



JUNE 2020

Holy Apostles "Grapevine"

The Monthly Newsletter of Holy Apostles Episcopal Church

1730 18th Street, P. O. Box 188,

Mitchell, Nebraska, 69357



As most of you know, Bishop Barker has targeted in-person worship to possibly begin in July. We will worship as a 'scattered' Church through at least the month of June and possibly longer. We, of course, continue to hold Morning Prayer via Facebook Live at our usual worship time of 10:30 AM Sunday mornings. Hopefully, though, sooner, rather than later, we will once again fill the sanctuary with worship and praise to God.

But when we gather again for worship, some things will look a lot different. Bishop has made it clear that masks will be required as we enter and exit the church. Households will be expected to maintain the 6 feet social distancing and more than likely singing will be limited. Communion will also not involve the common cup. Governor Ricketts and Bishop Barker have been very clear about that. For Episcopalians this is difficult. The cup not only points us to our unity in Christ but also to what God is doing and has done for those who call upon God's name during the mass. We more than likely will still offer both the bread and wine, (although communion in one kind is acceptable, if you so wish) however you will not be able to drink from the communion chalice, nor dip the bread into the chalice for health reasons.

Yes, some churches have resumed in-person worship in our area, Governor Ricketts has allowed that to happen, but Bishop Barker is following the CDC recommendations of waiting till infections decrease in our county for 2 weeks before he will allow us to resume in-person worship; which has not happened yet.

When the time does come for us to resume in-person worship, you can be assured that we will follow all the best practices as recommended by health experts, but we will also continue to Livestream our worship for those who will not feel comfortable returning to worship right away or perhaps should not return to worship right away because of being in one of those high risk categories.

Right now we place Pastor Sheryl's iPhone on a tripod in front of the altar, something that will be very distracting to those gathered. Thankfully Bishop Barker, through the Clarkson Foundation is offering grants to encourage congregations to continue Livestreaming worship for the foreseeable future. To do this we will have to replace the sound system as well as add video equipment and a computer in the back of the sanctuary to make this all happen. This will provide a discrete way to connect those who will continue to worship at home with those of us who gather in the sanctuary.

One thing we must all keep clear in our mind is this: The pandemic is not over. It may seem like a Nebraska winter weather warning. We get a dusting while Chadron reels under 12 15 inches. The only way to keep things in the 'dusting' phase is to stay vigilant, wash our hands, and eliminate touchpoints. We haven't got a consistent approach to treatment nor a vaccine, therefore we need to stay cautious and prepared, and keep concern just for ourselves but for all of God's children.

In the meantime may the God of Peace keep you in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pastors Chris and Sheryl



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Adult Sunday School: 9:30am

Child Sunday School 9:30am

Sunday Service: 10:30am

Office Hours: Mornings - MTW



Spring Cleaning

A list of Spring Cleaning items that need done around the church has been posted in the narthex.

Please stop by the church, see what needs to be done, and check it off once you have completed it!

Mitchell Ministerial Association

MAY REQUESTS

Food Pantry

TUNA HELPER

Food Pantry Number: 308-641-7326

Back Pack Program

INDIVIDUAL PACKETS

OF DRIED MILK

Thank you!!

"Love looks like all of us, as people of every race and religion and national origin and political affiliation, all of us standing up and saying 'Enough! We can do better than this. We can be better than this.'"

Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry

THE *Episcopal* CHURCH

Holy Apostles Receives Clarkson Grant

Holy Apostles was awarded \$1500 in grant funding to upgrade its video-streaming equipment. These upgrades will allow us to continue to live stream our services even after in-church worship has resumed.

ONE THOUSAND MASKS FOR REGIONAL WEST!

Holy Apostles' members Nancy Sakurada, Jenny Hughson, and Bill and Sandi Raney participated in a mask making project with Calvary Lutheran. Together the congregations made OVER one thousand masks. One thousand of these masks were donated to Regional West and the rest have been made available to church members. If you would like a cloth mask or two, feel free to stop by the church and pick them up.

Thank you Nancy, Jenny, Bill and Sandi!

All Services will be broadcast LIVE on Facebook

June 2020

Sun

Mon


Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

<p>*June 21st (the 3rd Sunday) will be the Pastors' Discretionary Fund offering date. Any cash in the offering plate on this day will go to the Discretionary Fund. Thank you for your generosity</p>							
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7 Facebook Live @ 10:30 am Service	8	9	10	11	12	13	
14 Facebook Live @ 10:30 am Service	15	16	17	18	19	20 First Day of Summer	
21 Facebook Live @ 10:30 am Service	22	23	24	25	26	27	
28 Facebook Live @ 10:30 am Service	29	30					

Check out our New Sign

A new metal sign has replaced the old wooden one! Drive by and Check It OUT!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 1	Andee Symonds	June 18	Wil Hettinger
June 4	Cindy Yamamoto	June 20	Sylvia Dolberg
June 10	Carlye Johnson and Quincey Johnson	June 28	Philip Dolberg
June 12	Amber Plasencio		

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

June 1	Bill and Sandi Raney	June 20	Fred and Nancy Sakurada
June 4	Jake and Becky Albaugh	June 21	Nick and Katy Sakurada
June 11	Larry and Marilyn Wagner	June 27	Dennis and Judy Kieler
June 16	Scott and Julie Lane		

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