



# FIRST EDITION SEPTEMBER 2020

“We are called by God to grow in faith together, sharing Christ’s love with each other and our community”

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***“I will say of the Lord, ‘He is my refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust.’”***

***Psalm 91:2***

Do you have a favorite spot in the house like a chair, room, which is just your comfort spot? When someone sits there does it bother you that you have to share? Is it hard to change? On the other hand, how about when it is a gorgeous day that you are so enjoying and then it starts raining. You may have a favorite restaurant and then it closes you search for the correct and right one, but you cannot really replace one for the other. Change is never easy.

Some things naturally change and we accept them without much remorse or worry. Yet, right now in this time and this place change is all around us. From the closing down and restrictions to the wearing of masks, so many things have changed.

From the very young to the very old the stress of so much change and anxiety is prevalent. This change is not taken lightly by those who are leading our state and country, our workplaces and loss of jobs and certainly not the schools that are making decisions for children and teachers as they move back to in school teaching or not. The same is true as we worship differently, yet faithfully, and how we will continue our teaching of our children and our youth.

As we continue to pray and trust in God who walks with us and promised salvation who sent his Son, Jesus Christ to teach us, love us, grant us forgiveness and of course his death on the cross, overcoming death we remember. We remember that God is bigger than any disease or sickness, turmoil or worry, anxiety and change, period. We fashion ourselves after Jesus Christ, who understood others faults and walked with them instead of tearing them down. Jesus told his disciples that he was going to leave and everything was going to change, he urged them to continue to trust him and believe in the promise that they were not going to be alone.

In the midst of all this change, trust in God and Jesus Christ as we personally and communally continue to be the example and provider of the Good News for all to hear and see in us. Psalm 91 is a prayer for protection and hope. Try reading this every evening or morning for the next month. A life-changing Psalm of love and grace.

Continue to lift each other up in prayer. Continue to believe in the God who never changes and allows us to come to him for everything, from small to large. You are in my prayers.

Peace,

*Pastor Brenda*

***“Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.”***

***Psalm 91:14***

## Thoughts and Suggestions: From Pastor Beth Pottratz

The MN governor said in his press conference today that each school would receive ONE mask and three paper masks for each student and teacher.

What if (church quilting groups who cannot quilt right now), could supply each school with packs of 6 kid sized cloth masks for even half the kids in the school.

Why 6? One for each day of the week and one to keep in a zip lock or paper bag in the backpack for when that mask ends up dirty in the middle of the day. Because this mama does not want to wash masks every day!

I am sure many people already have some masks for their kids. I am also just as sure they are plenty of kids who do not have enough for wearing every day at school! I am certain that the school does not have enough masks as backup for the kids who forget or for all the masks that will break during the school day throughout the year.

I love her idea ☺ Do you have some time to help with the kids going back to school? For those that may not afford them? For your school district? For your grandchildren? Making some and maybe giving two matching so that friends can wear the same one? These are new territories we are all in these past months and especially for the kids and teachers. Might we be able to bring some joy through this love for our neighbor? Thanks for your consideration.

All masked up, *Pastor Brenda Wicklund*



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Thank you to everyone for all the prayers, phone calls and beautiful cards.

They all helped me get through my latest problem.

God's Blessings to everyone,  
Kay Conway

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### New Books

1. Fame	Karen Kingsbury	First Born Series
2. Forgiven	Karen Kingsbury	First Born Series
3. Found	Karen Kingsbury	First Born Series
4. Family	Karen Kingsbury	First Born Series
5. Forever	Karen Kingsbury	First Born Series

### Children's DVD-Double feature

What I Did For Love and Angel in the Family

# September Birthday's

- 9/1 Donna Anderson
- 9/2 Cody Dunkley  
Ryan Dunkley  
Daniel Slater
- 9/3 Blake Blowers  
Lisa Blowers
- 9/4 Matt Bloom
- 9/6 Braxton Barnes
- 9/7 Jenny Richards
- 9/8 Brianna Schultz
- 9/9 Christy Koch  
Virgil Seegebarth†
- 9/10 Liz Conway  
Heather Ladd  
Allie Miller  
Kim Scullard  
Jon Youngblom†
- 9/11 Weston DeRungs
- 9/13 Kenna Barnick  
Mackenzie Lange
- 9/14 Kim Lindner
- 9/15 Cheryl Malm
- 9/17 Adam Nelson  
Savanna St. Clair
- 9/19 Cheryl Cabak  
Stephen Lewis
- 9/20 Mason Ferguson  
Robin Hendrix  
Maddox Kreger
- 9/21 Kelsey Jensen  
Joe Cappuccino†
- 9/22 Casey Bork
- 9/26 Alison Mans
- 9/27 Jeff Mans
- 9/28 Carolyn Bassett
- 9/29 Gerald Trott

† Octogenarians Please let us know if there are any corrections or additions.  
Thank You!



## Prayer Concerns ~ (Names will be on for one month unless requested longer.)

Larry Sigler (nephew of Virgil and Joyce Seegebarth), Peter Thorvig, Larry Lammers (brother-in-law of Elaine Garaghty), Kay Conway, George and Joan Wells (brother/sister-in-law of Gary and Gail Wells), Eric Mettling (deployed for service), Gracie Edin, Kyalani Robbins, Jessica Lindahl, Rebecca Karp (Marina Vork's niece), David Stephenson and Annetta Eberlein (brother and sister-in-law of Kevin Stephenson), Carol Bostrom, Leigha Ness (Pastor Brenda's great-niece), and Barbara Ekberg (sister of Loretta Sprado.)

**For our members in care facilities ~**  
Ruta Kalnins, Nancy Nelson, Freida Pfahl,  
Dorothy Svendsen and Max Tatting.

**For firefighters, EMT's, those who serve to protect  
Policemen and women and military. For world peace.**

**For our companion synods.**

**For our missionaries:** Jacqueline and Patrick Bencke.



Noisy  
Offering

The Noisy offering  
for  
Sunday, September  
6th  
proceeds go to  
Faith in Action.

Women of the ELCA

## Women's Bible Study's ongoing mission project.

We ask members to join us and bring a **socks** during the month of **September** for homeless packets. Please put them in the basket marked "Homeless Packets" in the cabinet in Narthex.

Thank You.



Women's Retreat for October 2020 has been cancelled due to COVID-19.  
Hope to see you in 2021.



# SEPTEMBER 2020

**\*\*Subject to Change\*\***

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<b>MASKS REQUIRED AT CHURCH</b>						
		1 9:30 am Women's Bible Study	2	3 7 am Men's Text Study	4	5
6 9:30 am Limited In-Person Worship 9:30 am Live Facebook/YouTube Worship or tune to 90.7 FM on your car radio in Church parking lot. Noisy Offering-Faith in Action	7	8 9 am Pastor's Kettle River Pastor's Zoom mtg. 9:30 am Women's Bible Study	9 9:30 am Library  Noon Staff mtg.	10 7 am Men's Text Study Mindy Zoom mtg.	11 4:30 pm Rehearsal for Bridget Reamer /Jared Knudson Wedding	12 Bridget Reamer Jared Knudson 4 pm Wedding
13 God's Work. Our Hands 9:30 am Limited In-Person Worship 9:30 am Live Facebook/YouTube Worship or tune to 90.7 FM in your car radio in Church parking lot.	14 5 pm Romans Women's Bible Study	15 9:30 am Women's Bible Study	16	17 7 am Men's Text Study Mindy Zoom mtg.	18	19
20 9:30 am Limited In-Person Worship 9:30 am Live Facebook/YouTube Worship or tune to 90.7 FM on your car radio in Church parking lot. 10:00 am Church Council	21 <b>October Newsletter Deadline</b>	22 9:30 am Women's Bible Study	23 5:30 pm Confirmation Picnic Dinner-outside	24 7 am Men's Text Study Mindy Zoom mtg.	25	26
27 9:30 am Worship/Confirmation at Westside Park-bring lawn chair, masks with social distancing	28	29 9:30 am Women's Bible Study	30			



**Women's Romans Bible Study starting Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm.**

## ADOPT A MILITARY CHILD



"Toni Mettling's husband (Eric) was recently deployed. They have three young children at home, and with watching her kids go through separation anxiety with their dad being gone so long, she thought of all the other kids going through the same thing and came up with "Adopt a Military Child".

Toni has collected pictures of other military kids who are going through the same thing, and has attached information about each child on the back of their photo.

With "Adopt a Military Child", Toni thought it would be a great opportunity for us to come together and let these kids know that someone is always thinking of them. Whether it's sending a card/goodies to them on their birthday and major holiday, or just a quick note letting them know we are thinking of them."

If you are interested, their picture and information is on the "Youth Bulletin Board."

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*All your children shall be taught by the LORD, and great shall be the peace of your children.*

*Isaiah 54:13*



### **Faith in Action:**

We hope to have a schedule out for Faith in Action in the next few weeks. Times will be shorter and in the fall, we hope to be outside weather permitting.

**Student Leadership Team:** Applications are available to all 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders for the Student leadership team. Youth who are selected will be trained to help plan and lead our Youth and Family Ministry activities. We will also be taking applications to serve on the boards and a youth representative for church council. Please pray for these youth as we prepare them to become leaders in the church and the community. Applications will be on Youth bulletin board.



Just like most things right now Sunday school will look different this year. We are really excited about this change that will make worship and Sunday school something your family can do together. Every Sunday there will be tables set up in the fellowship hall with Sunday school activities that will go along with the message for the day. There are speakers in the fellowship hall so you can still enjoy being connected to worship as a family and have the time with your children to help them on lessons and crafts to grow in their faith. We are open to ideas of things you would like to be included in this and are excited to try to grow our faith in our families in this new way. Kick off for Sunday school will be September 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Youth Group:** Schedule for Youth group will be out in the next few weeks. The plan as of now is to meet on Wednesday nights again this school year.

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