

## For Such A Time As This

Many of us hear this and think of Esther when she received a place into the royal palace. She felt called, in a difficult situation, to speak up and stand up. I cannot help but think of our graduates from high school, and college that have had so many changes and heartaches these last two months, yet they have kept the faith and we are going forward.

How do we honor them and walk with them in these times? How will we worship and continue to praise God and keep everyone safe? How will we faithfully honor God and our neighbor? These are questions that we as a Body of Jesus Christ and the Church Council are working on and discerning. We are forming a "Smart Team" that we form at the request of Bishop Aitken to look at safety and sense as we worship differently.

On that note, we will honor the graduates in this way this year. This service of our "Blessings of the Graduates" and presentation of the quilts presented at 6:30 pm on May 27, 2020. The eight graduates will be together, social distancing, with Mindy Johnson and myself leading the service. We will be using the new radio transmitter and parents and whomever will join in the parking lot to tune into the radio to hear from your vehicles.

Graduates (barring no rain) will be sitting on the chair with their quilt on the chair. When it comes time, they will wrap themselves with the quilt. If it rains, the students will be in the church, social distancing and you can listen. We will also try to go live on Facebook as well.

No one will be in the church. Please do not get out of the car. If you are sick, stay home. If your windows are closed you may park next to cars, if they are open please park 6 feet apart. This will be about 15-20 minutes and it is the first time transmitting so bear with us as we go forward. Please bring your bulletin with if you would like to know the order of service. (MN Department of Health: Guidelines on Hosting Faith-Based Services in Parking Lots.)

We are looking into "Drive-in-Church" for the summer months and looking into continuing and building our on line church services. Thank you to all for your support and prayers in these times.

Maybe we are all called for "Such a times as this."

Keep the Faith,

Pastor Brenda Wicklund