The Messenger



Ordinary people, Extraordinary God......

"It is necessary for Christians to be obedient"

From Pastor Bruce Grentz

2020

UPCOMING EVENTS

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CALENDAR LISTINGS ARE SUBJECT TO RE-OPENING

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Can you believe it? Easter is come and gone! How did that happen? But it didn't seem the same without saying, "Christ is risen!" And y'all responding, "Christ is risen indeed!" My family and I missed seeing everybody as well.

It is weird to have our days shackled by a virus. To not be able to go out anytime we want, to worship whenever and however we want, to visit each other in person not only via social media, is different and disconcerting. Days run together without the usual distinction of work and home. And many have moved their offices to home as they try to find a new normal.

Hopefully, our worship will only be curtailed for a season. At this time, we don't have any reason to think differently. But some pastors and churches are seeing this as a tremendous violation of their rights. Surely, there will be some legal challenges to the measures some governors are enforcing.

But what are we to do? Should we simply say we have a right to worship, meet up on Sunday and let the chips fall where they may? Or do we respect the governor's

recommendations and even temporary orders to social distance, not congregate, wear masks and not go out simply to go out?

We, at OSLC, decided to be good citizens of both kingdoms, God's and the kingdom of this world by following Governor Herbert's recommendations. Frankly, I think we made the right decision. As I write this, I know of no one in our congregation who is sick, in the hospital or has Covid-19 and many of us are in the high-risk category.

It is interesting to me that certain pastors and their churches are not abiding by their governor's recommendations and/or orders. They have made it a real battle over their right to worship. But if not congregating is only for a season, then the Governors were only doing what they could to protect everyone. It will not have been an attack on our rights. It will simply be doing what was best for everyone. These pastors and churches do not put these restrictions under the rubric of loving their neighbor. Rather, it's all about their right to meet.

One such pastor in Louisiana has openly and aggressively defied the state's ban on large gatherings. Remember, Louisiana has been one the hardest hit

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states. But this pastor has held services every Sunday.

Two Sundays ago, he backed up a big church bus at a high rate of speed almost hitting a protestor with a sign outside the church. They had this incident on video, so the police put a warrant out for his arrest. He turned himself in last week. His wife got him out of jail immediately when she posted the \$5000 bail with hard, cold cash. The judge put him under house arrest and gave him the required ankle monitor to track his movements. Also, the judge asked him if he would comply with the state's laws about public gatherings and the pastor didn't answer.

Two days later while wearing the monitor, on Sunday, April 26th, he held services. He preached to hundreds without social distancing and without masks. It seems like he had no intention to keep the law.

Our Governor is asking us to not congregate for the safety and well-being of everybody. No one is saying we can't preach or teach. We can still reach out to people around the world through social media and we have at OSLC. It's disappointing not to meet but better we do not lose anyone to this virus. We can stay connected through social media and by picking up the phone and calling each other or sending a note or card. None of that has been taken away from believers.

The Augsburg Confession which we believe, teach and confess addresses this issue of complying with the laws of the land. In Article XVI it states, "....it is necessary for Christians to be obedient to their rulers and laws. The only exception is when they are commanded to sin. Then they ought to obey God rather than man (Acts 5:29).

No one in government is commanding us to sin. So instead of complaining, how about praying for our President and Governor that they make the best decisions for our good and God's glory?

Grace and Peace, Pastor Bruce

FROM THE DESK OF THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

What an interesting, eye opening experience we have been going though where everything we took for granted has been turned upside down, inside out. We have had to rethink just about everything we do with the social distancing restrictions and so many businesses that were deemed nonessential shut down. This included the church building we meet in. I'm glad to know we are still functioning as a church, caring and checking on each other. I've heard lots of stories about people reaching out with food, money and support! Bless you all!!!

We have been on an 8 week faith journey to seek the heart of God. I will have to reschedule our cottage meetings once we get some guidelines on how we can meet. I hope you all are making good notes with lots of ideas during this journey so we can go forward in the direction God is pointing us. Just in case you have missed any of the readings and questions, I will list them.

2 Timothy, chapters 2-4, "What would our city look like in TEN years if our vision of ministry was successfully accomplished"?

Romans 16, "How do people benefit from their **relationship** with me? How do people benefit from God's relationship with me?"

1 Corinthians 12, "What have people told me all my life that I do well that I have categorically dismissed as being insignificant because it is so easy for me? How can I use that to impact the Kingdom of God?"

Malachi 1-4, "Why am I sometimes reluctant to believe God means exactly what He says?"

Matthew 14:22-33, "What acts of faith would I do if I had assurance of God's presence in my life?"

Psalm 91, "How can I express my love and devotion to God?"

Numbers 22-25, "What are the barriers in my life that keep me from hearing God speaking to me?"

2 Corinthians 9, "How would God have me involved in growing our church?"

We are doing this **together** to discern God's will for the growth of our church. Glory to God!! I look forward to the day we can meet together and worship the God that loves us all.

Your Brother In Christ,

Elton Sutherland



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN ~ Vickie Duncan



FELLOWSHIP/Connect ~ \mathcal{R}_{enae} Schmid - Katleen Tisdale Council Rep.

GROW-BIBLE HOUR~ Kathy Sutherland - Peggy Tackett Council Rep.

As a public school teacher in Davis School District, I received an e-mail today explaining how the end of the year procedures will work. It makes teachers and students sad to miss the routines we are used to. Our Grow Bible Hour will certainly have a donut party when we are finally all meeting again, but it will be bittersweet to have missed so many lessons, for sure. Please keep the children, their parents, and our teachers in your prayers.



MEN'S MINISTRY ~ Elton Sutherland - Alan Huss Council Rep.

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PRAYER TIME:

The Men's Ministry encourages everyone to pray for our nation as we struggle with the imposing virus that has us shut down. Please e-mail your prayer request to the Bobbi at rjspring.rain@gmail.com The church building continues to be closed to gatherings so please pray from your homes. Pray always, pray often!

CHURCH SECURITY TEAM:

The security team are people of the congregation who have taken an interest in the safety and well-being of our congregation. If you have any specialized training in defense or first aid, we would like to hear from you. Any questions or if you would like to join this team please contact Alan Huss.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

We always have needs for the building and grounds. There are some yard jobs that can be accomplished at this time of social distancing. Please contact John Crossfield for assignments or if you have questions.

BIBLE STUDY AT DENNY'S:

The Bible study is suspended until the risk of the virus has passed. Pray for our nation that we may turn back to God!

CHURCH WIDE YARD SALE

The Boy Scouts will reschedule the yard sale after the threat has passed. We are restricted in our storage capacity and will not be able to pick up much prior to the week of the yard sale. Please call Elton at 385-244-5499 to discuss any issues that you have questions on. The proceeds go to fund summer camp for the scouts.

MISSION & SERVICE ~ Kathy Sutherland - Josh Ashcraft Council Rep. Second Sunday Offering for May is designated to help Lantern House.

Just because we are not meeting on a weekly basis at the church address in Roy doesn't mean the ministries we help support don't still need our help. Some need us more than ever! You can still donate to these ministries with a check to the church office. As your health and your family needs evolve, please reach out to help others, and don't hesitate to ask for help, too. We are the Church. Offerings to VBS in March were \$368. April Intervarsity Weber Campus were \$20.00.

MUSIC AND WORSHIP ~ Wendy Nelson ~ Trent Schmid Council Rep.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY ~ \ASLEY KAISER - Nancy Gerry Council Rep

Thank you to everyone that donated to 40 days of giving. Due to circumstances, Roy Jr. High was unable to use the food. We have held onto the food for anyone in our congregation that is in need of food during this time. At a later date, we plan on donating the food to the Roy food bank. Please let us know if you are in need.

Continue to reach out to one another with phone calls, texts, Facebook, etc. The communication and support makes such a difference when we are isolated at home. Remember your Secret Sister.

WELCOME/REACH MINISTRY ~ Mary Kartak - Terry Schmid Council

There are at least 9 places in Scripture where we are instructed to "Love Your Neighbor as Yourself." That and the command to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your strength and with all your mind" (Luke 10:33) are the core of our Christian beliefs, as I understand them.

As strange as it may be, the pandemic that we are currently experiencing creates opportunity to do both in ways that our generation has not yet experienced.

In the quiet and the non-distracted corners of our homes, we have occasion to focus on God. He is not distancing from us and invites us to an ever more intimate closeness. The Scriptures give us abundant opportunity to know Him, to trust Him, to obey Him, to serve Him and to learn from Him.

In the compelled closeness of our immediate families, we have opportunity to experience understanding of each other in deeper ways, as guided by our Lord. If we are alone in our home, we need not be isolated. Reaching out to each other is immensely beneficial. If, on the other hand, we are overwhelmed by the concurrent tasks of home schooling, working from home and the uncharted intensity of ongoing close proximity, we can reach out to others for a listening ear, a prayer, and a reminder that our strength comes from the Lord. Seems there is an opportunity for a beautiful intersection between these two ends of the spectrum.

In the physical distancing currently required of us regarding the larger world, we grow more aware of the significance of our neighbor, be that the person across the street or the nations across the oceans. We thank God for all the technology that lets us safely connect even as we remain physically separated. We show love to our neighbor as we follow the rules of social distancing and forego some of the pleasures that would have typically filled our days.

I thank the Triune God for the ways that the healthcare community has responded to the desperate needs of those who have been assaulted by Covid-19. The willingness of those employed in essential services to serve despite the risks is inspiring. The innovative ways that entertainment and leisure pursuits have been substituted with an addressing of actual need makes my heart rejoice.

Throughout this emerging "normal", may we never forget the promise Christ made as recorded in conclusion of the book of Matthew: "And surely I am with your always, to the very end of the age." Upcoming events? The Lord only knows. In the meantime, let us be attentive to the needs in our sphere of influence. May we be responsive to any promptings to reach out to strangers, to our friends, and to our neighbors. As a retiree with BIG EARS, I invite you to call or text me at 801-540-2396. Air hugs to all.

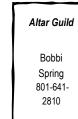
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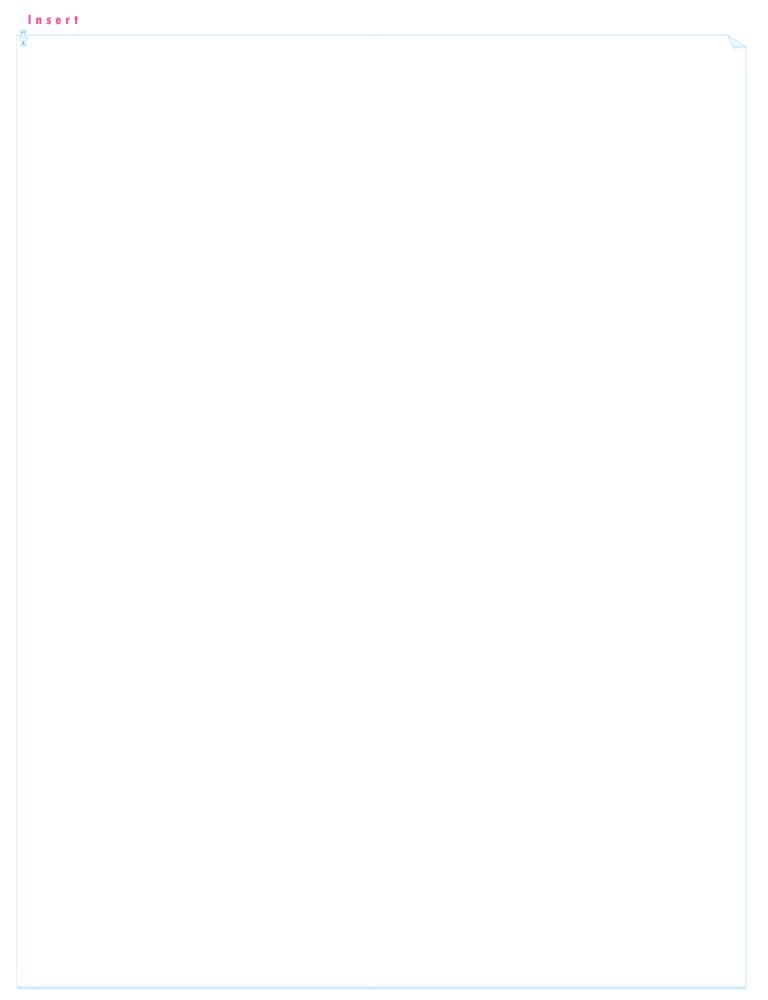
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Next Months Newsletter Articles Due Wednesday, May 17, 2019

May Lectionary

<u>Date</u>	1st Reading	<u>Psalm</u>	2nd Reading	<u>Gospel</u>
May 3	Acts 2:42-47	Psalm 23	1 Peter 2:19-25	John 10:1-10
May 10	Acts 6:1-9, 7:2, 51-60	Psalm 146	1 Peter 2:2-10	John 14:1-14
May 17	Acts 17:16-31	Psalm 66:8-20	1Peter 3:13-22	John 14:15-21
May 24	Acts 1:12-26	Psalm 68:1-10	1 Peter 4:12-19, 5:6-11	John 17:1-11
May 31	Numbers 11:24-30	Psalm 25:1-15	Acts 2:1-21	John 7:37-39





Thank you so much for the cards, calls, texts, prayers, offers of service, flowers, plants, and donations to Kaden's memorial fund. Losing Kaden has been an incredibly trying time in our lives, and being lifted up in your prayers and general support is so much more appreciated than words can convey. Pam Campbell, Jim and Gail Campbell, Antonio, Vicki and Anden Ramirez.

Thank you to everyone who was so kind to reach out to me in prayer, by phone or stopping by with food during my recovery. I have a way to go but am doing so much better. I am thankful to be out of the pre-surgery pain. The prayers for my Son Kevin were also appreciated. His back surgery was nothing less than a miracle.

Marilyn Gour



FINANCIAL GENERAL FUND INCOME TO BUDGET RATIO

Monthly Income needed to meet budget \$15,986.42

March \$10,560.46 (5,424.96)

Expended +/-

Income +/-

\$? TBA

YTD Giving compared to 2019

\$? TBA

Please take a look at the enclosed OSLC 2020 Family Directory

I am asking you to please check your own information to see if anything needs to be corrected.

ie: a home or cell phone that is missing or listed as a cell or vise versa a missing or incorrect E-mail

Next I would ask that you take a look at the other listings to see if you notice anything odd. Do you see someone that you feel is missing?

Please contact Bobbi either by E-mail <u>rjspring.rain@gmail.com</u> or by phone 801-825-6552

Notice E-mails have been added, this is necessary because so many of us do not answer our phones with all the scams. This is the churches best way to communicate with you so you are kept informed. I remind you to please, please, please check your E-mails.

Thank you, Bobbi

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