

Weekly Update from Our Saviour's Lutheran Church – July 6, 2020

Dear Friends in Christ,

I have a number of things to share with you this week. I can't think of any topical way of organizing them, so I'm just going to give you a list:

#1. Please remember our new worship schedule. We had our first indoor service and it went very well. We continue to offer a number of options and we will do so for the foreseeable future.

*Every week we offer online worship. We actually now have two options, the shorter, devotional services we've been offering and the new livestreaming of our worship service.

Please check them both out!

*We have an outdoor service at 9:00 .am. every Sunday.

*We have worship in our worship space at 10:15.

And by the way, a lot of people are doing a lot of work to make all this possible. Thank you to all who are helping!

#2. 7 boxes of clothes are heading to India! I need to share with you the completion of a story

that began last January. In January one of our members, Glory Gopinath, decided she would collect clothes to send to her home area in India. She asked for donations; the social ministry committee said they would help with costs of shipping. The response has been outstanding!

Glory had hoped to send 5 large boxes of clothes, she is sending 7! With all the COVID challenges this has taken longer than we anticipated. But the clothes are on their way. It is exciting to see ministry continue even in these times. Thank you Glory and to all who have worked and shared with this!

#3. Just a pastoral thought – we live in times that call for endurance and patience. I know we all

wish this COVID pandemic was over. But it's not, and I suspect it won't be for awhile. My hope is that we as Christians can keep on modeling a patience and caring and giving that helps the rest of our society. We know that God is at work, even in challenging times. This is the first pandemic we've seen, but God has seen them before. And He will care for and sustain His people. Knowing that, we continue to be people who are careful and caring in the midst of all this. May our Lord lead us onward!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Mark

Thursday Morning Bible Study Has Resumed

Remember that our Thursday morning Bible study has started up again! They meet on Thursdays at 10:00 in the fellowship hall. Please come and join us!

Online NALC Mission Convocation

Every year in August the NALC holds a Mission Convocation. Delegates and pastors from all the congregations in the NALC gather to worship, renew, and do the business of the national church. Each year we send one or two delegates and Pastor Mark.

This year, due to health concerns resulting from the coronavirus pandemic, the NALC will not be able to meet in person. The convocation will instead be on line. The good news about this is that you are all invited to check it out! All of our members can be part of all of the whole event or a segment. Our church council will appoint one voting delegate, but everyone can join in. This events really are fun. The NALC has intentionally focused on worship and proclamation and renewal at the convocation. The intent is to “fire up the church”. Please consider joining. Here is some preliminary information:

The 2020 NALC Mission Convocation will meet online in two sessions Aug. 7-8 under the theme “2020 Vision.” The online meetings will be held 5-8 pm. CT on Friday, Aug. 7, and 1-5 p.m. CT on Saturday, Aug. 8. Arrangements have been made so that there can be online discussion and voting. A major focus of the convocation will be the 2020 Vision prepared by Bishop Dan Selbo.

Walls to Bridges Worship Service

Walls to Bridges is a group of pastors in Tyler that works to bridge racial divides in our city. They are hosting a worship service for the entire community on Friday evening, July 24. It will be an outdoor service on the Square in downtown Tyler at 6:00 p.m. Come and join with Christians from across our city to praise God and to prayer for Tyler and our nation.