



June 2020

Good News

Mt Zion – St Luke Lutheran

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6-5 Food Distribution –
Soup Kitchen (see article)

6-7 MZSL Reopens for
in-person worship!

11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary
Masks and social distancing
required

Online Option available
No Coffee Hour or Sunday
School

6-9 Centering Prayer 8:30 a.
Social distancing required

6-14 Worship 11:00 a.m.
Masks and social distancing
required

Online Option available
No Coffee Hour or Sunday
School

6-16 Centering Prayer 8:30 a.
Social distancing required

6-21 Father's Day
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Masks may be required and
social distancing will be
required

Online Option available
No Coffee Hour or Sunday
School

No Family Day Meal
Newsletter Deadline

6-23 Centering Prayer 8:30 a.
Social distancing required

6-28 Worship 11:00 a.m.
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Go With the Flow...



We could not stay inside a minute more! I had been at my computer all day. And, Duck had been alone in his shop, wrenching on bikes. This sheltering-in place was getting to us, and we both had the wanderlust. We wondered what we could do and still keep social distance. Of course! A motorcycle ride! So, we hopped on Jeremiah, the blue bike with the comfy seat, and ventured out, looking for a new, isolated territory to explore.

We'd been to the site of the old Flint River Ferry – the East ramp side - where a fat, brown dog with a soft mouth and soft eyes sat on my foot and begged for a head rub. Now, the West ramp beckoned, so off we went in search of the way to the other side of the river. But, when we got there, there was an orange and white blockade across the muddy and eroded dirt road leading off through the trees. Like so many other things in life lately, it was closed to the public. We were only mildly disappointed, because the sun was warm, the wind was cool, and we were out of the house. The river road would still be there another day, another time. Instead, we reveled in the spectacular sight of acres and acres of ripening wheat; golden stalks nodding their heads to some ancient rhythm as we rode by, and it was enough.

It seems we are more flexible lately – more patient when things don't go as planned. Covid 19 has taught us that much, at least. Rather than getting frustrated and stressed out about things beyond our control, we have learned it is better if, like the river, we just go with the flow. You can wear yourself out paddling furiously upstream, trying to get back to where you were. Or, you can float peacefully along on the current, enjoying the scenery, open to whatever lies around the bend. That doesn't mean you get lazy or foolish, and don't take precautions. It just means you trust that the God who made the river, made you, too, and has your best interests at heart. That means that whatever lies ahead, it will be good. So, relax, and enjoy the ride!

Be safe. Be well. Be blessed. Pastor Barb <><

See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.

James 5:7-8

Schedule for Serving Our Lord in June

Ushers	Tommy Martin and Billy Martin
Altar Guild	Angela Cannon and Bobby Martin
Lectors	Arthur Jackson and Wendi Martin

Family Day: *No Family Day Meal*

Coffee Hour: *No Coffee Hour until further notice*

Flowers:

- 6-7** Tommy and Gail Coogle in honor of their children and grandchildren.
- 6-14** To the glory of God with thanks for 27 years of marriage, by Pastor Barb and Duck Koch.
- 6-21** Mary Jane and Carl Ethridge in honor of their sons, Aaron and Brian and their families.

6-28 George and Helen Smith in loving memory of Linda Rodgers

6-3 **Soup Kitchen:** *No Soup Kitchen until further notice (see alternate opportunity to help those who are food insecure in an article this newsletter)*

Sunday School Teachers: *No Sunday School until further notice*

June Birthdays and Anniversaries

6-2 Tommy & Gail Coogle	6-13 Blake Coogle
6-3 Ginny Martin	6-19 Mary Virden
6-6 Duck & Pastor Bark Koch	6-20 Billy Martin
6-9 Diane Cagle	6-22 Julia Snipes
6-11 Billy & Ginny Martin	6-22 Mary Jane Ethridge

GENEROSITY

In the Old Testament we are told to give 10% of our first fruits. In the New Testament we are told to be a cheerful giver of our time, talent & treasure. Give and it will be given to you - a good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over. In this current Coronavirus 19 state Jesus' words are still spot on! We walk by faith, not by sight.

Arthur Jackson, Stewardship Committee

Ministry Opportunity – Food distribution at Bread of Life Soup Kitchen June 5th !

With the COVID 19 pandemic still greatly impacting people's ability to work and access basic needs, a food distribution is planned for June 5th behind the Bread of Life Soup Kitchen. Please leave your donations of non-perishable food items as well as sample sized toiletries in the Narthex by June 4th. If you know of people in need, please let us know, so that we can help them find resources.

Karen Hatten, Social Ministry Committee

REOPENING FOR IN PERSON WORSHIP SUNDAY JUNE 7, 2020

Church Council has voted to reopen for in person worship on Sunday June 7, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. As required by the guidelines, masks and social distancing will be mandatory during the service. The service will be live streamed through Facebook and will be available at the 11:00 hour or later. We will continue to monitor the conditions and as soon as possible return to somewhat regular worship. Sunday school and Coffee Hour will resume at a later time. If you have any questions regarding this, please feel free to contact me at 478.508.4512 or 478.952.0295. *Council President, ICA Jon Coogle*

Phase 1 Guidelines for Reopening Churches.

We are following synod guidelines for a Phased approach to reopening for in-person worship at MZSL to hopefully ensure the safety of our most vulnerable members. For the first two weeks, June 7th and June 14th :

1. Face coverings and social distancing of at least 6 feet in family groups will be required.
2. Hand Sanitizer at entrances for your use upon entering the building.
3. Offerings will be placed in the plate at the entrances.
4. Communion will be self-contained individual cups (if they arrive in time,) or bread only.
5. No physical passing of the peace.
6. Social distancing of at least 6 feet to be kept *after* the service as well.

As Jon said in his article above, we will continue to assess the situation and modify our requirements as we are safely able. We will continue to offer the service online for those who do not feel safe to return to in-person worship or cannot join us for other reasons.

A Special "Thank You!" From the Finance Committee

We are truly blessed to have such faithful stewards at MZSL! Many of you have continued to mail in your offerings to our P.O. Box 187, Oglethorpe, GA, 31068. Things are tight, but we have been able to maintain our staff and care for our building and grounds because of your generosity. We thank God for you!

Mt. Zion – St. Luke Lutheran Church

P.O. Box 187

401 Randolph Street

Oglethorpe, Georgia 31068

“Thank You!” to our Servers for our Online Worship Services

Who could have known at the beginning of our sheltering-in-place what a blessing it would be for us to offer our worship service online! *Many thanks* to **Colette Fand** on piano and organ, **Duck Koch** our reader and Acolyte and **Joy McNutt**, our recording technician for their good work. We have averaged 90 views a week, which is only the hits! We have no way of counting how many are actually joining us for worship, but feel it is one good thing that has come from this pandemic. We are reaching more people with our message than we were able with our in-person worship alone! Thanks be to God! We will continue to offer the service online on our Face Book page (Mt. Zion – St. Luke Lutheran Friends) as we reopen for worship on June 7th for those who cannot attend in person for whatever reason. We look forward to serving you! I try to answer all comments, and please let me know if you have any pastoral concerns. *Blessings, Pastor Barb*

Don't forget that there are sermons from Bishop Strickland and other synod staff persons, links to other church services and Covid 19 information on our synod website: www.elca-ses.org

Help us keep this Prayer List Current!

Call the Church Office at 478-472-6173 or Pastor Barb at 912-677-7011 to remove or add persons to this list.

Please Pray for Members: Jim Arnold, Al Coogle, James Edmonton, Brenden Fitzgerald, Jr, Zack Martin, Joe McNutt, Tricia Trask, Tony Webb, for our college students, and for all the ministries of our church.

We pray for our Military, for our synod Bishop Kevin Strickland and staff and Bishop Elizabeth Eaton. We pray for those who have lost their jobs, are ill or have lost loved ones to death due to the Covid 19 virus.

For Friends and Family: Langdon Harp, Janice Haugabook, Ricky Haugabook, Larry Hobbes, Sandra Homer, Curtis Johnson; Corby McClure; Bob Melvin; Crystal Miller, Buddy Murph, Charlene Oliver, Don Oliver, Leigh Powel, Douglas Smith, and Joanne Waymon.

Serving Our Nation: John Edwards



Please Note! *All June activities subject to change depending on Covid-19 reports. Check emails regularly for updates.*

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Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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