

## SUNDAY BULLETIN AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2020

### SERVICE ORDER

*Opening Music:* “Earth and All Stars”

*Welcome and Announcements*

*Prayer of the Day:* O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

*Lesson:* Romans 13:8-14

8 Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, ‘You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet’; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’ <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup> Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

*Special Music:* “It’s a Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood”

*Sermon*

*Sermon hymn:* “Bind Us Together”

*Prayer :* Holy God, help us to recognize Your face and our own face in our neighbors of every kind, and inspire us to find intelligent ways to love our neighbors and not to wrong them. As the coronavirus continues to spread, we pray for health professionals, the sick, and the healthy, that You would guide us to halt the progression of this disease. As schools start up, we pray for students, parents, teachers, and administrators, that You would foster learning and safeguard all involved. As election campaigns heat up, we pray for candidates and leaders, that You would foster integrity and wisdom in all. As racial injustice and strife continue, we pray for those oppressed and those oppressing, that You would foster understanding and justice for all involved. As a new Bishop has been elected for our Synod, we pray that You would grant to Bishop Elect Amy Odgren a wise and compassionate heart as we move forward together. Open our eyes to see Your beauty in the Creation and the people around us. We pray this in Christ’s name, Amen.

*Benediction*

*Closing Music:* “Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

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## WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Susan Berge

Church Musician: Carol Carlson

Lector: Paul von Goertz

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, Emma Durward, Bill Crandall

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

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

Today, Sunday, Sept.6-Virtual Worship

Tuesday, Sept. 8, 6 PM on Zoom, W/ELCA meets

Wednesday, Sept. 9, 9 AM-Quilters start up in person

Midweek devotions sent out

Sunday, Sept. 13-Virtual Worship; Gospel service!

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## COUNCIL UPDATE:

### USHERS WANTED FOR FUNERALS, BAPTISMS, PLUS CHURCH OFFICER CHANGES

At our Sept. 1 Council meeting, the Council passed the following recommendation from the Smart Team:

*We recommend that the church allow for the holding of small funerals/memorial services or Holy Baptisms with the following guidelines: 25 or less people in attendance, creating an usher team to assist in safe practices during the funeral, including greeting to see if masks are worn, disinfecting hands, seating with proper spacing and dismissal. Zoom capabilities should be*

*made available. No receptions or food serving would be allowed. This is contingent upon the creation of an usher team.*

This means that we can hopefully respond in a safe and responsible way to those who are dealing with concerns at the beginning or end of life; the grieving and the newly born. But doing so is dependent upon having a group of ushers(at least two, preferably more) who are willing to be called upon should such a need arise. Anne Lu Hovis has put together a list of instructions for such ushers to follow. Might you be willing to usher in such a situation? If so, please let Pastor Susan know. If no one feels able to do this, we will continue to not hold funerals/memorial services or baptisms at this time.

The Council also approved the appointing of Ed Lee as Church Treasurer, Michael Dent as Church Book keeper, and Helene Hedlund as Church Vice President. These appointments will hold until our next Annual Congregational Meeting, early in 2021. Thanks to Ed, Michael, and Helene for their willingness to serve our congregation in this way!

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## BISHOP ELECTION UPDATE

Duluth, Minnesota — The Rev. Amy Odgren has been elected bishop of the Northeastern Minnesota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). She succeeds Bishop Thomas Aitken who was elected bishop in 2008 and is retiring after serving two six-year terms. The election was held in an online virtual synod assembly on August 28 and 29. Bishop-elect Odgren was elected on the fifth ballot with 167 votes. The Rev. Dr. David Carlson, pastor of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Duluth, received 140 votes on that ballot. More than 300 voting members of the synod participated in the online assembly and election. Due to the pandemic, the assembly was postponed from May.

Bishop-elect Odgren currently serves as Assistant to the Bishop and Director of Evangelical Mission for the Northeastern Minnesota Synod. Prior to that she served as Assistant to the Bishop and Director of Evangelical Mission for the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin, and as pastor of ELCA congregations in Wisconsin. Ordained in 2001, she is a graduate of Warburg Theological Seminary, one of seven ELCA seminaries, and she completed a B.A. in education and psychology at Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minnesota. She has served on the Board of Directors and Presidential Search Committees at Wartburg Theological Seminary, as well as a volunteer and leader of numerous congregation- and community-based organizations. Concerning her role as bishop, Bishop-elect Odgren said “I see our principal challenge as engaging this culture as evangelists who share the gospel of Jesus in ways that will make a difference in the world. I think a bishop needs to listen extensively, pray often, and be bold to move the vision of the kingdom forward. And through this all, I trust in God’s resurrecting grace that keeps working and setting us free to love and serve.”

The new bishop takes office on November 1. ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton will preside at an installation to be held on October 17. Information on how to view the installation service online will be available prior to the event.

The Northeastern Minnesota Synod is one of six ELCA synods in Minnesota and 65 in the ELCA. Comprised of 130 ELCA congregations with about 55,000 members, it is one of the largest ELCA synods geographically, stretching from Princeton in the south to International Falls in the north, Brainerd in the west to Hovland in the northeast. Bishops are elected to six-year terms and may serve two terms.

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#### SPECIAL OFFERING OPPORTUNITY FOR THE DURWARD FAMILY

The Durward family of Knife River recently experienced a terrible accident, in which their four year old daughter, Emma, was run over by a vehicle in a church parking lot in Duluth. Emma was hospitalized and is now recovering at home for the most part. Our Council voted to give an immediate gift of \$500 to the family out of local outreach monies within our budget, but we also want to give individual members an opportunity to contribute to a further gift. Through November, we will receive checks to Knife River Lutheran Church with the designation “for the Durward family” as a part of this effort. Thank you for caring about our neighbors!

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#### WORLD HUNGER QUILT AUCTION GOES VIRTUAL

This year the usual quilt auction held at the Synod Assembly to raise money for world hunger will be held online from Sept. 9-12. If interested, go to this link to register, browse and bid!

<http://www.nemnsynod.org/synod-quilt-auction.html>

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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!

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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).

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