Weekly News ~~ June 17, 2022

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With much sadness, we share the news of Dorothy Miller's death the morning of June 14, 2022. We live into the promise of God, our shepherd, who leads beside still waters, trusting that death does not have the last word.

A memorial service will be held at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church on Saturday, June 25, 2022, at 11:00 am. All are welcome to attend in-person or by Zoom. A luncheon will be provided "to go" following the service.

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." Psalm 23:1

JUNETEENTH

This Sunday is Juneteenth. Juneteenth is an annual commemoration of the day the last slaves (in Texas) were informed that they were free and that the Civil War was over—June 19, 1865. This was more than two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation was signed on January 1, 1863. African Americans have celebrated Juneteenth since 1865. In 2021 the day was made a Federal Holiday for the United States of America.

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REVISED COVID-19 POLICY

The Gloria Dei Church Council decided, given the most recent Covid 19 data indicating that Coos County has very quickly moved to the Community Risk level of HIGH, we should return to the status of "masks required" in the building beginning Sunday, June 12.

Coffee Hour will still take place under cover in the entry to the church.

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.

We will continue to follow the numbers in hopes of returning to masks optional soon.

Linda Strine, Council President
June 9, 2022

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!
   VBS is coming soon! We hope you'll spread the word for kids grade K - 5 to pre-register. (Registration forms are in the church office.)
   The morning sessions will be the week of July 11 - 15, 9:30 - 11:30. We'll be following the ELCA World Hunger curriculum, "Tree of Healing". Each morning we'll have singing, Bible lesson, crafts, and games & simulation activities from other countries of the world served by ELCA World Hunger.
   Please prayerfully consider helping with this fun ministry, even if you're not available to participate each day. We'll need teacher assistants, older youth assistants, help with snacks. Let Pastor Alyssa know if you'd like to help.

OFFICE CLOSED
The Gloria Dei Church Office will be closed Monday for the Juneteenth holiday. Barbara is going out of town, so the office will also be closed Tuesday. Please leave a message or send an email, and someone will get back to you as soon as possible (which may be Wednesday).

SAVE THE DATE!
"God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday is September 11. Save the date and watch for more info as we get closer to the day. New resources are available this year; if you would like to help organize this day of service to our community in conjunction with Lutherans nationwide, please let the office know.

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE: 52 in person, 14 online

VISITORS THIS WEEK!

ADVOCACY

Many of us across the world have experienced or are experiencing the effects of floods, hurricanes, tornadoes and wildfires. Join faith leaders in contacting Congress to call for more adaptive, responsive and low-income-focused policies to best address natural disasters — root causes of hunger — that impact our communities. Send a customized message today through the ELCA Action Center.

https://support.elca.org/site/Advocacy?pagename=homepage&page=UserAction&id=1427

WAR IN UKRAINE

There is still a war in Ukraine, and people are affected all throughout Easter Europe and the entire world. Please use this link if you want to help by donating to Lutheran Disaster Response: https://www.elca.org/our-work/relief-and-development/lutheran-disaster-response

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Learn more about Juneteenth!