



Sunday, July 12, 2020

Reading: Psalm 6

Worship Leaders: Pastor Meredith Bedker

Musaus, Pastor Drew Yoos, Pastor Sara Yoos, Vicar
Matt Olson



July Sermon Series — Inside Out

The Psalms are our heart songs whose lyrics give voice to our innermost feelings. During the month of July, we are using some basic human emotions, highlighted in the movie *Inside Out* (Anger, Sadness, Joy, and Fear) to explore what voices live both in the Psalms and in our own heads and hearts. "The Psalms are an authentic conversation with God about the things that matter most to us"- Walter Brueggemann



Summer Youth Time

Despite the disappointment of canceled summer plans, the youth have continued to get together to check in with each other and grow in faith. The middle school youth are gathering on the 3rd Wednesday of the month and the high schoolers are gathering on 1st and 3rd Sundays. Most of these gatherings are online, but as the summer progresses, we hope to be able to do a few more outdoor activities together.

High School Summer Experience

In place of our summer trip to Pine Ridge Reservation, the high schoolers are gathering on July 23 and 24th to do some learning, growing, and discussing how we can walk with our Native American neighbors. Contact Pastor Drew if your high schooler is interested in joining us for some or all of our sessions.

All People's Partner Garden

In early June, some of our youth got together to help to build and plant three garden beds on the north side of church, as a partner project to the garden at All People's Church. The three beds contain tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, beans and carrots. When the food is ready to harvest, it will be donated to the Menomonee Falls Food Pantry. If an individual or family is interested in helping to water, tend, or harvest the garden, please contact Pastor Sara at (sara@holycrosslutheran.org).

Summer Musical Camp

This year, Summer Musical Camp has gone virtual! We are starting to prepare a few songs to present as online devotions to the congregation. There's still room for more children to participate. Please contact Nanette Smith at nanette.smith@att.net or Karen Heins at karenh@holycrosslutheran.org or 262-853-5495 by July 20.

Children's Summer Outdoor Art Camp

Outdoor Art Camp for 1st-2nd-3rd grade kids has been meeting at Oak Wood Park in Menomonee Falls and there is plenty of room for everyone to social distance under the pavilion. The kids have been getting creative as they learn about bible stories! Art Camp meets on Monday mornings from 10:00-11:15am through August 3. Each session includes art projects, Bible adventures, skits, and hands-on activities. Caregivers are invited to stay and play, or your child may be dropped off. Please register ahead of time by emailing suec@holycrosslutheran.org with your child's name, your name, and cell phone number. If you can't make a session, no problem. Come when you can!

Welcome Vicar Matt

Last Sunday we installed Vicar Matt Olson as part of our staff. Vicar Matt will be serving at Holy Cross on a part time basis for the next two years while he learns and trains to be a pastor. Over the next few months, he will spend some time getting to know the congregation and using his gifts to enhance our ministry. Tune in to worship on July 19 for his first sermon as Vicar.



Parking Lot Update

A great deal of progress has been made on the repaving of the south parking lot! The lot has been pulverized, proof rolled and remediation completed. The east drive (under the overhang) and the Preschool drives have been pulverized and graded. The curbs are poured for the new concrete median between the drive lane and the handicap parking spaces and the walkways completed in both medians. The concrete curbing on Pilgrim Road has also been finished. Weather permitting, the parking lot may be completed in the next week!



Preschool Playground

Back in September we began raising money for a new playground climber at Holy Cross Preschool. Through the generous support of the congregation, Preschool parents and the Mission Endowment Board, we raised enough money to install a beautiful, safe and maintenance free climber. Work began in June, with the removal of the old equipment and years of accumulated wood chips. A Holy Cross Boy Scout working on his Eagle Scout Project coordinated volunteers and equipment rental to remove the old climber, the playhouse and



the 8-10 inches of woodchips where the new climber will be installed later in July. We are so grateful for the hard work and dedication of all who volunteered to complete this project.

Care and Community Updates

Our church doors may be closed but ministry continues to happen. The Young at Heart group is reaching out and supporting each other as life goes on even in their isolation.

We have a new group of Stephen Ministers learning alongside the current Stephen Ministers. As a team they are getting to know and love each other as siblings in Christ with Zoom meetings. We also have Stephen Ministers who are caregivers to care receivers; they can't meet together but continue to share their relationship with Zoom meetings, phone calls and cards.

"Cards of Encouragement" are still being sent by those partnered in March. Many of these relationships have made phone calls to each other, sent letters and cards, done errands and grocery shopping, and flowers were delivered and planted this spring. Truly the Holy Spirit is moving through these relationships.

Virtual Vacation Bible School With Holy Cross

Rocky Railway Virtual Vacation Bible School was a hit! We certainly missed having so many kids and all the volunteers in the church, traveling from station to station, learning about Jesus, and seeing the smiles on your faces. It was encouraging to know we could still provide VBS in a somewhat different style. Thank you to all the families who participated by watching at home and of course all the people who graciously volunteered to help.. We have eight take-home packs available. If you would still like to participate please email Sue at suec@holycrosslutheran.org.



Love Your Neighbor Week

During Love Your Neighbor Week, 65 Holy Cross households, totaling over 125 people, showed care, compassion and generosity by helping fill the shelves of the Falls Food Pantry, creating boxes of mom and baby essentials for Strong Baby Sanctuary families at Hephatha, and assembling disposable masks through the MaskUP MKE project. They collected books and craft kits for the kids in the All Peoples neighborhood, wrote cards of encouragement for residents and staff at Luther Manor, or spent a few hours doing yard work for local seniors who needed help.



Magazines Available

"Christ in Our Home," "The Word In Season," and "The Living Lutheran" are available in both small and large-print versions. Call the church office and we will make arrangements for pick-up.

Memorials

Memorials were received from Joann Hegarty and Jack & Eleonore Kamoske in memory of Orville Druehl, father of Deni Naumann.

Memorials were received from Arleigh Dietrich, Joann Hegarty, Char & Mason Draeger, Pat Hansen, Mary Ann Holt and Catherine Gustafson in memory of Jeannine Hopp.

Memorials were received from Lyle & Elsa Borcharding, Ellie & Bob Schmidtke, Patricia Reininger, Rolf & Barb Berg, Daniel & Julie Leis, Coleen Bisgard, Megan Tatzel, Jack & Eleonore Kamoske, Michael & Donna Studee, Micah & Jessie McDowell, Ray & Barb McDowell, Brian & Carol Watson, Carol Wingenter, Gordon & Lynn Luckow, Eric, Angie & Ben Nelson, Phil & Nanette Smith, and Katie Powell in memory of Brent Oliveresen.

Christian Sympathy To

Shirley Vollbrecht and Bruce & Julie Vollbrecht on the passing of son and brother Alan Vollbrecht.

Kathleen Pincus and family, and Pastor Mary Martha of Hephatha Lutheran, on the passing of their mother, Kathy Kannass.

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