

# WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

LUKE 10:29

**Called by the Spirit, we serve Christ, sharing God's love with all.**

**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**WE WELCOME** all who worship with us today! We extend a special greeting to our visitors and invite you to worship with us again soon. Please make yourselves known to our pastor and people.

**COME TO THE FELLOWSHIP TIME BEFORE AND AFTER THE WORSHIP SERVICE**  
Gather in the Nave Lounge to enjoy refreshments, talk with fellow worshippers, greet people you don't know, make new friends, enjoy your time at First and share the love of Christ.

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION** Lutheran Christians believe that in the sacrament of Holy Communion, by the power of God's Word and Holy Spirit, we receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ, along with the bread and wine, for our forgiveness and salvation. If you share in this belief, you are welcome to participate with us. Non-communicating children and adults may come forward to receive a blessing. White grape juice is available, as well as gluten free wafers. If you desire to receive communion at your pew, please alert an usher during the prelude.

**A NOTE TO PARENTS:** First Lutheran Church welcomes children of all ages to be a part of our worship services. Children's Bibles are located in the pews and a number of items are available on a cart in the Nave Lounge to help them (and you) have a pleasant worship experience. We hope you enjoy these activities in church and at home!!

**CHILDCARE:** If you prefer, you may leave your preschool children in our well-equipped, staffed nursery during the service. Or, if you need to take a walk with your child, our speaker system provides audio of the service in the Nave Lounge and Library.

**WHEELCHAIR** available in the north entranceway or in the church office.  
**EARPHONES** for the hearing impaired and **LARGE PRINT BULLETINS.**

**PLEASE, NO FOOD OR DRINK IN THE MAIN WORSHIP CENTER.**

# THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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HOLY COMMUNION, EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP, SETTING TEN

5:00 P.M. & 10:00 A.M.

JULY 13 & 14, 2019

*Before worship, talk to God. During worship, let God talk to you. After worship, talk to your fellow worshipper.*

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**PRELUDE** “*Andante Religioso*”

(F. Thome, 1850-1909)

*Congregation shall stand or sit, as able.*

**CHIMES**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor, let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: God of mercy,

**C: we confess that we have sinned against you, against one another, and against the earth entrusted to our care. We are worried and distracted by many things, and we fail to love you above all else. We store up treasures for ourselves and turn away from our neighbors in need. Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: When we were laid low by sin and guilt, God made us alive together with Christ, forgiving us † all our trespasses by taking our sins to the cross. For freedom Christ has set us free: Rejoice in this good news!

**C: Amen.**

**532 GATHERING SONG** “*Gather Us In*”

**GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
 Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
 Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
 on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
 Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
 Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
 For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

*Congregation shall sit.*

### WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung, and preached.*

### FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:9-14

*Moses calls the people who are about to enter the promised land to renew the covenant God made with their ancestors. Through this covenant God gives life and asks for obedience. God's commandment is neither burdensome nor too far off, but dwells in the people's own hearts.*

<sup>9</sup>The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, <sup>10</sup>when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

<sup>11</sup>Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away.

<sup>12</sup>It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" <sup>13</sup>Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" <sup>14</sup>No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 25:1-10**      (*Spoken Responsively with Lector*)

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

**<sup>2</sup>My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

**<sup>4</sup>Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

**<sup>6</sup>Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

**<sup>8</sup>You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

<sup>9</sup>You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

**<sup>10</sup>All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

### **SECOND READING: Colossians 1:1-14**

*The letter to the Colossians was written to warn its readers of various false teachings. The first part of the letter is an expression of thanks for the faith, hope, and love that mark this community, including a prayer for strength and courage from Paul.*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

<sup>2</sup>To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

<sup>3</sup>In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>4</sup>for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, <sup>5</sup>because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel <sup>6</sup>that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. <sup>7</sup>This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, <sup>8</sup>and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

<sup>9</sup>For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup>so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. <sup>11</sup>May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup>He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Congregation shall stand or sit, as able.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37**

*Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. Jesus tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.*

<sup>25</sup>Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup>He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" <sup>27</sup>He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." <sup>28</sup>And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

<sup>29</sup>But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' <sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" <sup>37</sup>He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.      C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Congregation shall sit.*

## **NOISY OFFERING**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## **SERMON**

**Ann McConkey, PMA**

## **708 HYMN OF THE DAY** “*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*”

*Congregation shall stand or sit, as able.*

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,**

**the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

A: Joining our voices with God's people around the world, let us offer our prayers for those in need.

*A brief silence.*

A: For the church, steadfast and faithful in its mission to proclaim redemption through Christ Jesus; for all ministers of the gospel who proclaim that the word is near, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

A: For areas affected by drought or storms; for livestock and fields; for ranchers and farmers; and for all stewards of the earth, that as God's goodness is revealed in creation, we act with justice toward all creatures, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

A: For lawyers and advocates; for local, regional, and national governments; and for peace throughout the world, that God send gracious and upright leaders to govern with mercy and truth, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

A: For those who feel ashamed; for those who find it difficult to trust; for the bereaved and sick (*especially - see bulletin page 11*), that God provide compassionate and loving caregivers to all who suffer, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

*The Assisting Minister offers additional prayers.*

A: For the members of the body of Christ in this place; for those who do good works in our midst; for those who are visiting and those who are absent, that the Holy Spirit guide all the journeys of our lives, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

A: For our ancestors who have inspired us by their lives of faith, that thankful for their witness, we can confidently proclaim our salvation, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

P: Merciful God, you hear the prayers of your people even before they are spoken. We commend these and all our prayers to you, trusting in your abundant mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**PEACE** P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

*The ministers and the assembly may greet one another with a gesture of Christ's peace, and may say these or similar words: Peace be with you.*

*Congregation shall sit.*

## **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**OFFERING** *Please place attendance form in the offering plate.*

*"Air on G String"*

*(J. S. Bach)*

*Congregation shall stand or sit, as able.*

**491 OFFERING SONG** *"Come, Let Us Eat"* Stanzas 1 & 2

**OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Blessed are you, O God,

**C: for the greening earth given for all, for the talents we are given to share, and for this bread and wine. Transform us to be the body of Christ, that, feasting on this food and drink, our lives may reflect your generosity; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**



## GREAT THANKSGIVING

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

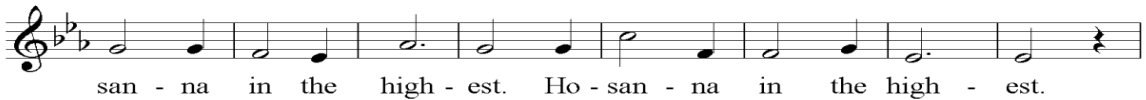
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

hymn 190



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

P: God invites you to this table of bounty. Come, the banquet is ready.

*Congregation shall sit.*

### COMMUNION SONG “Lamb of God”

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1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer - cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer - cy now, we pray.  
e - ter - nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

### COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

### COMMUNION VOLUNTARY “Blessed Assurance”

(arr. G. Near)

### 477 COMMUNION HYMN “I Received the Living God”

*Congregation shall stand or sit, as able.*

### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

**C: Amen.**

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### BLESSING

P: Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him, and abound in thanksgiving;  
and the blessing of the holy Trinity, † one God, be upon you and remain with you forever.

**C: Amen.**

### 886 SENDING SONG “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

### DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Christ is sending you.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE “March”

(G.F. Handel, 1685-1759)

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**THANK YOU** to *Ann McConkey, PMA* for leading worship this weekend.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by *Ron Bessler in memory of his mother and by Ann & Erv Sanders in honor of Metabel E. Sanders' 8<sup>th</sup> birthday.*

**PULPIT FLOWERS** are given by *Richard & Judy Price in celebration of their 53<sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary.*

**ETERNAL CANDLE FOR JULY** is given by *Margaret Stewart in loving memory of Bill.*

**PARENTS'** take this bulletin home for a fun game with your kids! Have them search through the bulletin and circle or highlight **this week's word: MERCY.**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:**

Pastor Jenny Jackson (home), Twila Zeigler (home), Jeani Anderson (home), Ann Sanders (home), Rob Peterson (home), Breck Edds (home), Ann Johnson (home), Vera Pearce (home), Ken Sherbert (home), Charlotte Weddle (CDO Teacher), Julie Bradley (Caring for Kids 1<sup>st</sup> Director), Jerry Manning (friend of Nancy Sherbert), C.A. Brunkhorst (Ann Sanders' father), Ken Buch (Verla's son), Mary Roesch (Tracy's mother-in-law), Micah Ewing (friend of the Lubers), Joan Stahlman (Joyce Koenig's sister-in-law), Lynette Kottas (Eileen Caspers' mother), Pete Godlove (Michelle Black's father), Dan Lykins (cousin of Nancy Sherbert), Nancy Isley Wolfe (friend of the Wolgasts), Linda Deines (Karen Papp's sister), Ben Beery (friend of Haden Roark), Jerome Gutierrez (Dolores Ussery's nephew), Heather Roesch (Tracy's sister-in-law), Norm Stahl (friend of Carolyn Olson), Katelynn Herring (Jeanie Schuler's great-niece), Bob Avery (friend of Carolyn Olson), Robin Michael (daughter of friend of Nancy Vaughn), Mary Lou Brunkhorst (Ann Sanders' mother), Linda Myers (Trudi's daughter-in-law), David Metzenthin (Bud & Lois' son), Annika Lundgren (friend of the Engelhardts).

**LAY MINISTERS TODAY**

**10:00 am**

<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Jeff Montague
<b>Lector</b>	Robert Hanna
<b>Acolyte</b>	Adam Crawford
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Alan Hageman, Richard Price
<b>Presenting the Gifts</b>	Randy Debenham, Chris Lear
<b>Council Member Team</b>	Bob Wollin / Catherine Esquibel
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Nancy Vaughn
<b>Ushers</b>	David Drake, Maureen Krumins
<b>North Door / South Door Greeters</b>	Chad & Sandy Liby / Anita Nelson, Nancy Vaughn
<b>Coffee Host</b>	Lu Heisler
<b>Bus Driver &amp; Host/Hostess</b>	Bryce & Judy Cripps
<b>Saturday Lector / Altar Guild / CA</b>	Ron Bessler / Nancy Sherbert / Dave Krug
<b>Stephen Minister 7/15-21/2019</b>	Lowell Chellberg

## Practicing Mercy

Today's gospel is a familiar story, perhaps even more than simply familiar—for many, it is a favorite parable. Knowing he is being tested, Jesus tells the legal expert a story about a man who has been hurt and the one who rescues and cares for him.

So, what did the Samaritan actually do in the story? If we look at the actions in the text, we see that the Samaritan drew near, saw the beaten man, was moved with compassion, went to him, poured wine and oil on his wounds to clean and soothe them, bandaged him, brought him to safety, took care of him, and arranged for the innkeeper to continue care in his absence—all at the Samaritan's own expense.

In what ways is our worship an opportunity to practice for a life of service, offering mercy to those who are suffering?

We *draw near* to one another: we sit shoulder to shoulder with people who might be very different from us. We *see* each other: over the months and years, we learn to really love each other as we are. We are *moved with compassion*: as we share our prayer concerns, we are vulnerable with one another and feel tenderness for those who are suffering. As we share the peace of Christ, we *move toward* each other in kind and loving ways. We even practice *offering* what we have to help others. The man in the story offered the oil and wine he had with him, and we offer canned goods for food pantries, quilts for Lutheran World Relief, school supplies for students, time, talents, and monetary gifts.

Having been nourished by the practice of mercy in our worship life, we are strengthened to “go and do likewise” (Luke 10:37)—to draw near, see, care, help, and pour out what we have been given to those we encounter.

## LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

**July 21<sup>st</sup> – Sixth Pentecost**

**10:00 am**

<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Michelle Black
<b>Lector</b>	Jeff Montague
<b>Acolyte</b>	Connor Black
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Nancy Besta, Char Taggart
<b>Presenting the Gifts</b>	Barb Collins, Ruth Denno
<b>Council Member Team</b>	Ted Ensley / LaVerne Engelhardt
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Karen & Bob Wollin
<b>Ushers</b>	Ted & Elna Ensley
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<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	Ted & Elna Ensley
<b>Bus Driver &amp; Host/Hostess</b>	Bryce & Judy Cripps
<b>Saturday Lector / Altar Guild / CA</b>	Sherrie Petersen / Karen Wollin / Sherrie Petersen
<b>Stephen Minister 7/22-28/2019</b>	Carolyn Olson

## ✠ IN THE FIRST PLACE THIS WEEK ✠

*Caring For Kids 1<sup>st</sup> Summer School Age Childcare Program Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.*

**TODAY FIFTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST**

10:00 a.m. – Holy Communion

4:00-8:30 p.m. – Parish Hall in Use

Confirmation Camp at Tomah Shinga thru the 19<sup>th</sup>

**Monday, July 15**

12:30 p.m. – Staff Meeting

**Tuesday, July 16**

HAPPY TUESDAY

**Wednesday, July 17**

First Volunteers at Let's Help

9:00 a.m. – What-Sew-Ever

1:15 p.m. – WELCA Lois Group (202)

6:00 p.m. – Read, Pray, Sing Worship (Chapel)

6:30 p.m. – WELCA Martha Group (PH)

**Thursday, July 18**

5:30 p.m. – Endowment Committee

**Friday, July 19**

HAPPY FRIDAY

**Saturday, July 20**

5:00 p.m. – Holy Communion (Chapel)

**Sunday, July 21**

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST**

10:00 a.m. – Holy Communion

**LESSONS JULY 20 & 21**

Genesis 18:1-10a    Psalm 15

Colossians 1:15-28    Luke 10:38-42

**USHERS:** To provide consistency, a list of usher responsibilities have been developed. Please review and follow the laminated list of usher responsibilities placed on top of the bulletins and/or in the drawer of the table at the back of the sanctuary where the bulletins are placed.

To continue our efforts to increase security at church, the **SECURITY COMMITTEE** has recommended and the **Council** has approved the policy to **lock the outside doors 10 minutes after worship starts and unlock them 10 minutes before worship ends.** The doors are not locked for someone exiting, just to someone entering. The council team members will be in the narthex during worship to recognize if someone needs entrance during worship. This change took effect July 7, 2019.



# PARISH NOTICES

**DOORSTEP IS OPEN MONDAY – FRIDAY, 8:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.**

**We are located at 1119 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Street (10<sup>th</sup> & Buchanan).**

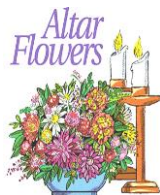
We ask that you do not leave donations outside our building when we are not here. They often become a parking lot mess. Thank you!

**Our focus for CHRISTMAS IN JULY is household items, health kit items, toys, school supplies, gifts for men and women, sheet sets, and blankets.**

Please look over the **Christmas in July flyer (located next to the Doorstep cart)** and see how you can help. Doorstep continues to be successful helping people in need because of our member congregations who are working together to provide for their neighbors in need. If everyone pitches in just a little, big things will happen!

## **ALTAR FLOWERS – NEW FLORIST AND NEW PRICES**

**SEASONAL EFFECTS BY MARK LAMANTIA** will be providing our altar and pulpit flowers **beginning August 1, 2019**. Mark has been a floral designer for more than 40 years in Topeka. After many years at the same cost, we also will be increasing the price of the flowers as of August 1 to **\$25 per vase and \$50 for pulpit flowers**. If you have previously committed to providing flowers but no longer wish to do so because of this increase, please contact Jeanie Schuler as soon as possible. Questions? Please call Jeanie Schuler 785-845-7964.



**NEXT MAGI MOMENTS AND POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP  
AUGUST 4, 2019.**



**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** coming to church **August 11<sup>th</sup>** before and after worship. Stay tuned for an online sign up and information about registering. **Save the date to help save a life.**

## **MONTH TWO OF OUR SUMMER BIBLE READING PROGRAM!**

It's never too late to start reading the Bible. This summer during the months of June, July, and August, we are reading the Gospels together. An outline of readings are found in the back of the sanctuary and also in a daily Facebook post. Let us join our hearts as we read the story of Jesus this summer. May God bless you in your reading of God's Holy Word.



Please see the **Adventures in Learning!** newsletter from Shepherd's Center of Topeka [www.shepherdscentertopeka.org](http://www.shepherdscentertopeka.org) on the bulletin board outside the church office.

*Shepherd's Center of Topeka is a community ministry whose mission is to operate a volunteer senior's organization that enhances physical well-being, spiritual growth, & education for life.*

## **WOODFEST, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>**

**Please see the poster in the Nave Lounge - a fun evening in the Flint Hills!**