



Building Bridges of Caring, Compassion, and Civility

SEPTEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

Liturgy *The Work of the People*

Our common Sunday worship can also be called the liturgy. The meaning of this word is “the Work of the People.” Worship is not meant to be a spiritual show. It is not something for which we come for entertainment. Many have thought that the liturgy was something that the pastor and assisting ministers ‘do’ up at the altar. The congregation might sing some songs and have a spoken piece here and there, but they were mostly spectators. I don’t blame anyone who thought or might still think this way, because that is how it played out in many parish churches for many of us.

It is now time to take back your rightful place and participation in the liturgy. Yes, the Work of the People, all of us, not just the pastor and a few others. With this in mind we are going to tweak a few things in the way we worship here at Joy in Christ, starting in September.

There will be simple responses taken from the book of Evangelical Lutheran Worship for the congregation after the readings such as “Thanks be to God”. The beautiful custom of lighting candles is ancient in the worship of the church. I love how you have embraced this custom here at JIC. We light candles and offer a prayer. We will be incorporating the lighting of the candles into the Prayers of the People. You will be invited to come forward to light a candle and offer a prayer either silently or aloud in the context of the entire community praying for the needs of the church and the world. Don’t worry, there will be instructions given at the time of the Prayers☺.

The Confession is in the service of Holy Communion because of Jesus’ Gospel directive “if you are going to make an offering to God and realize on your way that you have sinned against a brother or a sister, put down the offering. Go and reconcile with them, then go and offer your gift to God on the altar.” So the place for Confession and Absolution will be moved to right before the passing of the Peace. We confess, we are reconciled, we have shared the peace of Christ and now we can offer our gifts to God.

This brings us to the Offertory or as I like to call it “the presenting of the gifts of our lives to our God.” We will incorporate the young people by having them collect the monetary offering of the congregation and bring it along with the gifts of bread and wine to God’s Holy Table.

The Eucharistic Prayer will vary. Sometimes I will offer an extemporaneous prayer or draw from the treasure trove of written prayers. Again this is the Work of the People, not just my show. It will be participatory with spoken and sung words. Remember on my first Sunday when I shared with you the ancient church’s understanding of the Eucharistic Prayer? The pastor might be the one saying most of the words, but if the people don’t assent with the Great Amen at the conclusion of the prayer, it isn’t Eucharist. So that is why we sing the Amen.

I know that this may seem like a lot, but I promise that it will enrich our worship experience. So no more slackers, wink, wink☺. We will live more deeply into our worship of Almighty God through the Work of all the People.

I remain your servant in Christ,

Padre Tim

Notes from the Worship & Parish Life meeting August 13, 2019

Present: Padre Tim, Candy Stone, Carol Porter, Pat Gladbach, Vicki Burke, Roswitha O'Hara and Audrey McNevin

Candy opened with a prayer.

Two additions to the agenda: October 6th Blessing of the animals and November 3rd Saints Alive

Worship time: A recommendation will be presented to the church council about Sunday worship time which will be discussed at the August 22nd meeting.

Vicki gave an update on the women's retreat. The craft will be a banner.

Welcome Back Sunday will be September 15th. We are reminded to contact those we haven't seen in a while, and ask others that we know, to join us.

Pr. Tim addressed the Liturgy of the Word and what it should contain.

Next meeting is Wednesday, **September 25th** at 10 a.m.



Brief update from the August 22nd Council Meeting

Present: Vicki Burke, Lisa Clairmont, Pat Gladbach, Audrey McNevin, Kathy Remes, Padre Tim, Jeff Stone, Lee-Ann Trigler

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. Padre Tim opened with prayer. Council Minutes and reports from June 20 were approved.

Mission projects

Kathy reported a good response to the Backpacks for Kids project. All but a few items have been received and she will deliver them to the school tomorrow.

Jeff updated us on the Food Packaging Event. The goal is to raise \$65k and package 250,000 meals. Fundraising has begun and 70 letters have gone out to date to local businesses, Abington alumni and others; Jeff has submitted 4 grants. \$10,000 has been raised in the last two weeks. Abington Cable filmed a video for distribution in Abington and hopefully surrounding towns and GoFundMe and Facebook Pages are being set up. High School students will package ~50,000 meals on Friday, November 22 and individuals and various groups from the South Shore will package the remainder of the meals on Saturday, November 23. Lisa questioned if arrangements have been made to distribute this many meals as that was an issue last year. Jeff said food pantries, backpack programs and others will be contacted prior to the event for desired quantities and will be asked to make plans to pick up their meals at the High School on Friday and Saturday. Many volunteers are still needed and Pam and Maryanne Manzo are working on events for fundraising at JIC. More details will be forthcoming and many volunteers are needed!

Lisa reported on the December gift collection for families in need. Collecting will start early this year to avoid the holiday crunch. Collection boxes will be out in September and the gifts delivered in late November. Audrey is coordinating this project with Lisa.

Abington American Legion is holding a 100th Anniversary Celebration on September 21. They will have a dinner for veterans and Jeff stated that it will cost \$10 per meal to feed a veteran. We agreed to use our Mission

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Fund to match donations of up to \$200 from members to support this event. There will be a special collection box with this notice in the worship space.

Pastoral Transition

Tim reported that he has felt well supported by members of JIC especially during this time of need with his father transitioning into hospice. He noted the prayers, emails and texts from members and is grateful. He has received positive and constructive feedback and hopes that all will feel open to talk with him if they have any concerns about the service, music or whatever.

Tim added that St. John's, Holbrook is very happy with the shared services with us and Tim listed the many upcoming fall events that we could join in with them.

The Council offered positive comments to Tim and promised to continue this conversation.

Worship time was again discussed with many differing opinions. The questions remains if we continue as we are or try something radically new. Lee-Ann added the question "what is God's will for our church?" A consensus could not be reached and we agreed to table the discussion for now and continue to discuss at a fall retreat and at future Council Meetings. The service will remain on Sunday at 11:00 am thru December 2019.

Social Media Strategy

A discussion was held regarding our use of Facebook and polarizing issues. Should we as a church take a stand at the risk of offending some? Many opinions were offered. Jeff noted that about 4 years ago we decided to keep our FB messaging positive with hope and inspiration. Vicki noted that it is a different world today. Audrey felt that the church should stay out of politics. The ELCA just became the first church in the country to adopt the status of a "Sanctuary Church." What does that mean for us? Lisa noted that we agreed at our Council Retreat last year to address these issues in a forum for deeper discussion. She also noted that at that meeting, Jeri Screnci had offered that we should first discuss the things that bring us together before jumping into those issues that divide us. Padre Tim agreed and suggested that when we do discuss the issues that have a tendency to divide society, we might bring in people with first-hand experience on immigration, gun violence, etc. to help inform us and facilitate the discussion. Vicki will work with him on this and Stephanie Burke will be contacted as she previously indicated interest in this area.

Leeann spoke about the possibility of resuming worship upstairs and making changes such as removing the pews and carpet and adding hardwood or another type of flooring. She has been meeting with Gordon and will obtain some more information and get back to us. There was interest in returning upstairs but Tim questioned if we want to put our energy and resources into a building project at this time. It was suggested that we could simply remove the pews and bring up chairs and possibly reconfigure the altar space without a lot of work. We will continue this discussion next month.

Jeff asked that we consider a donation to Riverview School Advancement in memory of Pastor Allan Grant. It was voted to make a donation of \$100 from Joy in Christ.

Next Meeting: September 19, 2019

Jesus said: "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though I die, will live". *John 11:25*

Gaudeamus +

In the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life
we announce the death Pastor Alan Grant on August 1, 2019. Pastor Grant served
us in many different capacities over the years. Condolences may be sent to his wife,
Nancy Grant at Rocky Knoll Estates, 193 Tremont St., U#156, Taunton, MA 02780
Please keep Nancy, and her family, in your prayers.

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Our denomination, the ELCA, holds churchwide assemblies triennially – to worship, vote on matters of governance and policy, and be church together for the sake of the world. This year’s assembly was full of important votes and actions, including:

- Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton was reelected for a second six-year term on the first ballot.
- A declaration of apology to our siblings of African descent, which was received by the African Descent Lutheran Association with thanks and a call for accountability and living into the words shared.
- Approved resolution declaring the ELCA is a “sanctuary church body,” encouraging participation in the ELCA AMMPARO initiative for migrant children, discernment of care for our immigrant neighbors in our context, and the promise of forthcoming resources for this work.
- Approved support for the World Council of Church’s *Thursdays in Black*, awareness movement for a world without rape and violence.
- Voted to commemorate June 17 as a day of repentance, in honor and remembrance of the martyrdom of the Emanuel 9.
- Approved a declaration for inter-religious commitment, reaffirming ecumenical and interfaith partnerships.
- Approved the recommendations from a strategic taskforce which has been studying how to work toward authentic diversity in our church.
- Approved memorials: affirming but not “endorsing” the Poor People’s Campaign, care for immigrants and refugees, and other statements.
- Adopted a new social statement, “Faith, Sexism, and Justice: a Lutheran Call to Action,” and its implementing resolutions.
- Deacon Sue Rothmeyer was elected Churchwide Secretary, a full-time position which acts as executive administrator and leader on all constitutional matters and interpretation.
- Constitutional change for Deacons (rostered ministers of word and service) to be ordained, from the previous practice of consecration.
- Celebrated the milestones of 50 years of women's ordination, 40 years since the first woman of color was ordained, and 10 years since full inclusion of LGBTQIA+ clergy.



Where is Mutti' (Lee- Ann) going???

Thank you from the deepest core of my belief and my heart, for all your thoughts, kind words, prayers and love during the continued healing of our daughter Antonia. Although it has been a beautiful and joyous opportunity, to spend time with Antonia and her two boys Luca and Seppe, at her home on Cape Cod during the last month, it is time for Mutti' to go home.

Because of each of you and so many family and friends, her strong family and her strong determination, Antonia is back on the road, back at work part time and back at mothering full time. She still continues to heal daily.

Grateful beyond words. I will always hold my family at Joy in Christ, in thankfulness and prayer, as you once held us.

Lee-Ann Trigler



We will kick off our new program year with fun and a pot-luck BBQ on **September 15th**. Mark your calendar and reach out to members you haven't seen in a while and invite them to come home to Joy in Christ! Invite a friend that might be seeking God in their life to experience our wonderful faith community.

There is a signup sheet in the Coffee Hour Room for you to let us know what gifts of food or time or labor you might be able to share.

Community Food Packaging Event – November 23, 2019

Building off November 2018's overwhelming success when 251 volunteers from all over Plymouth County packaged 100,782 meals for those who hunger in Plymouth County, the Community Food Packaging Steering Committee has set a lofty goal of packaging 250,000 meals at the upcoming November 2019 event.

We are soliciting local businesses, places of worship, civic groups and members of the community at large to help us reach our funding goal of \$65,000.

As a member of the Steering Committee and major participant, Joy in Christ will be holding several fundraising events at JIC as follows:

- A **"Pumpkin Patch" on Sunday, September 29, 2019** from 12-4pm. Please come and buy your pumpkins for the Fall/Halloween season.
- A **Tea Party on Saturday, October 5, 2019** from 12-2. Grandmothers, Mothers, Daughters/Sons are all invited to "sip a bit of tea" and enjoy finger sandwiches and sweets. Tea Party attire requested but not required. Ladies do NOT forget that all important Fascinator! Reservations prior to the event are required. Please call or text Pam Borgeson at 508-942-1402 or email her at bioborg20@hotmail.com Cost: \$10/adult, \$5/child. Space is limited so please let us know as soon as possible.
- **Sign Making Party**, date and time TBD (probably early November 2019). Sign making is all the rage and provide for lovely gifts for friends and family for the holidays. Reservations for this event will be required; more information to be provided.

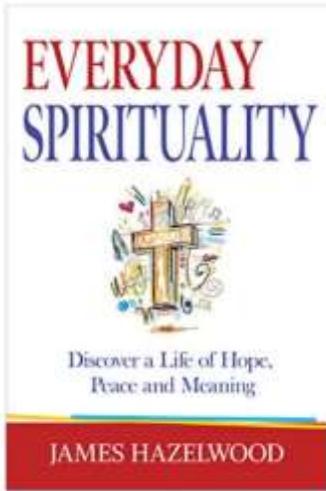


The Lewis V. Dorsey Post 112 is celebrating its 100th anniversary and holding a Gala on **September 21st**. The event will include dinner, dancing, a guest speaker, a history display and

more. They are seeking financial support to offset the cost of meals for each veteran attending. The meal cost is \$10.00 per veteran. The church council voted to match up to \$200 given by congregation members. If you would like to donate \$1, \$2, \$5, or \$10 (or any other amount) there is a separate offering basket with the American Legion logo on it in the worship space. If you are writing a check please note "American Legion" in the memo line.



Bring your dogs, cats, goldfish, or any pet you may have that you want to get blessed on Sunday, **October 6th**, during the 11:00 am service. You may bring pictures of current (or deceased) pets as well. Teddy Bears and other stuffed animal are welcome too!



Have you heard of this book, written by our own Bishop James Hazelwood?

If you've ever doubted (and who hasn't!) your faith, wondered if you are living a God driven life, or the strength of your own spirituality, this book will open your eyes and show you just how God shows up in unexpected ways; whether it's in things we do every day to things we do every week or things we do every so often. Bishop Hazelwood shows how scripture is relevant to us today and weaves it into the stories others have shared with him as well as in his own spiritual journey. You will feel as if you are sitting in a room listening to him and he invites us to examine our own religious values and how they play out in our lives because, quite frankly, once your eyes are open you will see Everyday Spirituality.

A definite 5 star read. You can find the book on Amazon and all of the sale proceeds from the first year will go to the New England Synod Fund for Leaders.



The New England WELCA fall mini-retreat will be held on Saturday, **September 28th** at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, just off Exit 11 of Route 6, the "Midcape Highway", on the right side of Route 137 in Harwich from 9:00 am

to 2:00 pm. Keynote speaker Pastor Linda Forsberg will be addressing gender issues/bias and women mystics. This is a kick off for the celebration of 50 years of the ordination of women in the ELCA in 2020.

If you have any questions, contact Carolyn Bascetta at cbascet@verizon.net Cost is \$10 which includes lunch when registered before September 16 or \$15 at the door. Child care will be provided as needed at \$5 per child includes lunch.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Church Name & State: _____ Child Care needed? _____

Please make checks payable to NE-WELCA

Please mail Registration Form & Payment to: Carolyn Bascetta, 152 Isabelle Avenue, Providence, RI 02908

SEPTEMBER

- 3rd: Charlie Williamson
- 5th: Helen Manson
- 6th: Natalie DeLong
- 8th: Pr. Carolyn Tryggestad
- 8th: Elyanna Castillo
- 10th: Johnetta Johnson
- 11th: Mary Ellen West
- 12th: Nilsa Toro
- 16th: Matt Stone
- 24th: Ava Williamson
- 26th: Harold Manson
- 30th: Millie Alvarez



OCTOBER

- 7th: Leia Williamson
- 8th: Josephine Rasche
- 19th: Liam Rogers
- 22nd: Valerie Dionne
- 23rd: Oskar Djusberg
- 23rd: Richard Stone
- 26th: Liz Leadbetter
- 26th: Stephen Sawyer
- 28th: Ella Williamson

SUNDAY DISCIPLES

| DATE | ASSISTING | READER | TECH | GRUSER | WORSHIP SET-UP | COFFEE HOUR |
|-------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 9/1 | Emily Clairmont | Lisa Clairmont | Stephanie Burke | Jeff Stone | Pam Borgeson | Jean Peterson and Kathy Remes |
| 9/8 | Pat Gladbach | Kathy Remes | Lee-Ann Trigler | George Sullivan | George Porter | Pam Borgeson and Jeri Screnci |
| 9/15 | Lee-Ann Trigler | Emily Clairmont | Lisa Clairmont | George Porter | Bob Fehl | Lee-Ann Vick Burke |
| 9/22 | Lisa Clairmont | Pat Hoey | Jeff Stone | Pam Borgeson | Michael Remes | Bob and Phyllis Fehl |
| 9/29 | Jeff Stone | Jeri Screnci | Pam Borgeson | Vicki Burke | Jeri Screnci | Lisa Clairmont Pat Gladbach |
| 10/6 | Noreen Dionne | George Sullivan | Stephanie Burke | Jeri Screnci | George Sullivan | Ingrid & Gordon Williamson |
| 10/13 | Emily Clairmont | Pam Borgeson | Lee-Ann Trigler | Joy Franey | Kathy Remes | Stephanie Burke and Lee-Ann |
| 10/20 | Pat Gladbach | Lee-Ann Trigler | Lisa Clairmont | Pat Hoey | Lee-Ann Trigler | Carol and George Porter |
| 10/27 | Lee-Ann Trigler | Pat Gladbach | Jeff Stone | Candy Stone | Pam Borgeson | Lee-Ann Trigler and Kathy Remes |

IT TAKES A VILLAGE DISCIPLES

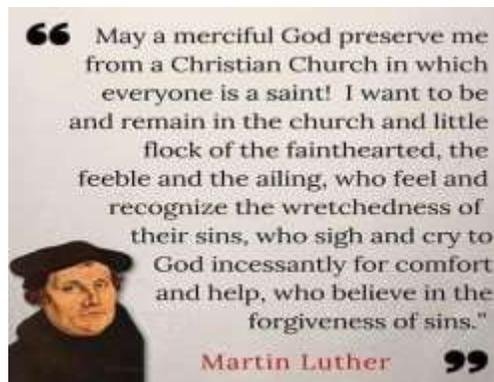
Sep 1st to 7th - Ingrid calls Anita S; Kathy sends Frank a card; Audrey contacts Helen & Harold; Pat H calls Martha

Sep 8th to 14th - Pat G contacts Helen & Harold; Candy calls Martha; Lee-Ann calls Anita S; Vicki sends Frank a card

Sep 15th to 21st - Ingrid calls Anita S; Kathy send Frank a card; Audrey contacts Helen & Harold; Pat H calls Martha

Sep 22nd to 28th - Candy calls Martha; Pat G calls Anita S; Lee-Ann sends Frank a card; Vicki contacts Helen & Harold

Sep 29th - Oct 5th - Audrey calls Anita S; Pat H sends Frank a card; Ingrid contacts Helen & Harold; Kathy call Martha



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Padre Tim is usually in the office on Wednesday and by appointment. It is always best to call the church phone first as visits and meetings sometime alter the schedule.

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Tim can be reached for pastoral emergencies at: 617-755-5236

SEPTEMBER 2019

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|---|---|--|---|---|--------------------|---|
| 1 12 TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 11:00 a.m. WORSHIP | 2 LABOR DAY Brook Retreat Center 8:30-10:30a.m. | 3 6:00 p.m. TOPS | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 13 TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 11:00 a.m. WORSHIP | 9 Brook Retreat Center 8:30-10:30a.m. 7:00 p.m. YOGA | 10 6:00 p.m. TOPS 6:00 -7:30 p.m. BROWNIES | 11 PATRIOT DAY | 12 | 13 cleaners | 14 |
| 15 14 TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 11:00 a.m. WORSHIP HOME-COMING & BBQ | 16 Brook Retreat Center 8:30-10:30a.m. 7:00 p.m. YOGA | 17 6:00 p.m. TOPS | 18 | 19 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. COUNCIL MEETING | 20 | 21 |
| 22 15 TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 11:00 a.m. WORSHIP | 23 1ST DAY OF FALL Brook Retreat Center 8:30-10:30a.m. 7:00 p.m. YOGA | 24 6:00 p.m. TOPS 6:00 -7:30 p.m. BROWNIES | 25 10:00 a.m. WORSHIP & PARISH LIFE | 26 | 27 cleaners | 28 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. WELCA FALL RETREAT - HARWICH |
| 29 16 TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 11:00 a.m. WORSHIP PUMPKIN PATCH NOON – 4:00 | 30 Brook Retreat Center 8:30-10:30a.m. 7:00 p.m. YOGA | | | | | |