

Come Away

In Sunday's gospel reading on July 18, Jesus tells his disciples, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." And so they got in a boat and went away, intending to have a break from the crowds. Unfortunately for them, the people saw them leaving and met them on the other side. This led to what we know as the feeding of the 5000, a beautiful story.

Still, I have to wonder if they ever got the break that Jesus knew they needed. They had been so busy at their work that a little time camping would have been restorative. It would have given them space to reflect on everything they had done and learned and it would have allowed them time to play and enjoy one another's company. It saddens me a bit that they never got away.

Our pattern in the United States, based on traditional school schedules, is to have time for vacation during the Summer months. So how appropriate it is that Jesus says to us in mid-July "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while."

Come away and rest. I think this is particularly important for us to heed after what has been a very stressful year for many of us. With COVID infection and death rates down so much, we might be feeling some relief and joy, but realize that the strain and grief of the last fifteen months will not instantly go away. These things are more like an illness or injury which require time and care to heal. For some people, that care may include psychological or psychiatric professional help.

For all of us, however, hear Jesus' words as invitation to take some time: "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." Make plans to get away with friends and family. Make plans to go to a deserted place to pray and to enjoy the beauty of nature. Like the disciples, we will benefit from time away to reflect and realize how we have learned and grown. Time to play and enjoy other's company will nourish us with

God's grace. God will use the change of pace to restore our souls.

In the grace and peace of Christ,
Pastor Clark

HELP US FILL IN THE BLANKS

Subject: Front Parking Lot Flower Boxes

The front planter that gets the most sunshine is A - buzz with bees and the flowers are in full bloom. They have not been 'tasted' YET by the deer.

On the other hand, the planter with shade-loving plants have been on the menu of our local deer's favorite diner.

I have moved their choicest edibles behind the safety gate that opens onto Lurene's flower boxes to mitigate the damage done by our resident herbivores. They are healing nicely.

This has left blank spots in the planter. Therefore, I am asking for your help in bringing in more plants.

I have studied what the deer are NOT eating and below is the list to choose from.

Plant List: Lenten Rose, ferns (preferably native California ferns), Lupine, Catmint, Salvia 'sizzle' in red or purple, and any salvia or sage that will grow in partial sun. Deer do not like the smell of mint or sages.

More plants: Astilbe, Bee Balm, Bleeding Heart, Forget-me-nots, primroses and Coneflowers.

Grace and Peace from your 'Plant Lady',
Susan Smith

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ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Financial Summary St. Timothy Lutheran Church As of: May 30, 2021

| Summary Profit and Loss | | | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Income | April Actual | Budget | YTD Actual | YTD Budget |
| Congregational Giving | \$ 10,780.68 | \$ 11,326.71 | \$ 53,285.66 | \$ 56,773.31 |
| Great Beginnings | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 3,491.66 | \$ 15,125.00 | \$ 14,125.00 |
| Outside Groups | \$ 490.00 | \$ 666.66 | \$ 2,025.00 | \$ 3,333.31 |
| Campus Ministry Wages | \$ - | \$ 500.00 | \$ 3,516.58 | \$ 2,500.00 |
| Miscellaneous | \$ 12.21 | \$ - | \$ 112.69 | \$ - |
| PPP Forgiveness | \$ 22,603.97 | \$ - | \$ 22,603.97 | \$ - |
| Total Income | \$ 34,886.86 | \$ 15,318.30 | \$ 96,668.90 | \$ 76,731.62 |
| Expenses | | | | |
| Administration | \$ 725.07 | \$ 837.50 | \$ 6,065.51 | \$ 4,207.47 |
| Church Staff | \$ 3,167.26 | \$ 3,076.42 | \$ 15,234.58 | \$ 15,382.08 |
| Committees | | | | |
| Education | \$ - | \$ 16.66 | \$ 89.95 | \$ 83.31 |
| Finance | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 182.50 | \$ - |
| Hospitality & Welcome | \$ - | \$ 16.67 | \$ - | \$ 83.32 |
| Property | \$ 105.00 | \$ 262.49 | \$ 3,065.20 | \$ 1,312.46 |
| Service | \$ 12.50 | \$ 1,116.23 | \$ 5,555.93 | \$ 5,581.18 |
| Worship and Music | \$ 37.96 | \$ 133.33 | \$ 705.63 | \$ 666.65 |
| Total Committees | \$ 155.46 | \$ 1,545.38 | \$ 9,599.21 | \$ 7,726.92 |
| Loan Expenses | \$ 517.93 | \$ 517.93 | \$ 2,676.29 | \$ 2,676.29 |
| Office | \$ 137.42 | \$ 333.33 | \$ 1,853.69 | \$ 1,666.67 |
| Pastor | \$ 8,378.82 | \$ 8,539.42 | \$ 41,715.65 | \$ 42,697.11 |
| Total Expenses | \$ 13,081.96 | \$ 14,832.04 | \$ 77,144.93 | \$ 74,180.25 |
| Net Income | \$ 21,804.90 | \$ 486.33 | \$ 19,523.97 | \$ 2,551.37 |
| Loan Principal | | | | |
| | \$ 561.07 | \$ 561.07 | \$ 3,131.77 | \$ 3,131.77 |
| Net Operating | \$ 21,243.83 | \$ (74.74) | \$ 16,392.20 | \$ (580.40) |
| Cash on Hand | | | | |
| Bank Accounts | 31-May-21 | 30-Apr-21 | | |
| Checking | 71396.16 | \$ 70,888.07 | | |
| Money Market | 6442.46 | \$ 6,442.07 | | |
| ELCA Savings | 25 | \$ 25.00 | | |
| Total Cash | \$ 77,863.62 | \$ 77,355.14 | | |



SETTING THE TABLE

We need your help!

Each week we come to the table to receive God's grace in the tangible things of bread and wine, wafers and grape juice. It is a gift that connects us to God, to each other, and to life in Christ. We are moving now to a new way to set up communion each week and we need your help. Could you or your family help set our table for one month?

Yes, we will show you how! Pastor Clark will provide training and it will not take too much time or require any meetings.

If you can help, sign up in the church office or call Pastor Clark at 375-2042 (or cell phone 521-1818) to offer your much needed and appreciated help.

UPDATES AND REMINDERS

Property Committee—Jim Helgason, Jim Chinn, Ida Barber, Matt Schultz, Jody Emerson, Jeff Nagel, and Susan Smith. Meeting July 9th Thursday at 10:15. They have also established a new Landscape Committee with Matt Schultz, Jim Helgason, Jody Emerson, Ida Barber, Kim Cantrell, and Susan Smith. Next meeting to be announced.

Game Day— 1:00 pm on Friday July 9. Hosted by Cheryl Plaskett. Please call Cheryl if you need directions @ 383-9052. Please join us!

Thomas Carman Food Pantry—Will begin again in July, **3rd Tuesday, 3:00-6:00 pm and Saturday, July 31, 8:00-11:00 am.** Five people are needed. Debby-Love-Sudduth at: rd-sudd@comcast.net or 408-499-4984.

Council Meeting— **Council Members: Adrian Johannsen, President; Jim Helgason, Vice President; Debby Love-Sudduth, Secretary; Nicole Smith & Pastor Clark. Meeting July 13th.**

The Stewardship Committee is reconvening and plans to meet this month. **We welcome any newcomers to join our group** in planning year around Holistic Stewardship awareness and events. Please contact Pastor Clark at the office 375-2042.

LANDSCAPE UPDATE

“What are all those wood chips about?” you ask.

On July 10th, at 10:00am the Landscape Committee, in conjunction with the Property Committee is throwing a chip party and YOU are invited. We will be spreading wood chips where needed, as well as serving ice cold drinks along with lots of chips (and dips) to snack on.

So, what are those chips for? The wood chips decomposition feeds the soil while breaking down clay into a soft, organic growing soil which nourishes the plants and by retaining moisture, the plants then need little watering. The chips also eliminate the detrimental need to use fertilizers.

Our committees along with the community garden members are striving for a sustainable, permaculture. Essentially, this means we are all natural, just as God designed nature. The plants throughout our landscape are about 85% Native California plants for our state zone, that attract pollinators — the three “B’s”- Birds, Butterflies and Bees. It is important that beneficial insects and wildlife are within our ecosystem, and have the plants that support them. Plus, it’s just more fun to see a garden alive with hummingbirds, butterflies and bees.

We also wish to connect with our neighborhood, and the greater community of Monterey Peninsula, by being an example of how a sustainable, permaculture can be achieved within the ground God has blessed us with. It is our ministry to care for God’s creation as he intended and we wish to demonstrate and invite others to see how this can be done.

Also, Matt has made a map of our site, dividing planting areas into zones, and members of the Landscape Committee have volunteered to oversee the planting of these zones. If you wish more information about this, please join our group at a date to be determined soon, for a *walk and talk* visit to each of these zones. We welcome you and your input.

Blessings,

Your Landscape Committee – Jim Helgason, Matt Schultz, Jody Emerson, Kim Cantrell, Ida Barber and Susan Smith.



MUCH ADO ABOUT MULCH

Save water and limit the use of pesticides. Paul Gautschi has had amazing results of his wood-chip mulched vegetable garden and orchard. Take a look at this video!

<https://youtu.be/6rPPUmStKQ4>



- 1 Give thanks that God is attentive to our prayers, hearing our cries for help, comfort and renewal and our expressions of joy, mourning, praise and thanksgiving.
- 2 Pray for the adults and young adults applying to volunteer for the 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering; give thanks for their eagerness to serve in this ministry, sharing their faith, gifts and time with youth and the adults who work with youth.
- 3 Ask God to bless and equip newly elected synod bishops as they live into their leadership and ministry responsibilities; give thanks for the help and encouragement they receive from leaders and members of their synods, who have also responded to God's call.
- 4 Give thanks to God for the gift of freedom we enjoy in our nation. Pray that we will use that freedom thoughtfully and responsibly, working for justice and equity to liberate our neighbors—here and around the world—who are oppressed or excluded.
- 5 Praise God for calling, equipping and entrusting us to do God's work in the world. Pray for strength, boldness and wisdom to proclaim the gospel, overcome obstacles and hesitance, engage others in conversations and questions about faith, and serve our neighbors in need.
- 6 Pray for individuals and families who are traveling this summer, that God will protect them; that they will be immersed in the wonders of creation and be renewed; that they will meet people who enrich their faith and worldview; and that they will bear the good news of Jesus Christ wherever they go.
- 7 Ask God for mercy and forgiveness when weakness and imperfection tangle our daily life; give thanks that God's enduring mercy and grace renew our faith, no matter what is happening in our lives.
- 8 Ask the Spirit to grant us wisdom and insight as we help children and youth recover and learn from the pandemic and its social isolation. Pray that they will experience healing and wholeness through interacting with peers and adults; enjoying play, school and community activities; and returning to their faith communities to rejoin their siblings in Christ.
- 9 Pray that we will be humble, but also bold and confident, knowing that the power and grace of Christ energize and sustain us throughout our baptismal journey.
- 10 Remember in prayer the summer staff serving in ELCA outdoor ministries across the country; ask God to renew their spirit, faith and energy at this point in the summer and for the duration of their service.
- 11 Give thanks to God for our siblings in Christ throughout history who have sacrificed their lives to proclaim the word of God and the gospel, so that all might believe, experience the saving grace of Jesus Christ, know true freedom and have eternal life.
- 12 Pray for those affected by the Middle East crisis, especially for refugees, people returning to their countries and those internally displaced. Pray that God's healing presence will give them peace, hope and strength in their time of need.
- 13 Thank God for our special relationship with the Moravian Church in America, a full communion partner with the ELCA since 1999. Pray for the church, its members and its leaders, and pray that together we will find strength and new resources for the work of sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor, especially in these uncertain and challenging times.
- 14 Give thanks that, through Jesus Christ, we have been chosen, adopted as children of God and immersed in grace, blessings and the truth of God's intent for humanity and creation.
- 15 Ask God to nourish and strengthen the church's relationships with global companions during this time of transition, as we assess how best to work together while continuing to respond to the impact of COVID-19.
- 16 Pray that our senses will be tuned to God so that we "hear what God the Lord will speak," and will be obedient and faithful in following God's word, commandments and ways for the sake of the world.

- 17 Ask the Spirit to help us greet our neighbors with hospitality, empathy, concern and hope as we maneuver the uncertainty of reopening public places and holding events where people once again gather in person.
- 18 Pray that we will respond to God's call to serve our neighbors in need and share the gospel wherever we go with those unique gifts, skills and passions the Spirit has cultivated in us through our education, life experiences and communities of faith.
- 19 Remember in prayer those congregational leaders and volunteers planning and creating fall programs and ministries for all ages that will offer education, service and spiritual growth.
- 20 Pray for the Building Resilient Communities team, a collaboration of ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response, and for our work together across all expressions of our church as we accompany communities from disaster through recovery, ensuring that we and our neighbors can thrive today and tomorrow.
- 21 Ask God to remind us daily that we live in hope and unity, drawn together as "citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God," with Christ at the center.
- 22 Give thanks for synod and churchwide organization staff, neighboring congregations and ecumenical partners who, during the pandemic, have supported and assisted congregations and leaders through the challenges of adapting to changing circumstances and opportunities, and of continuing to learn and work together to help the church grow and thrive.
- 23 The work of a shepherd is unfamiliar to most of us, but we all know how it feels to be guided and assisted through dark and difficult times, to have our spirit restored when we are weary and to be reassured that we are not alone in life. Give thanks and praise to God for being our ever-present, loving and good shepherd and for equipping our communities of faith and siblings in Christ to shepherd one another and our neighbors.
- 24 Pray for a just, respectful and lasting solution to the long-standing conflict between Palestine and Israel; pray for those most vulnerable to the violence, unjust laws, displacement and schisms that stir fear, suspicion, abuse and despair; and ask God to bless and sustain those working for peace, justice and healing in the Holy Land.
- 25 Pray that when we hear stories of Jesus performing miracles, the Spirit will deepen our understanding of God's ways, power, compassion, justice and activity in the world, and that these will guide and influence how we live and serve as followers of Jesus, children of God.
- 26 Give thanks that our contributions to Mission Support help fund global mission work in leadership development, evangelism, ministry support, education, sustainable development, in-country scholarships and interfaith relations.
- 27 Ask God to strengthen our commitment and guide our efforts to end hunger in our nation and throughout the world. We ask for the faith to believe that there will be enough food and resources for all if we let God's justice and generosity influence our own, listen closely to our neighbors in need, deal with the root causes of hunger and poverty, and work together to create sustainable solutions.
- 28 Who in your community, congregation or family concerns you right now? Pray for their needs and well-being, and ask the Spirit to guide you in responding to, caring for and accompanying them.
- 29 Pray that with Christ in our hearts and the Spirit in our midst, we will grow in our understanding of God's boundless love and broaden our vision of what we can accomplish as we do God's work in the world.
- 30 Give thanks for volunteers, congregational leaders and professionals who serve older adults in a variety of circumstances and settings; care for their spiritual, physical, emotional and social needs; encourage their gifts and involvement in congregations; and help them stay connected with life-giving relationships and communities.
- 31 Give thanks and praise to God for being kind, just, understanding of our complexities, responsive to our prayers and needs, and trustworthy in word and deed.

JULY 2021

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 Worship Service 10:00am Online & In-Person | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 Property Committee mtg 10:15 | 9 Game Day 1:00pm | 10 |
| 11 Worship Service 10:00am Online & In-Person | 12 | 13 | 14 | 14 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 Worship Service 10:00am Online & In-Person | 19 | 20 Thomas Carman Food Pantry 3-6pm | 21 Bible Study 2 pm via Zoom and at St. Phillips | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 Worship Service 10:00am Online & In-Person | 26 | 27 | 28 Bible Study 2 pm via Zoom and at St. Phillips | 29 | 30 | 31 Thomas Carman Food Pantry 8-11am |

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