

Weekly Update from Our Saviour's Lutheran Church – November 2, 2020

Dear Friends in Christ,

I've been curious as I move toward retirement to see how many pastoral acts I've shared in over my years of ministry. I decided to pull out my records and do some counting. I discovered that over my years of ministry I've done 311 baptisms, 126 weddings, and 224 funerals. I couldn't begin to count all the hospital calls I've made, but I'm guessing they are in the 1000s. And I've probably had 1000s of cups of coffee as I've stopped by to visit with people.

I've been blessed to share in ministry with many, many people. So many different circumstances, so many different events. But as I reflect I realize that the one constant in all that I've shared has been the grace and love of God. In a variety of different areas, in a variety of different circumstances, it has always been God's care that has supported me and the people I've shared with. Especially with the benefit of hindsight, that is so obvious to see. The Good Lord has carried me, and you, all along.

I've been blessed to share in a long ministry. I've been particularly blessed to serve here at Our Saviour's. Thank you for all your support and care.

God Bless,
Pastor Mark

Send off Celebration

Send off celebration for Pastor Mark on Saturday November 14th from 4-6pm.

Socially distanced- outside. (Pray for NO rain)

BBQ dinner

Please contact Kristin Blaise for help with sides, desserts and drinks (regular and alcoholic varieties).

Call or text 903.521.7158 or blazenpink@yahoo.com

There is a sign up sheet in the narthex.

Request for Sunday, November 15

We are thinking that we will probably have a large crowd for worship on Sunday, Nov. 15 as that is Pastor Mark's final Sunday. We are looking forward to a special day, but we are also concerned to continue to keep worship as safe as we possibility can. Given that we have a request. For those who are willing and able, please consider attending the 9:00 outdoor worship service on that day. We have plenty of room for social distancing outside, we can handle a big crowd very safely. That will help to keep the 10:30 indoor service smaller, so that we can stay within the COVID guidelines we have set.

Thank you for taking a look at this.

Live Streaming of Worship Service Each Week

Remember each Sunday we livestream our worship service at 10:30. Please do watch. You can watch right at 10:30 or anytime thereafter. To find the livestream, just go to our congregation's website. The link is on the first page.

Attention Christmas Shoebox Elves

Be sure on Sunday mornings to look for the "Operation Christmas Child" display tables. There will be one in the narthex, and one by the south fence gate. You can pick up your shoebox, and see some great gift ideas.

Thank you, and happy shopping!

Socializing Caution Requested

With attendance for the indoor service increasing, socializing in the Narthex has increased also. Please help Our Saviour's remain COVID free and allow others to navigate freely to the exits by taking socializing out of the Narthex.