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From the Pastor:

As we begin the walk of this green, growing Pentecost season, the way marked out for us is a two-fold call: That God's will be done, and to tell how much God has done for us. There have been all kinds of ways of describing how to make these tasks part of our daily walk: Books, workshops, seminars, sermons . . . I think one of the most faithful, simple, and delightful propositions comes from Jean Vanier, a leader in the development of L'Arche communities.

L'Arche communities are intentional places where people with intellectual disabilities and assistants (some of whom are volunteers) choose to live and work together. Jean Vanier created ten rules for living, rules that aren't limited to participants in L'Arche communities, but for all people:

- Accept the reality of your body.
- Talk about your emotions and difficulties.
- Don't be afraid of not being successful.
- In a relationship, take the time to ask, "How are you?"
- Stop looking at your phone; be present.
- Ask people, "What is your story?"
- Be aware of your own story.
- Stop prejudice: meet people.
- Listen to your deepest desire.
- Remember that you'll die one day.

How can these suggestions help you to listen for God's will? How can these 'rules' help you to shape your story of faith? How do these suggestions lead you into relationship with everyone you meet? What surprises you? What do you want to ponder?

Discipleship, following Jesus, is never an 'at once' 'all of a sudden' proposition. The first disciples might have walked away from their first careers, but it took developmental time for them to glimpse a little bit of God's intentions through Jesus. They continued to be confused, to wrestle for status; they became afraid when they experienced the tremendous power of God in Jesus; they were jealous, and frustrated. But they kept walking, they kept asking, they kept observing, they kept listening, they kept learning and wondering and trying.

This list is one set of possibilities for us as we walk and grow across all the days there are before us.

Peace, Pastor Suellen

1-5-10-Blowout Focus for July

In May our focus was local: \$1 offerings for Meals on Wheels. In June we went global with \$5 offerings for the World Food Programme: Yemen.

This July, we are back home, with a national focus in support of veterans and their families, through our prayers and our \$10 offerings for Fisher Houses.

Fisher House Foundation is best known for a network of comfort homes where military and veterans' families can stay at no cost while a loved one is receiving treatment. These homes are located at major military and VA medical centers nationwide, and, in Europe, close to the medical center or hospital it serves. More than 32,000 families were served in 2018. Since its inception, the program has saved military and veterans' families an estimated \$451 million in out-of-pocket costs for lodging and transportation.

Vacation Bible School

VBS is July 8-12 and the theme is "**Where Jesus Walked.**"

Sign up if you haven't already done so!

Mission Endowment News

The Mission Endowment Committee has established a scholarship program that is open to all post high school learners. Scholarships will be available for accredited institutions such as vocational, technical, trade, community college, and universities. The number of scholarships awarded and the amount will be determined by the Mission Endowment Committee. Scholarship applications will be available in the church office after July 15th.

Unless otherwise requested, people named in the prayers will stay on the Urgent list for 30 days. **Prayer Concerns—Ongoing:** *Those who are ill, homebound, or in need of other prayers:* Wynn Stafford; Ginny Barton's friend Golda; Marian Aleckson; Linda Babcock and grandson Josiah; Aiden Lindstrom; Roseann Foster-Mikhail's mother Rose; Sharon Lee's relative Terri; Kay Qualheim's niece Sherry; Matthew Green; Virginia Haacke.

Urgent: *Those who are ill or in need of other prayers:* Colleen Barnett and her niece Linda; Kay Qualheim's niece Sue; Shirla Rapp's cousin Julie; Pat Edwards; Joni Pokorny's friends Becky Folkner and Mary Dean; Kim Butenschoen's friends Pauline, Frank, and Lana; Doug Glenn's cousin Lee; Roberta Vidlund's friends Jim and Betty; Virginia McCormick's relative Veronica; Elaine Walter's brother-in-law, Bob; Bob and Audrey Magnuson; Lois Boro's friends Red & Kendra; Cathey Myers' friend, Frank.

Those who are grieving: The family and friends of Bob Law. Bob's service will be **Saturday, July 13 at 2 p.m. here.** The family and friends of John Morris, whose service will be here on **Saturday, July 13, at 5 p.m.**

July Birthdays

Gavin Hills, July 2
Karen Arendt, July 5
Shar Giard, July 5
Shannon Kelsay, July 6
Clara Shortt, July 6
Scott Blohm, July 8

Elaine Kahler, July 8
Opal Ballad-Beach, July 11
Katie Crouse, July 12
Braden Kelley, July 12
Kevin Blohm, July 13
Jack Hurlman, July 15
Bea Jarvie, July 17

Marian Aleckson, July 19
Melissa Solberg, July 20
Orion Michalek, July 25
Trevor Smith, July 27
Larry Stoffregen, July 31
Mikayla Williamson, July 31

July Anniversaries

7th Ray&Melissa Natasia
18th Rob&Nicole Cumming
19th Rod&Karla Hills
22nd Tom&Darlene Lewis
30th Melissa&Russ Solberg

Homebound Brothers and Sisters: Marian Aleckson, Wynn Stafford, Virginia Haacke, Harvey & Carol Steele, Carol Law, Bob & Audrey Magnuson. (Refer to your directory or call church for contact info.)

July 2019 Calendar—Gethsemane Lutheran Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Selah, 6 p.m.	2 BibleStudy, 10 a.m. SwingBd, 7 p.m.	3 Clutterers,5:30 pm Work @ Snow-Cap, 6 p.m.	4 4th of July <i>Office Closed</i>	5 <i>Wedding Set-Up</i>	6 SDA, 10a.m. <i>Wedding, Noon to Mid-night (Jasmine hosting)</i>
7 Worship @ 8 and 10:30 a.m. EducHr, 9:30a.m.	8 VBS, 9 a.m. to Noon, here Selah, 6 p.m.	9 VBS, 9 a.m. to Noon, here BibleStudy, 10 a.m. SwingBd, 7 p.m.	10 VBS, 9 a.m. to Noon, here Clutterers,5:30 pm	11 VBS, 9 a.m. to Noon, here Bible Study @ AdMed Ctr, 7:30 a.m. Quilting, 9:30a.m.	12 VBS, 9 a.m. to Noon, here	13 SDA, 10a.m. BuBees,10a.m. Jewelry Mtg,9:30a.m. Bob Law Memorial, 2p.m. John Morris Memorial,5pm
14 Worship @ 8 and 10:30 a.m. EducHr, 9:30a.m.	15 Selah, 6 p.m. TaiChi, 11 a.m.	16 BibleStudy, 10 a.m. SwingBd, 7 p.m. NO July Council	17 Clutterers,5:30 pm God's Work, Our Hands worship leader meeting, 1:30 p.m. at GLC	18 Bible Study @ AdMed Ctr, 7:30 a.m. Quilting, 9:30a.m.	19	20 SDA, 10a.m. Quilting, 10 a.m. Youth Group?
21 Worship @ 8 and 10:30 a.m. EducHr, 9:30a.m.	22 Selah, 6 .m. TaiChi, 11 a.m. MPNA Mtg., 6:30 p.,m.	23 BibleStudy, 10 a.m. SwingBd, 7 p.m. God's Work, Our Hands worship leader meeting, 1:30 p.m. at St. Mark's	24 Clutterers,5:30 pm	25 Bible Study @ AdMed Ctr, 7:30 a.m. Quilting, 9:30a.m. Worship and Music Mtg.	26 Pastor on Vacation thru July 29	27 SDA, 10a.m.
28 Worship @ 8 and 10:30 a.m. EducHr, 9:30a.m.	29 Selah, 6 p.m. TaiChi, 11 a.m.	30 BibleStudy, 10 a.m. SwingBd, 7 p.m.	31 Clutterers,5:30 pm			

Vacation Bible Schools in the neighborhood this month:
 Gethsemane Lutheran, July 8-12 Mill Park Baptist, July 15-19
 Cherry Park UMC, July 23-26

July Lectionary

July 7

Isaiah 66:10-14
Psalm 66:1-9
Galatians 6:1-16
Luke 1-:1-20

July 14

Deuteronomy 30:9-14
Psalm 25:1-10
Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10:25-37

July 21

Genesis 18:1-10
Psalm 15
Colossian 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-42

July 28

Genesis 18:20-22
Psalm 138
Colossians 2:6-19
Luke 11:1-13

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