

Dear ones,

This is an update for all of you of all the good things that continue to happen at Adoration even though we are not in the building for worship. The building, as precious as it is, is not the church. You are. And you continue to serve Jesus Christ in many ways. Bless each of you.

Here are some updates from various parts of our awesome church community.

**From the September Council meeting minutes:**

**Election of Council Officers:** During this evening's Council meeting, the Council elected the officers to the Executive Committee for August 2020 to May 2021. The election of officers was performed in September due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Tom Nowakowski moved to nominate Ted Lazaris as Council President, Jim Haas as Council Vice President, Sharon Anderson as Treasurer and Kathy Wakefield as secretary. Sandy Eigner seconded the motion, motion carried.

**The Council Executive Committee for 2020-2021 term:**

**Ted Larzaris- President**

**Jim Haas- Vice President**

**Sharon Anderson- Treasurer**

**Kathy Wakefield- Secretary**

**Cheryl Stefanski has graciously agreed to continue to take the Council minutes as the Council Recorder.**

**From Jessica Hodgson**

**Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity**

**So many thanks to everyone at Adoration who participated in any way with this year's Faith Build home. Whether it was helping with the actual build, donating tools for the tool drive, donating money in person during Drive-Thru Communion, or giving through the online Thrivent platform, I want you to know that you are actively helping Adoration make a positive impact in our greater Milwaukee community. With the help of Thrivent we were able to create an Action Team and raised just under \$1,300. If you still would like to contribute to this year's Faith Build you can go to [until 12/30/2020](#) to make a donation. On the website you can also see other donations and find information on the family that will be moving into this year's Faith Build home.**

**Hungry Hearts Community Meals**

**Great news! Following the media coverage in *The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, Hungry Hearts has received funding to continue serving free meals through the winter. Each week local Milwaukee restaurants provide 300+ meals to be distributed free of charge to our neighbors who struggle with food insecurity. The restaurants are reimbursed \$10 per meal in an effort to keep their businesses viable during the pandemic. If you would be interested in helping to serve meals ( 4-5 volunteers are needed per week from 11 am -2 pm), please contact Pastor Karen Hagen of Tippecanoe Presbyterian at [dihungryheartscommunitymeals@gmail.com](mailto:dihungryheartscommunitymeals@gmail.com)**

**Meru Coffee**

**So great to be able to provide Mt Meru premium coffee during Drive-Thru Communion this past Saturday! This is an important part of our partnership ministry with the Meru diocese in Tanzania. As some of you know, there has been an increase in the price with online ordering. Mt Meru coffee**

will still be available for \$10 for regular, decaf, and flavored coffee and \$15 for peaberry when purchased in the narthex (or the parking lot as is our current situation). I will try to be available at more Drive-Thru Communion to have coffee available for purchase. If you have a special request or would like a larger quantity available, please contact me in advance at

**From Janet McGinty**

This past Sunday was Partnership Sunday and although separated by this pandemic, Adoration came together as a community to lift up our brothers and sisters in Tanzania. The support was amazing. Nine bags of coffee were sold, books were dropped off, and your generous donations totaled 1,289.01. Asante sana (Thank you very much). The gifts will be split between the Diocese of Meru (to be shared with those parishes without partners) and Mulala. God is good and so are the people of Adoration. I invite you to click on the link to read the prayers written by members of our Synod in support of the Diocese.

**From Call Committee Chair, Sandy Young**

**Greetings Adoration Families!**

Your Adoration call committee has been working hard on our journey to call a new pastor! We are excited to be interviewing candidates and will have completed first interviews via Zoom by October 1st. We plan to arrange follow up interviews as soon as possible after October 1st. We are looking forward to sharing great news with you all in the upcoming weeks!

**Blessings on your day, Sandy**

**From Mardy Lazaris**

**To My Adoration Family,**

Thank you so much for all you do, the prayers, the cards, the calls, the visits, everything is truly appreciated. I still have a hard time believing that I had a heart attack, but I am so grateful that I did not have any permanent damage and will fully heal in time. I feel better and stronger every day. May God Bless Us All. Love you, Mardy

**October Milestones**

*Birthdays*

*10/2 Kathy Imp*

*10/2 Michael Ziolkowski*

*10/3 Jayne Bednar*

*10/3 Sophia Cwiklinski*

*10/5 Anand Kumar*

*10/13 Jessica Hodgson*

*10/18 Don Weinert*

*10/20 Avery Johnson*

10/21 Nicholas Cwiklinski

10/24 Tyler Lang

10/28 Janette Kumar

#### Anniversaries

10/9 Justin and Natasha Sneesby

10/21 Sean and Janet McGinty

10/25 Jay and Kerry Lindahl

\*10/19 Joe and Joani Bettin—may Joe rest in God's peace

#### From Pastor Debra

##### Synod Website

The website of the Greater Milwaukee Synod is full of interesting information about what is happening across the Synod and information about how the Synod is managing in the midst of the pandemic. There is a weekly email newsletter that comes out and that I hope all of you are signed up for. If you would like to, go to the following web address and subscribe. You will be glad you did.

##### Curbside Communion

We have now had four Curbside Communion and they have been well attended. About fifty people have come each time and some have taken more Communion with them to give to someone who is not able to come but still wants to receive the sacrament. And, each time people have continued to remember that is in “giving that we receive.” So, we have collected books, tools for Habitat for Humanity, money for the diocese of Meru and Mulala parish, and toiletries for the very poor at Hephatha Lutheran Church. The next one will be October 11th.

##### Retreat

I will be on a silent retreat from October 19-23 at the Siena Dominican Retreat Center in Racine. If you have a particular prayer petition or need that you would like me to pray about during that time away with God, please let me know. If you need something in an emergency during that time you can reach me through our Council President, Ted Lazaris. 414-690-6554

##### From Bishop Paul Erickson

The following are excerpts of a letter that he sent out to the Synod the week of September 27:

*Engage in conversations with curiosity and compassion. We are all being forced to make difficult decisions in an environment in which public health information, political tension, and individual preferences cloud our conversations. Please recognize that our pastors, deacons, and leaders are under a great amount of stress as we try to lead and serve. Ask questions before making judgments and seek to shape all your considerations with love for one another. . .*

*These are challenging, unprecedented times, and, to put it simply, there are no perfect, risk-free options available. As we try to make the best decisions possible that will help us get through these coming months, I pray we will be guided by Paul's words to the church in Colossae: "As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has*

*forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.” (Colossians 3:12-14)*

*Thanks for continuing to be church together,  
Bishop Paul Erickson*

**And finally, from Kirk**

**Hi there Adoration people. My Mom Debra was too busy this month to write her own message to you so I asked if I could do it again. I have actually been spending time at the church recently. I love your long hall that I can run down full out, going from one end to the other. It’s great fun!**

**I leave my Mom’s office from time to time to visit the new nice lady, Amanda. She pets me and tells me I am a good boy. And I think I am, too!**

**My two Moms were recently talking again about God. I think I know that God is someone who loves my Moms very much. They sure talk about God a lot. (And God is Dog spelled backwards. Do you think we are maybe related?)**

**My Moms say that God is love. Well, they sure tell me that they love me a lot. In fact, all of the time! My Mom Debra, says that love has a look to it. I think she is right. For me, love looks like cuddles in the chair with her and my other Mom, Carlynn. Or it looks like belly rubs (I LOVE belly rubs!). Or, it looks like special treats like scrambled egg schnibbles, or bacon bites (or really, almost any people-food except something they call broccoli. I HATE broccoli! *Ed. Note: I do, too.*)**

*Love looks like long walks (but not in the rain), and chasing squirrels and rabbits! Or being able to sleep by the fire when the fireplace is on. My Moms tell me that they love me when they brush my teeth every day, but I do wonder about that. Still, they tell me that sometimes love is disguised in things I don’t like. But it’s still love.*

*I don’t know what love looks like to you. But my Moms tell me that you are going to have a new person come into your church to love you soon. I wonder if you will tell them what loves looks like to you. I wonder if you will ask them what love looks like to them. I had to tell my Moms that I do not like walking in the rain. I think sometimes we have to just tell people what love looks like to us and ask what it looks like to them.*

*Thanks to all of you for loving my Mom Debra, so very well. She talks about you all the time. And she says that she loves you folks at Adoration. Woof! With love, Kirk*