

WEEKLY NEWS ~ MAY 13, 2022



UPDATED COVID-19 POLICY

*The Council approved the decision that effective immediately the use of masks is optional in the church. We will have Coffee Hour/Fellowship Time after the church service for those who wish to stay.

*We will continue social distancing.

*The Council recommends that if someone is sick or having symptoms of any kind, that they please stay home and participate via Zoom, Facebook, or YouTube out of respect for others in the church.

*We continue to encourage vaccinations/boosters.

APRIL 26, 2022

An Invitation to visit Deacon Cora and St. Timothy Episcopal Church in Brookings Friday, May 20!

“Do this,” Jesus taught, as he passed bread at supper with his disciples. “Feed my sheep,” Jesus instructed Peter over a post-Resurrection beachside breakfast. Earlier, Jesus had said, “You give them something to eat,” when thousands of people had gathered for many hours to listen to his teaching on the plains and hillsides of Galilee. Followers of Jesus have, ever since, shared meals and friendship and acted to fill hungry bellies. But what happens when a local government makes a misguided decision to limit the number of meals without cost – in a way that would mean that residents of the town would go without a warm meal at least two days per week?

Our Episcopalian and ELCA Lutheran siblings in Christ at St. Timothy’s church in Brookings were faced with just that question when the city of Brookings passed an ordinance in October that limits “benevolent meals” to just two times per week per congregation. Given the city’s congregations’ limited participation levels in the Community Kitchen, obeying the ordinance would leave some days “hungry” – not to mention lonely – for some in the community.

Gloria Dei folks are warmly invited to come for lunch and visiting on Friday, May 20. Plan to arrive between 11 and 11:30 for a quick tour of the drop-in shower and advocacy ministry, followed by lunch (scratch-made sourdough pizza on Fridays!) served on picnic tables outdoors at noon (give or take). Weather-permitting, lunch will be followed by a tour of the adjacent new community garden. Dress to be outdoors, bring a mask for the indoor tour, and know that the St. Timothy’s family is eager to hear you tell them about the new housing project!

Please let the office know if you are attending and if you are planning to drive, so that we can ensure there is enough transportation for all. Participation is limited to 10, so please call the office soon to reserve your spot!

SOUTH COAST FOOD TOWN HALL

Food prices are expected to continue rising due to recent world events. Come to the South Coast Food Town Hall on May 17 from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm via ZOOM to learn about couponing, eating well within your budget, free food programs, and more! The event is FREE and targeted to residents of Coos & Curry Counties. Go to this link to register: <https://tinyurl.com/foodtownhall>

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

The office has received updated community information on a number of topics, including legal aid, housing options, AA and NA meetings, and low cost cell phone service. If you or someone you know could use this info, stop by or call the office to get the updates!

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE!

We have rapid tests for Covid 19, masks, and hand sanitizer. If you need any of these things at home or for another group you are part of, please let the church office know.

PRAYER BEADS

The basket of prayer beads has been re-stocked! Please consider giving them as gifts – graduation, Father's Day (or late Mother's Day), birthday, Wedding... any occasion, really! We have many colors and bead styles available – check them out in the basket in the office!

CONFIRMATION REMINDER!

A reminder: there is Confirmation this Sunday! Confirmation will be from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm in the Adult Sunday School Room * The room is WRONG in the bulletin! Please get a snack from Coffee Hour and come to the Adult Sunday School Room after church!

COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS

We are all enjoying snacks, drinks, and most especially spending time with each other after church on Sundays! People willing to help provide and serve food for Coffee Hour are needed. If you are willing to help with this, please contact Kathy Whitwer at 541-756-4255.

LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL/GRADUATE RECOGNITION

The last day of Sunday School for this school year will be May 22. We will also recognize our 2022 graduates on that Sunday. Please join us for this special day, and if you know of a graduate (high school or college/graduate school) please let the office know so that we don't miss recognizing someone for all their hard work!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As we continue to worship in person, we need volunteers for Sunday mornings! There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex for greeters, ushers, and readers. The Flower Chart is on the wall near the office. Please sign up the help as you are able.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY THIS WEEKEND!

Pastor Alyssa and Council President Linda Strine are attending our Synod Assembly this weekend! We have a special, pre-recorded sermon from our Bishop, and we will celebrate the Service of the Word (no Communion) on May 15.

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Pray for our Bishop, her staff, and all the people at our Synod Assembly this weekend!