

August 6, 2020

Opportunities for ministry and fellowship in, through and around All Saints

Join us for worship at 9:00 am at www.facebook.com/allsaintswaleswi

Or join us in the parking lot and tune in to AM 1610



In the Gospel for the 10th Sunday after Pentecost, we hear the familiar story of Jesus walking on water after dark as he approaches the disciples who are out on the lake in a boat. The disciples were afraid because they did not recognize him. Jesus said to them, "Be brave. It is I. Don't be afraid." Peter, who tended to be a bit impulsive, replied, "Lord, is it you? If it is, tell me to come to you on the water." Jesus told him to come, and Peter began to walk on the water towards Jesus. Peter was fine. Until he paid attention to the wind and the waves. Fear took over and he began to sink. "Lord, save me!" he cried. Jesus immediately reached out to help Peter and said, "Your faith is so small. Why did you doubt me?"

God calls us, actually commands us, to love our neighbors and to serve others. Each person's calling differs according to the gifts and passions we have been given by the Holy Spirit. Sometimes we are called to do small things. Sometimes we are called to step out in faith, out of our comfort zones, not sure of what lies ahead, where we are going, or how to find the way. That can be enough to make us tell God to choose someone else to get the job done. Like Moses did.

When that happens, think about Peter. He was fine walking on water. With his eyes fixed on Jesus. Until he paid attention to the wind and the waves and let fear and doubt rush in. But Jesus was right there to help him and calm his fear.

We are living in a new reality for the church. We may never return to the way things were before the pandemic. The world right now can be a frightening and unsettling place. Uncertainty continues about jobs, school, worship, travel, health and well being, etc.

In the midst of this year unlike any other, God is still calling us to be the church. To love and serve our neighbors. Let's be open to new and different ways of answering that call. Let's silence the voices that tell us we aren't good enough, or talented enough, or ask "What will people think of us?"

God doesn't call the equipped. He equips those who are called. Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus and let God work through you. You'll be surprised at what will be accomplished to the glory of God.

Join us for a Circle Conversation
Monday, August 10
7:00 pm on the patio

We'll be discussing Episode 7 from
"Uncomfortable Conversations
with a Black Man"

Bring a lawn chair and please wear a mask.



Sunday,
August 9

after
worship

bring your
own gloves

Please join us on Sunday, August 9 as we clean up Highway E between Highways 83 and D. We'll start after the service and should be finished in 20 minutes or so because the youth have already cleaned about half of the highway. Please bring gloves; vests will be provided. Contact Kathy Theis at 262 968-4482 if you can help; or, just show up in the church parking lot! Thanks!!

FINANCIAL MATTERS

We are OK. At the end of July, our income and our expenses are about where we expected, even with this pandemic disruption. We are \$2,000 AHEAD of where we were last year. THANK YOU for your faithful generosity!

Pastor Roy and the Worship and Music people are working on ways to make our electronic worship more engaging because we think that is the future of the church, even after we are back to in-person worship as we remember.

We do not know what the next several months will bring; we are counting on everyone's continuing faithful participation.

THANK YOU for your generous support!

George Corliss, Treasurer

DEADLINE FOR THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER IS FRIDAY, AUGUST 14.



We have a
new SCRIP
coordinator

Barb Deichl has graciously volunteered to serve as our Scrip Coordinator beginning now!

Please order Scrip by contacting Barb through email at bldras@wi.rr.com or by calling 262-968-9494 (home) or 262-893-8616 (cell).

As always, we have many commonly used cards for gas stations, grocery stores, restaurants, retail stores and discount stores. If a special order is needed, an order placed generally arrives within 3-4 days. So, if you order something on a Sunday, we can 98% guarantee that you will get the card the following Sunday. If you need a card during the week, you can make arrangements with Barb to pick it up. If you order during the week, please make payment arrangements with Barb.

Thanks for supporting our Scrip program. ***It has made a difference to so many!*** In the past, we have made donations to the Lake Area Free Clinic, Hope Center, Hephatha Lutheran Church, World Hunger, Disaster Relief, the Songoro Parish, and various other causes.

It's free money that does so much good in the world!

The Human Concerns team



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