

WEEKLY NEWS ~ MAY 6, 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.

CONFIRMATION REMINDER!

A reminder from Pastor Alyssa that there is Confirmation this Sunday! Confirmation will be from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm in the Logos Room. Please get a snack from Coffee Hour and come to the Logos 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 NEXT WEEKEND!

Pastor Alyssa and Council President Linda Strine will be attending our Synod Assembly next weekend (May 13 – 15). We will have a special, pre-recorded sermon from our Bishop, and celebrate the Service of the Word (no Communion) on May 15.

CAREGIVING CLASS FOR VOLUNTEERS

Powerful Tools for Caregivers is an educational program designed to help unpaid caregivers take care of themselves while caring for an older relative or friend.

Dates: MAY 11, 18, 25 & JUNE 1, 8, 15 2022

Times: 3:00 – 4:30 pm OR 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Due to the changing times, these classes will only be offered online. Internet access is required. When you call to pre-register, our support team will provide an orientation and training session to answer any questions and guide you to successful participation in the class.

To register: Contact Char 541.297.9256 – charluther@gmail.com

Cost: Classes are FREE. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Book to accompany class is also free while supplies last.

This is a six-week series and meets online for 90 minutes each week. Class limited to 12.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED NO LATER THAN NOON on MAY 7th, 2022

UPDATE FROM LUTHERWOOD

WORK DAY UPDATE: Don't get stuck in the mud! Due to an extra rainy spring, the Work Day scheduled for May 7 has been postponed. Plan to attend a huge, get-camp-ready Work Day party on June 4! All are welcome! Lunch and snack provided, RSVP today so we can be ready for you!

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**STEWARDSHIP IS...reusing something.**

**Old towels have many great uses, including sopping up water  
from the floor!!!**