

## From Pastor Anne

### Counting Our Days – Ordinary Time

We've entered the longest season of the Church year, the Season after Pentecost. This season, and the time between Christmas and Lent, called Epiphany, make up what the Church calls "Ordinary Time". We might ask "what's so ordinary about seasons that begin with the Epiphany and the great mystery of the Holy Trinity?"

First, we need to understand more about the word "ordinary". The name of these seasons comes from the word "ordinal" which means "to count". We will number our Sundays for twenty-seven weeks from now until November 24<sup>th</sup> when we will celebrate Christ the King and the last day of the liturgical year.

The Season after Epiphany and the Season after Pentecost make up our scriptural journey through the life of Christ. We celebrate the life and teaching of Jesus, seeking to walk more closely with him. These are the great, green, growing Sundays of the Church and a wise theologian of our time, Mike Kyle, has said that the seasons we call ordinary are the seasons of putting our pants on one leg at a time and getting down to the business of *being* the Church. There's nothing "ordinary" about that!

Taking the name of this season as the word is *ordinarily* defined might be useful. That which is ordinary is commonplace. Ordinary is normal. Pentecost then could be a time when the ordinary, commonplace, and usual course of our days and weeks include time for prayer, study of God's Word, and worship in the community we call "Church". What a beautiful way to count our days.

## June 2<sup>nd</sup> Shared Worship

Diocese of West Missouri bishop, Diane Bruce will visit Calvary on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will join Calvary for worship at 10:00 am. Following worship there will be a potluck brunch featuring fried chicken and lasagna. Those who wish may bring fruit or a dessert. The combined choir and the Ensemble will provide special music. Please join us! Calvary is located at 713 S. Ohio. The parking lot is on the north side of the church, off Ohio avenue. Bishop Diane can't wait to worship with us!

## News from the 2024 Annual Congregational Meeting

The congregation met as a part of worship on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. Council members elected to 3-year terms include Jason Ohare, Beth Olson, and John Willadsen. Hadley Randall was elected to a 1-year term. Outgoing council members Andrea Eppenauer, Brent Logan and Riley Wehrman were thanked for their service. No further business was brought and the congregation adjourned to a enjoy potluck lunch.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Outdoor Worship and Church Picnic

Our friends from Calvary will come on over to Christ and Trinity for the "Outdoor" Worship on **June 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am**. We will worship in picnic mode, and according to the weather, will either be indoors or out in the churchyard, under the shade of the trees. We will enjoy wonderful music, great fellowship, and a potluck meal. The meat will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. Come along and bring a friend.

## News from the Church Council

The council met for the annual administrative meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup>. The 2024-25 officers include Beth Olson, president; Linda Jo Huber, vice president; and Tricia Wehrman, treasurer (ex officio). A steering committee to plan for the future of our congregation will be established. Local benevolence is unchanged and includes Open Door, CACTUS, Child Safe, the Pettis County Community Partnership (PCCP), the Senior Center, CASA, Meals on Wheels, and the Community Café. A trunk sale is planned for Saturday September 21, 2024.



## Future Plans Steering Committee

The C and T Council is establishing a steering committee to pray with and plan for the future of our congregation. Please see council president, Beth Olson or Pr. Anne to learn more.

## Synod Assembly

Pastor Anne and Andrea Eppenauer will attend the Central States Synod Assembly on June 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> in Olathe, KS. Please be in prayer for them and for our synod.

## Summer Scavenger Hunt

The scavenger hunt, aka Church inventory, will be conducted over the summer, and we need your help. Taking a cue from a required practice in the Episcopal Church, we plan to take an inventory of all items in our building. We will divide the inventory into categories and share the task, as many hands make for light work. Please see Pastor Anne if you can help. Categories include – sanctuary furnishings and art, paraments and vestments, Christian Ed, fellowship hall, kitchen, garage, and offices.

## Mid Mo Bible Camp

**July 14 – 18**

**Mark your calendars!**

Join us July 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> for Mid-Mo Bible Camp, hosted by the Osage Conference Churches of the Central States Synod. We will gather at Camp Rising Sun in Lake of the Ozarks State Park.

This camp is a Bible Camp for youth who have completed Grade 4 but not yet entered Grade 10. Our theme for camp is 1 Peter 5:7 *Cast your burdens onto Jesus! Casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you.* We will learn more about Jesus and our Christian faith in a beautiful state park. We will stay in cabins and spend our days together with devotions and prayer, Bible study, swimming, crafts, games, and end each day around the campfire. Our final campfire will include worship on the lakeshore.

Registration deadline to receive a camp T-shirt is June 25<sup>th</sup>. The cost for camp is \$100 and camp scholarships are available. Campers are encouraged to invite a friend! Pastor Anne will be the camp chaplain and nurse. Please check with Pr. Anne if you need more information. Camp registration forms are available in the fellowship hall.



**Sunday, June 16**

## Why do you come to Church?

So, why *do* you come to Church? Why did you first come here? If you have recently returned, why? Pastor Anne will gather responses to these questions in a box marked "Why Church?". Please plan to answer these questions, as they apply to you and put your response in the box in the fellowship hall. You may make your response private or tell us who you are. The information will be used to help us understand more about ourselves and to help the council and steering committee in planning for our future together.

## Sharing our Building

Our congregation extends the hand of hospitality as good stewards of our property. We are in a month-to-month rental building use agreement with Bible Baptist Church. This congregation uses our building from 5:00-9:00 pm on Fridays and from 2:00-5:00 pm on Sundays.

We are hosting a women's AA meeting on Sunday evenings from 5:30-8:00 pm.

We continue to host Scout Pack and Scout Troop 61 on Tuesday evenings, ADK Teacher Sorority one Monday evening a month, Sedalia Retired Teachers Association one Wednesday morning a month, and other groups on an occasional basis. For questions, please check the calendar or call the Church office.

## A Letter from Our Sponsored Child

My dear sponsors, how are you doing? I am doing well. Thank you for the letter and picture you sent me. We prepare foods from chicken and beef to celebrate Christmas. I am attending school and am getting pocket money from the project. Now I am a college student studying Business Management. Once a week I attend holistic children development curriculum.

Thank you for every support you are doing for me. From, Getayawckal Ariaya

## Announcements

- Pastor Anne will offer laying on of hands and prayers for healing on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> following worship.
- Pr. Anne is offering Facebook Live Prayer and Devotions Monday-Thursday at 8 am on her Facebook page.
- This month the local benevolence offering will be given to CASA.
- Feed the Hungry Sunday is on Sunday, June 23. We are collecting breakfast cereals this month for Open Door.
- We will collect the Noisy Offering for ELCA World Hunger on Sunday, June 23. Bring your coins and make some noise!
- July newsletter items are due to the secretary by Monday, June 24.

## Thank You Note

Dear Pastor Anne and Church,

Just want you to know how much I appreciate your cards each month. I started walking this month and it doesn't happen overnight. Takes a lot of practice. The girls are patient with me.

Today we're having a tea party to celebrate Mother's Day. The sun is shining which we love.

Love, Louise Harms

## Card Shower for Nadine Fingland

Nadine is celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 31. Let's shower her with cards for her special day! Her address is: 50 Meramec Trail Dr, Room 3008, Ballwin, MO 63021.

## Prayer Requests

Barb Freund, Floyd Hatfield, Helen Ewing, Nelson Eckhoff, Connie Shoemaker, Shayla Mitchell, Dean Desilet, Richard Dean, Angela, Ryan and Marissa, Rick Morrison, Gerald Hunton, Curt Jeter, Carol Benner, Deb Williams, Gwen Eppenauer.

Continue to pray for our home-bound members: Louise Harms, Sandra Graf, Sally Lynn, Nadine Fingland, Marene Levin, and Val Hoon.

Let us also remember Getayawckal Ariaya from Ethiopia, and Mouniratou from Burkina Faso; and those who serve our country in the armed services, peace corps and missions.

**June Birthdays** 

14 Betty Barnes  
17 John Willadsen  
24 Patrick Harrison

 **June Anniversaries**

14 Pastors Anne and Mike Kyle  
21 Floyd & Cathy Hatfield  
23 Don and Linda Jo Huber

**If your birthday or anniversary  
is missing from this list,  
please contact the church office.**

**A Single Thought:** *Let God's promises shine on your problems.* **Corrie ten Boom**

## Meals on Wheels July 15 – 19

Please let Pastor Anne know if you can help with Meals on Wheels. We need drivers and runners for five routes. We will share the work with the folks at Calvary.

## Readings for the Sundays in June

### June 2 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

- Deuteronomy 5: 12-15
- Psalm 81: 1-10
- 2 Corinthians 4: 5-12
- Mark 2: 23 – 3: 6

### June 9 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

- Genesis 3: 8-15
- Psalm 130
- 2 Corinthians 4: 13 – 5: 1
- Mark 3: 20-35

### June 16 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

- Ezekial 17: 22-24
- Psalm 92: 1-4; 11-14
- 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10, 14-17
- Mark 4: 26-34

### June 23 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

- Job 38: 1-11
- Psalm 107: 1-3, 23-32
- 2 Corinthians 6: 1-13
- Mark 4: 35-41

### June 30 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

- Wisdom of Solomon 1: 13-15; 2: 23-24
- Lamentations 3: 21-33
- 2 Corinthians 8: 7-15
- Mark 5: 21-43

**Pastor Anne** will be away on June 19-29 to participate in the 81<sup>st</sup> General Convention of the Episcopal Church where she will focus on our communion partnerships with the ELCA and other denominations. Please pray for her work.

## In Sympathy

We wish to extend our sympathy to Don and Linda Jo Huber for the loss of their grandson Asher.