

# SUNDAY BULLETIN AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUGUST 2, 2020

## A SUNDAY IN THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

### SERVICE ORDER

*Opening Music:* Praise and Thanksgiving

*Welcome and Announcements*

*Prayer of the Day:* : Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Lesson* Matthew 14:13-21

13 Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. 14 When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. 15 When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." 16 Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." 17 They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." 18 And he said, "Bring them here to me." 19 Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. 20 And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. 21 And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

*Sermon*

*Hymn:* Let us Talents and Tongues Employ

*Prayer :* Holy God, You work miracles of healing and provision, and You call us to likewise seek to bring healing to the broken and sustenance to those in need. Inspire us and give us courage for these ministries! We pray for those suffering as a result of the pandemic or its fallout, that health and wholeness may be restored to individuals and to our world. For all who are grieving, ill, lonely, or in grave distress, we ask your comfort, strength, and help. We pray also for wisdom as decisions are made in regard to schools and education in the fall, so that safe, effective and fair ways may be found for the children of our community and nation to learn. In Your name we pray. Amen.

*Benediction*

*Closing Music:* Christ, Be Our Light

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WELCOME TO BETHLEHEM WORSHIPERS!

This morning we have a special welcome to all who usually worship virtually at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Two Harbors. They have been encouraged to worship with us at Knife River this morning, in absence of their Pastor. We hope our service will be a blessing to you!

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#### WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Susan Berge

Church Musician: Carol Carlson

Lector: Steve Carlson

Videographer: Scott Shelerud

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### KNIFE RIVER PRAYER LIST:

In need of healing: Veronica Persons, Susan Anderson, Elsa Keeler, Becca Kuechle, Les Bolen, Fred Wright, Reid Carson, Kayla Davidson, Archie Moore, Pastor John Reppe, Gary Swanson, Faith Swanson, Seth Goodnature, Pat Hovis, Sarah Monaghan, Emily Coolidge, Melyssa Bloom, DeWayne and Maurine Rubedor, Mercedez Gorman

Special circumstances: Jacques Basson (Anne Lu's brother, who is working with Covid-19 patients in Dubai.)

Serving in military abroad: Austin Morreau

Long Term Concerns: Sue Sigel, Laurie Jackson, David Pierce, Jan Moon, Pat Hanson, Pat Levenske, Dani Mattson, Lyle Northey, Leif Zmolek, Kane Bolen, Aspen Winbigler, Deb Allert, Peggy B., Corine Sutherland

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#### SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 2- Virtual worship

Council meets at 10:30 AM.

Monday, August 3-13: Virtual VBS (see below)

Tuesday, August 4- 9 AM-Lectio Divina/Dig Deeper, online

Wednesday, August 5- Midweek devotions and announcements sent out

Next Sunday, August 9-Virtual Worship

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#### THANKS TO MICHAEL DENT!

Heartfelt expressions of gratitude are due to Michael Dent who has been our dedicated and hard-working treasurer these last five years. He has decided it's time to step back from that position

and take a well deserved respite. Michael made every effort to present clear, accurate, transparent financial reports for us and to stabilize our recording systems and financial transactions. He will be greatly missed as treasurer, but we are so very thankful for all he accomplished! His willingness to assist as needed during the time of transition to a new treasurer is also a real gift to our congregation. Since we can't meet in person to have a typical Sunday morning Coffee-time or Brunch occasion to say "thank you" in person, please let him know via cards, calls, or emails how much his work has been appreciated!

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#### SMART TEAM UPDATE

Our Smart Team met virtually on July 26, with Anne Skadberg, Anne-Lu Hovis, Phil Berge, Sharon Shelerud, Carol Carlson, Ed Lee, and Pastor Susan Berge present. We reviewed the present status of the Covid-19 pandemic both in our area and our nation; as all of us know, cases are rising everywhere, although our area has avoided a dramatic surge so far. We also defined which metrics seem most significant for us. We concluded that important metrics include the percent of positive test results, the time it takes for the doubling of cases, the sheer number of cases confirmed, and of course, hospitalization and death rates. Given the current situation and considering those metrics, we do not feel that we can change our primary recommendations until the case curve significantly lowers---not only for our state and area, but for the whole country to some extent, given how people travel. This means that in-building church worship is still on hold for the foreseeable future, but that small groups of 10 or less may continue to use the lower level(pending Council approval for August) if they obey the appropriate restrictions and schedule in advance through Melanie McMillion. We noted that this small group allowance could be stepped back if either (1)rules are not followed or (2)there is a surge of cases in our area. All of this will have implications for Christian education for children this fall, as well as what we consider most of the standard start-ups of typical fall programming. Groups involved in those areas will be looking for safe alternatives. Please feel free to contact any of our members with questions or comments! The Smart Team plans to meet again on August 23 for further consideration and discussion.

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#### SCAM ALERT!

Several area churches have experienced scams aimed at church members via email. In one, the scammer, purporting to be congregational Pastor, asks the recipient to purchase Amazon gifts cards to be distributed to volunteers as a gesture of thanks, and to send back the pertinent numbers once purchased. Whatever the variation, DO NOT purchase anything or send any kind of money before checking with the Pastor or whomever the email purports to be from!

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#### OFFERINGS

Please check the church newsletter for a financial update, and remember the importance of supporting the church through your mailed in offerings! P.O. Box 218, Knife River, MN 55609

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## WHO ARE WE MISSING?

We are attempting to cast our net wide in sending out these emails, along with postings on Facebook and our church website. Additionally, we are sending snail mail copies to those who are without online resources. If you know of someone we are missing, please let us know, so we may include them too!

## VBX UPDATE!!!

### Vacation Bible School Experience (VBX 2020)

### Theme: **He's Got the Whole World In His Hands**



Greetings Parents, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles and friends of VBXers:

This is an information follow-up for KRLC Summer 2020 virtual VBX experience. The theme for summer 2020 VBX is **“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands.”** The process will be:

- Access activity details. Activities will be posted on KRLC website and Facebook by August 3. If you have difficulty accessing, contact KRLC church office and we will send a set of materials via snail mail.
- Activities can be completed in any order during the designated VBX 10 day period, August 3 through 13.
- Photograph activities as you are able and submit to [hhedlund.dl@gmail.com](mailto:hhedlund.dl@gmail.com). The photos can be of the completed projects and/or the kids doing the projects. Photos must be submitted no later than August 13. Photos will be included as part of virtual VBX Sunday.
- Reminder: **Parents . . . by submitting photographs you are giving permission to include your child’s likeness as part of a KRLC service.**

- Participants ... Please notify the KRLC church office if you plan to participate. All participants will receive a Certificate of Participation. It will be sent to you by mail. You do not need to complete all activities in order to receive your certificate.
- On August 19, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., take your Certificate to the Knife River Candy Store to receive a complimentary bag of goodies from the store. To comply with current social distancing guidelines, the bags will be on the porch at the candy store.

If you have any questions, please contact [kniferiverchurch@gmail.com](mailto:kniferiverchurch@gmail.com) or [hhedlund.dl@gmail.com](mailto:hhedlund.dl@gmail.com).

We can hardly wait to see pictures of your VBX experience. Stay safe, stay well, have FUN!!

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MASK MESSAGE FROM JOANIE LEE We continue to make masks, and realize that masks wear out from wearing and washing. Please don't hesitate to ask for replacements. We have plenty. Contact at [joanielee14@gmail.com](mailto:joanielee14@gmail.com).