

**Mission: We are called to be Christ's Light...in all things we are committed to seeking & following God's will and not our own. Believe It! Live It! Come to it!**



**Sunday July 19th**

**10:00 am**

### **BLC OUT DOOR WORSHIP**

As a way for us to physically remember who we are as a faith family, we will host an OUTDOOR service on the church lawn.

- Check your temperature: if you have one, please DO NOT COME. Stay home if you are ill.
- We recommend you have a face covering to bring and wear.
- Bring your own chairs or blankets. (only a few (6-10) chairs will be set up.
- Hand sanitizer will be available to use.
- Please observe and maintain safe physical distancing at all times from arrival to departure.
- No singing, or unison recited prayers
- The building will be closed and thus no access to restrooms, (Plan ahead)

**If the weather is inclement, the service will be canceled**

and Pj will stream a short service on Face Book.

The building renovations are coming along, the dining/fellowship hall is and kitchen are nearing completion.



Dear BLC Family,

Two friends were walking through the desert. At some point of the journey they had an argument, and one friend slapped the other on the face. The one who got slapped was hurt and without saying anything, wrote on the sand: "Today, my best friend slapped me on the face." They kept on walking until they found an oasis, where they decided to take a bath. The one who had been slapped got stuck in the mire and started to drown, but his friend saved him. After he recovered from near-drowning, he wrote on a stone: "Today my best friend saved my life." The friend who had slapped and saved his best friend asked him: "After I hurt you, you wrote on the sand and just now, after I helped you, you wrote on a stone. Why?" The friend replied, "When someone hurts us we should write it down on the sand so that the winds of forgiveness can blow it away. But when someone does some good things for us we must engrave it in stone so that no wind can ever erase it."



I like that story. It's an invitation for us to write our hurts on the sand, and to carve our blessings in stone. How often do we hold onto grudges and past hurts instead of allowing the winds of forgiveness to blow it away? Who needs our forgiveness this day and who might need to hear a word of blessing from us?

As a way for us to physically remember who we are as a faith family, **we will host an outdoor service on the church lawn Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am**. Folks are asked to bring their own chairs or blankets as we will practice physical distancing. There will be no singing, or unison recited prayers. The building will be closed. If the weather is inclement, the service will be canceled and I will stream a short service. As we still find ourselves in the midst of a pandemic, we need to be safe, smart and patient. The service will be short and hopefully offer an opportunity for folks to "see" each other from a safe distance.

Our **Covid Response Planning team** (Shelly Sandry, Jess Koerwitz, Judy Anderson, Earlene Laudin, Jenny Milchuck, Joellen Uptegraw, Alycia Hathaway & Jeff Ziegler) are meeting and mapping out how to best return to in-person worship inside the building. In making any plans for considering a return to in-person worship, BLC will consider: the safety of the community and congregation; recommendations from health officials and our Synod; referring to our insurance policy and the restrictions for in-person worship. There are many logistics to work out such as seating, entering and exiting the building, use of restrooms, etc. Our guiding principle is the safety of everyone who enters the building. Please know we will communicate our plans with you as they are firmed up. Whenever we do gather in person, our worship will look very different from when we left the building in March.

As you see from page 1, our building renovations are nearing completion. The roof, kitchen and fellowship hall look terrific! The front entrance got a face lift as well as some other touch ups here and there. *We are grateful to C & K Enterprises and all the contractors helping with the renovation projects!*



**We continue to live-stream worship on Facebook on Sunday mornings at 9:00am** (you don't need a FB account to tune in).

Please stay connected to BLC through emails, Facebook, phone calls and newsletters.

Let's do good things for each other. Have a happy 4<sup>th</sup>. See you on the lawn (weather permitting) on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

With you a Christian. For you a Pastor.

PJ