calls. He will have heart valve replacement on October 21. Doctors will then determine if he needs additional surgery for arterial damage. He and Mary miss seeing everyone and send greetings to all!

In Scripture Today

Matthew 22:15-22

Jesus' ambiguity in responding to the Pharisees' question resembles the enigmatic parables for which Jesus is known. The "kingdom of heaven" about which Matthew has repeatedly written is not a phenomenon somehow equivalent to the kingdom of Rome. Rather, it is the life shared by those who accept the authority of God. The "head" that we carry is Christ, our "title" is Christian. The ambiguity of Jesus' answer has allowed for great diversity within Christian communities concerning the appropriate attitude toward civil authority.

Isaiah 45:1-7

Even the enemy king who follows an alien religion can be seen by a believer as an instrument of God. The passage is chosen to complement the Matthew reading. Cyrus, like the Roman emperor, is an enemy king, who can be tolerated, even praised, by those faithful to the Lord. The Isaiah passage affirms that it is the Lord, the Creator of all, who can make use of even evil authorities. Also this passage has afforded Christians biblical support for both sides of the debate as to whether an evil government is actually serving God.

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Today begins five Sundays of a semicontinuous reading of 1 Thessalonians. Especially if we know the political situation of Thessalonica, the reading from Paul is poignant on this Sunday. In a city famous for its loyalty to the Roman emperor, a young Christian community that is being persecuted is praised as a model of faithfulness to Christ Jesus. Jesus, not Emperor Claudius, is Lord.

Readings for Oct 25

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

Holiness revealed in acts of justice

Psalm 1

Their delight is in the law of the Lord. (Ps. 1:2)

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

The apostle's tender care for the Thessalonians

Matthew 22:34-46

Two great commandments: love for God and neighbor

Russ' Reminders

Anniversaries

OCTOBER

- 16 Jerry and Pat Barnes
- 19 Ralph and Pat Ehrich

NOVEMBER

- 8 Raymond (Ray) and Regina Klages
- 30 Gerald (Jerry) and Susan Lystad

Birthdays

OCTOBER

- 20 Mary Kay Kates

NOVEMBER

- 4 Gerald (Jerry) Lystad
Sandy Staven
- 8 Phillip Carr
- 11 Alvin (Al) Kates
- 14 Pat Ehrich
- 16 Savannah Sanderlin

- 17 Brad Rosselle
- 21 Russ Silver
- 23 Doug Scheel
- 24 Dave Anyan
- 27 Larry Cauble

Worship Assistants

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: John Yale
Worship Assistant: Lisette Branscomb
Ushers: Bruce Kraus & TBD
Greeter: Jack & Lisette Branscomb
Zoom Host: Kelly Kraus
Sound Board Operator: Roger Boyer
Counters: Angie Sanderlin & Lorraine Herring

Nov 1

Altar Guild/Comm Assistant: Julie Boyer
Lector/Worship Assistant: Tom Wagner
Ushers: Jack Branscomb
Greeter: Rica Kelly & Sheila Wagner
Sound Board: Roger Boyer
Zoom Host: Kelly Kraus
Counters: Tom & Barb Litke

Nov 8

Altar Guild/Comm Assistant: Lisette Branscomb
Lector/Worship Assistant: Julie Boyer
Ushers: John & Joyce Hodrich
Greeter: Mary Kay Kates & Sheila Wagner
Sound Board: Al Kates
Zoom Host: Kelly Kraus
Counters: Tom & Barb Litke

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