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Racial Justice TONIGHT!
We've all heard in the news of the recent atrocities of gun violence. Particularly alarming was the event in Atlanta that targeted Asian women. Our country is gradually waking up to the level of persistent racism against Asian Americans. As part of Better Together among the three Lutheran churches in Salem, our next Racial Justice Gathering will focus on Anti Asian racism. Our guest will be Carrie Lee Brown, a retired school counselor. Carrie is Chinese, born in Cuba. She will share of her experiences of racism along with her perspective of the history of racism against Asians in Oregon. We will gather next Wednesday by zoom on May 5 at 6:00 PM. Keep an eye out for the zoom invitation prior to that meeting.

Worship OUTSIDE Together
Sunday, May 16, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.
Wear a Mask, Social Distance and bring a chair! Join us!
Forum to follow.
Words of EnCOURAGEMENT ...

April 28
Please keep in your prayers Pastor Gary Borges. He will be having heart valve replacement surgery on May 11.

Two videos highlighting ELCA World Hunger offered to the Oregon Synod Assembly Delegates can be found here:

  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4kYt9PnmGPO

  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H5oDHuqxTEc

April 29
Please keep in your prayers Loren Collins. He has a mass in his bladder which will be removed in early June.

Some of you may be wondering what reparations are all about. I found an article by Grace Pomroy a helpful introduction from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN that can be found at this website: https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/why-reparations/

May 1
Our worship service for the Fifth Sunday of Easter is prerecorded. Here is the link to the service.  https://youtu.be/BF8qjmJ5CQ

For those who were waiting for the Synod Cluster Dinner Discussion last night, I apologize. The internet for the host went out. However, there was a video on reparations that was to be shown at the session around which were some questions. Here is the link to that video:  https://vimeo.com/543982431

And here are the discussion questions:

What did you notice?
Where did you feel uncomfortable?
Where did the story feel familiar?
What questions are stirred up for you in this story?
What comes up as you reflect on these stories as a person of faith?

May 3
Here is a word from the poet Gerard Manley Hopkins. It is the first stanza of his poem “The Wreck of the Deutschland.”

Thou mastering me
God! giver of breath and bread;
World's strand, sway of the sea;
Lord of living and dead;
Thou hast bound bones & veins in me, fastened me flesh,
And after it almost unmade, what with dread,
Thy doing: and dost thou touch me afresh?
Over again I feel thy finger and find thee.

May 4
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Charles Mantey is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Better Together Racial Justice Discussion
Time: May 5, 2021 06:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)
Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84676836079?pwd=Tk8wU1docFNpYW5wX1J3S243SlZwZz09

Meeting ID: 846 7683 6079
Passcode: 403323

Here is a word from the writer Kathleen Norris from her book, The Quotidian Mysteries: Laundry, Liturgy and Woman’s “Work”:

I know from experience that when I allow busy little doings to fill the precious time of early morning, when contemplation might flourish, I open the doors to the demon of acedia. Noon becomes a blur – no time, no time – the wolfing down of a sandwich as I listen to the morning’s phone messages and plan the afternoon’s errands. When evening comes, I am so exhausted that vespers has become impossible. It is as if I have taken the world’s weight on my shoulders and am too greedy, and too foolish, to surrender it to God.

(If you are wondering what “acedia” is, I would recommend Norris’ book: Acedia and me: A Marriage, Monks, and a Writer’s Life.)

Be of good courage. The resurrected Christ walks beside you.

Pr. Charles

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**GRATITUDE!  HERE AND NOW**

You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

2 Corinthians 9:11

*Lord, lead us to a more grateful heart. Amen*
Thank you!
I wish to thank you all for your prayers, cards and notes during my recent reoccurrence of my illness! My strength is returning and I am feeling a bit better. Janis Reiling

Joel Nickel
"The Joy of Color" -Paintings and Enamels
April through May, 2021
Keizer Community Center Gallery
930 Chemawa Road NE
Artist's Reception: Friday, April 30 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Music by the Laurent Nickel Jazz Trip
Community Center is open Monday-Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Property News:
Water Leak: Our water bill has been adjusted and went up $150 for one month. We found the leak in an upstairs water tank to a toilet. It is now being repaired!
Flat Roof Areas: We have four entrance areas, a sanctuary area, and three office areas along with the conference room that have ceilings with water stains and/ or actual water damage. These leaks are all flat areas. Property Committee and the Council are in conversation with several contractors for repair bids.
Ice Damage/ Trees: Another branch and fallen and the City of Salem has been contacted again. We are concerned for the safety of those that walk or park under the trees along Winter and Marion Streets near the church.
There is strength in knowledge and strength in numbers! Join with others from around the state at the first-ever virtual (and FREE) Interfaith Advocacy Day on May 25.

Morning Session 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Introduction | Keynote | Advocacy 101

Training | Issue Workshops  afternoon (times will vary): Appointments with State Legislators

Virtually attend issue briefings and workshops on advocating for compassionate legislation on issues such as housing, hunger, health care, immigration, gun violence prevention, criminal justice reform and climate justice. Following the briefings, we will make our faith voice heard in virtual meetings with state legislators. Group leaders will provide talking points and make all necessary appointments for you. Together, we can build a just, inclusive and hope-filled future for all Oregonians.

**Embracing One Another in Prayer**

- **Morning Lighting of the EnCOURAGEment Candle**
- **Evening Lighting of the Gratitude Candle**

At this time when we are physically apart from one another, as we are able and willing, pause to light a candle (battery-powered or flame) and be quietly in prayer.

- In the morning, meditate on the Light of EnCOURAGEment, perhaps focusing on a Scripture verse or a word or a hymn that uplifts our spirit.
- In the evening, meditate on the Light of Gratitude, reflecting on our day and its blessings. May this simple act of lighting candles help us connect with God, with one another; and unite us in hope, joy and peace.

**Suggested Verse for Meditation**  Acts 8:35-36

Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?”
Volunteers needed At Willamette Lutheran Home
Willamette Lutheran Home is in need of kitchen volunteers to peel, cut and chop vegetables; wash dishes; pan bacon; portion out salad dressings and condiments; portion out meat; cracking eggs and peeling eggs; and put away freight. They also need a COOK! Please contact Kathy Verboort or Raeann McDonald at 503.393.1491 if you're interested in helping!

Fiesta! Saturday, May 8, preshow at 5:30 PM.
Program at 6:00 pm to Benefit Lutheran Community Services - North West’s Immigration Counseling & Advocacy Program.

Let's raise a glass in celebration of our community's immigrant families during this time of critical need. Join us for a powerful live stream program featuring heartwarming success stories and exciting updates on how we're helping the most vulnerable families in Yamhill County pursue the American Dream. You will have the opportunity to bid on world-class wines and amazing auction packages in both an online silent auction, and a new LIVE auction from the comfort and safety of your home! The silent auction and raffle will be open for advance bidding and purchases at noon on Wednesday, May 5 and our live auction will take place during the live event on May 8. Learn more and RSVP by visiting our website: YamhillFiesta.org or call our office at 503.472.4020.

2021 Directory Coming
Help us get your information updated and correct in the new 2021 Directory. Please call or drop us a note or email about your listing and let us know what needs to be corrected, or added, deleted to your contact information: name, address, email, phone numbers, etc. We are beginning the process of updating our parish directory.
Come before God with singing!

Music can bring us great comfort and joy. Through music, the wide range of human feeling is expressed in ways that touch our souls. Gratitude!

Ministry invites you to consider each day what song or melody is rising up within. Deliberately, invite your heart to listen. What do you sense is the message for you this day?

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday
How To Zoom
In order to participate you have to download onto your computer, tablet or smart phone the Zoom app. To participate simply sign up - https://zoom.us/signup and email Pastor Charles that you would like an invitation. Pastor Charles will send out an email that includes an invite with a link. You might want to give it a try before hand so you know your camera and microphone are working. Try this: https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/360000163266-Test-Zoom-Room-Setup

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