



Salem Lutheran Church

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A Reconciling in Christ Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

*for those with
hearing challenges*

20th Sunday
After
Pentecost

October 10,
2021
9:30 AM

"Good
Teacher,

what must I do to
inherit
eternal life?"

Mark 10:17



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Gathering

Welcome!

At our Council meeting on Monday it was decided to move worship back indoors as the weather is growing cooler. It was also decided that properly worn masks will be required of everyone. The reason for this is that the combination of the vaccine's waning efficacy and the continuing emergence of new variants, have resulted in more and more breakthrough cases among the fully vaccinated, especially among those 65 and older. Although treatments continue to improve, many of these cases have been quite serious, requiring hospitalization. We are told the numbers are expected to rise this month and that another peak is expected in January. *If you received the Pfizer vaccine and are 65 or older and/or have comorbidities you are urged to get your booster as soon as possible.* Those who received Moderna should be able to receive a booster soon. No news yet on the Johnson and Johnson front. **Council also decided that since everyone will be masked, soft singing of hymns will be permitted.** While we know not everyone will be happy with this decision, please understand that whether its about indoors vs. outdoors, masks vs. no masks, singing vs. no singing, there is simply no way we can please everyone. As Christians, however, it is our call to put aside our own preferences and focus not on our own desires, but on what God asks of us – which is to provide a place where even the most vulnerable in our midst feel safe. We have too many attendees with comorbidities and too many who are in contact with unvaccinated grandchildren to be less than cautious. Thank you for your understanding and your support.

Flowers this morning are given by Nancy Headford in Memory Of Carl Headford.

Give thanks with a grateful heart – This past year has been full of challenges for each of us personally and for Salem as a congregation. But God has been with us through all of it. Over the next several weeks, let's reflect on the things for which we are thankful. In your bulletin is a slip of paper; please fill that out and deposit it in the offering box. We will collect these thoughts, post them on a board, and include them in the next week's prayers. (Those who are not worshipping in person can participate by emailing your thankful thoughts to salemsec123@sbcglobal.net so we can include them.)

TODAY at 3:00 in the Lounge we will have a second screening of the film, “The Insanity of God”, followed by discussion at 4:30. When we showed the film at our last Sunday Night Alive people found it so powerful that we've had requests to show it again – so that those who missed it can see it, and so that everyone who has seen it can come together to discuss it's implication for us here, today. We encourage you to invite family members, friends, and neighbors. Covid protocols will be in place (masks and distancing) so we can all stay safe. Jesus calls each one of us to spread the gospel and this is one easy way to do say yes to his call.

Saturday at 11:00 you're invited to the Inner-View Chat'n'Chew's “October Reflections” gathering on zoom. Check Salem's calendar for the link.

Blessings to McKenzie Marie Kemp, daughter of Paul Baronavski and Amy Kemp, who was baptized yesterday, October 9th in the picnic grove. Godparents are James and Ashley Baronavski Palmarozza. Welcome, McKenzie, to the family of God in Christ Jesus our Lord!

GATHERING READINGS

As you prepare for worship, you are encouraged to read and reflect on God's Word, either these lessons or others from your Bible.

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Seek the LORD and live,
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.
Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!

They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

Therefore because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.

For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins —
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.

Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.

Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.

Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Psalm 90:12-17

So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? Be gracious to your servants.
Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.
Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us and as many years as we suffered adversity.
Show your servants your works, and your splendor to their children.
May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

GATHERING SONG Children of the Heavenly Father / Tryggare kan ingen vara

*(as found in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's worship book,
Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 781)*

As long as everyone is masked, you may sing softly.

**Children of the heav'nly Father safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.**

**God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.**

**Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.**

**Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.**

*Text: based on Job 1:21, Isaiah 40:11, Matthew 6:24-34, Luke 18:15-17, Romans 8:35-39,
by Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832-1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870-1958; Meter L M*

Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune;

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Performance # 1 by Lutheran TV - Hymns from the LSB, 09/04/19

sung by the congregation of St. John LCMS church, Hubbard, Iowa, USA,

Organist - Ruth Fiscus; Cameras - Gabe Rueger; Sound & Production - Kenny Kyle;

Produced by St. John LCMS for the Lutheran TV - Hymns from the LSB channel.

as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4SMa2NgBBFU> [2:37]

Performance # 2 by Jeffrey Haagenson and his Virtual Choir with Cello, 11/14/20

as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OCHsLNacrJU> [3:18]

*Performance # 3 by Joey Hyland - Guitar & Vocals; Jason Meissner - Piano & Vocals
from Our Savior's Lutheran Church Oconomowoc, 06/18/20*

as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KP3PgaRzOMo> [2:44]

Performance # 3 arr. Robert Scholz,

by the Plymouth Cantorei, First-Plymouth Church, Lincoln, NE, 05/19/13

as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uyv019Q6884> [2:40]

Please note that here we go live on Facebook.

WELCOME

Welcome in the name of the God who sees us as the dependent children we are,
even when we think we're old enough to strike out on our own,
the God whose arms are always open, ready to receive us
whenever we're ready to return home from our prodigal journeys.

Thank you for joining us today! Thank you, those of you who are here in person with us!
And thank you, those of you out there in cyber space, wherever – and whenever! – you are!

For those of you who don't know me,
I'm Pastor Marjo Anderson of Salem Lutheran Church in Bridgeport, CT,
and as we celebrate Indigenous Peoples this weekend,
we recognize that we stand on land
once inhabited by the Pequonnock, Paugussett, & Wappinger peoples.

To find out more about our ministry or to contact us,
you can go to our website SalemBridgeport.org, to our Facebook page, SalemBridgeport,
and to our YouTube channel, Salem Lutheran Church, Bridgeport CT.

Links to our donate page and worship bulletin –
which has both the order of worship and announcements – as well as other resources
are included on our website at SalemBridgeport.org/Live.

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Now as we begin our worship, will you pray with me?

God, we are grateful!

We are grateful for all the blessings you have showered upon us –
our lives, the measure of health we enjoy, our families and friends, our houses and cars,
the measure of financial wealth you've given us, our comfort, our safety and security,
whatever power and privilege we've been granted.

We are grateful for all these things and for so much more.

But at the same time we acknowledge that all of these things can lead us away from you.

Call us back from our prodigal journeys.

Here & now we invite you to inform our minds, transform our hearts & conform our will to yours
that we may be moved to higher hope, more fervent faith, and more lavish love.

We pray this in the name of Jesus and by the power of the Spirit. Amen

OPENING SONG

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

*(as found in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's worship books,
With One Voice # 697, This Far by Faith # 112, and Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 835)*

As long as everyone is masked, you may sing softly.

**Wash, O God, your sons and daughters,
where your cleansing waters flow.
Number them among your people;
bless as Christ blessed long ago.
Weave them garments bright and sparkling;
compass them with love and light.
Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit,
holy dove and heart's delight.**

**We who bring them long for nurture;
by your milk may we be fed.
Let us join your feast, partaking
cup of blessing, living bread.
God, renew us, guide our footsteps;
free from sin and all its snares,
one with Christ in living, dying,
by your Spirit, children, heirs.**

**Oh, how deep your holy wisdom!
Unimagined, all your ways!
To your name be glory, honor!
With our lives we worship, praise!
We your people stand before you,
water-washed and Spirit-born.
By your grace, our lives we offer,
Recreate us; God, transform!**

*Text: based on Isaiah 49:13-16, 66:10-14, Matthew 19:13-15, Mark 10:13-16, Luke 18:15-17,
Acts 8:12, Romans 6:1-11, Galatians 3:27-29, Titus 3:4-7, 1 Peter 2:2,
by Ruth Duck, b. 1947; Meter 8 7 8 7 D*

*Music: BEACH SPRING, The Sacred Harp, Philadelphia, 1844; arr. Selected Hymns, 1985
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Word

Hebrews 4:12-16

¹² Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³ And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴ Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Mark 10:13-22

¹³ People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴ But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶ And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

¹⁷ As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸ Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰ He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²² When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³ Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴ And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶ They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION*You may stand for the prayers if you so desire.*

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

So they can be heard online, these petitions will be offered by the leaders at the microphones.

Uniting God, you call forth different gifts in those who follow you.

Encourage us to welcome the diverse benefits and blessings of the whole church in teaching, preaching, prophecy, healing, and more.

We pray for our mission partners, especially today for the Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport, and for Salem members and families, especially those celebrating birthdays this week:

Alicia Rosa, Philip Raschke, Joel Hintz, John Wilkins, and Leah Hintz.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Empowering God, you offer compassion for those who are overlooked or forgotten.

Open the hearts of local, state, and national leaders to show compassion and love for all people within their municipalities as well as for those outside their borders.

We pray for those who are struggling with cancer, dementia, or any other disease, especially Barbara, Darth, Dolores, Ed, Eron, Frank, Grace, Hazel, Isaiah, Justin, Natalie, Steve, Sue, and all we name in our hearts.

We give you thanks and praise for the healing you have brought to CJ, Wayne, and others for whom we have been praying.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sheltering God, in Jesus you travelled among us without a place to lay your head.

Provide safe places to sleep and rest for those who have no place to live.

Sustain ministries that offer food, clothing, and peace of mind.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Renewing God, you bring life out of death.

Give us courage to step out of our comfort zones & to let go of our dependence upon ourselves, and show us how you show up in miraculous ways when we place our trust in you & you alone.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, we thank you for the lives of those who have died, especially Pastor Bud Myers.

Console all who mourn, and make us confident in your promise to be active in our lives, not just in the life to come, but in the here and now.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We are thankful for Salem members who are so generous with time, talent and treasure, for family, for the birth of the Bellows' great-grandson, for the power of prayer, and for God's presence in our lives.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You are invited to offer your own prayer petition at this time, either silently or aloud.

The pastor concludes:

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Thanksgiving

LORD'S PRAYER *You may stand for the Lord's Prayer if you so desire.*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

OFFERING PRAYER *You may stand for the Offering Prayer if you so desire.*

Jesus, you said, "Give and it will be given to you...
for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

**Give us the confidence to cheerfully give
our tithes and offerings of time, talent and treasure to your work in this place,
trusting that you will provide abundantly for all our needs.
We pray this in the power of your Spirit. Amen**

OFFERING INVITATION *Please be seated.*

In response to God's grace,
it is our joy to return to God our tithes and offerings.
We are grateful for your generosity,
which not only is an exercise of and witness to your faith,
but which funds our ministry together here at Salem.

If you are a member of another congregation,
we encourage you to give to your home congregation first,
but invite you to contribute to our ministry also
so that we can continue to take our worship online
as a witness to the power and love of the amazing God we serve.



Simply go to the menu on our website at SalemBridgeport.org and click "donate"
or scan the QR code here in our Sunday worship program
with a QR reader on your smart phone which will take you to that page.

OFFERTORY SONG

Dearest Jesus, We Are Here

*(as found in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's worship book,
Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 443)*

As long as everyone is masked, you may sing softly.

- 1 Dearest Jesus, we are here,
gladly your command obeying.
We, your children, now draw near
in response to your own saying
that to you it shall be given
as a child and heir of heaven.**

- 2 Your command is clear and plain,
and we would obey it duly:
"You must all be born again,
heart and life renewing truly,
born of water and the Spirit,
and my kingdom thus inherit."**

- 4 Gracious head, your member own;
shepherd, take your lambs and feed us;
prince of peace, make here your throne;
way of life, to heaven lead us;
precious vine, let nothing sever
from your side our branches ever.**

- 5 Now into your heart we pour prayers
that from our hearts proceeded.
Our petitions heav'nward soar;
may our heart's desires be heeded!
Write the names we have been given;
write them in the book of heaven!**

Text: based on Matthew 19:13-15, Mark 10:13-16, Luke 18:15-17

by Benjamin Schmolck, 1672–1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.

revised by Marjo Anderson to reflect affirmation of baptism, Meter 7 8 7 8 8 8

Music: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER by Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673

Text and Music are in the Public Domain

Sending

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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THANK YOU and BLESSING

Before we end the live-streamed portion of our worship, I want to especially thank those of you out there in cyberspace who have worshipped with us. I hope you will join us again. If you’d like to know more, or if you’d like to talk or pray together, you can reach me through our website or Facebook.

As we conclude our Facebook Live portion of our service let me offer all who are worshipping with us this blessing, based on Psalm 20:4:

May God, the Divine Parent who loves you with an everlasting love, give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed. Amen!

Here ends our Facebook live stream.

Meal & Dismissal

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

You may stand & make the sign of the cross if you so desire.

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

God we think we are all grown up, and so we move out of your house to live on our own.
But you see what we do not – that we are not on our own at all,
because everything that we have and everything that we are is a gift from you.
Teach us that when we give up our desire to live our lives on our own terms and own timeline
and submit to your desires and your timeline,
it is then that you meet us with manna, and mercy and miracles. **Amen**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will & walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen

As you let go of all pride and arrogance and love of self,
God, from whom all holiness springs, makes you holy.
As you set aside your own needs and desires,
Jesus, who set aside his freedom in love for you, is not ashamed to call you his friend.
As you open your heart and mind and soul and body to be changed,
the Spirit continues to shape and mold you into the likeness of Christ.
Through faith God forgives you your selfishness & sin & fills you with love & light & life. **Amen**

COMMUNION

Please be seated.

God be with you!	And also with you!
Open your hearts!	We open them to God and one another!
Let us give thanks to the God of all!	It is right to give God thanks and praise!

In the night in which he was betrayed...

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest and let these gifts to us be blessed.
Blessed be God, who is our Bread; may all the world be clothed and fed. Amen

The body of Christ given for you.

The blood of Christ shed for you.

*During communion, you may take your communion elements during worship
or hold on to your kit until you get home.*

*If you take the elements inside the church, open the kit over the pew to prevent spilling on the carpet.
After the service, please dispose of your own kit either in a waste receptacle at church or at home.*

The body & blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you & keep you in divine grace! **Amen!**

SENDING SONG

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

*(as found in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's worship books,
With One Voice # 721, This Far by Faith # 161, and Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 543)*

As long as everyone is masked, you may sing softly.

- 1 **“Go, my children, with my blessing,
never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you,
you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing,
you are my own.”**
- 2 **“Go, my children, sins forgiven,
at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you,
what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven,
at peace and pure.”**
- 3 **“Go, my children, fed and nourished,
closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving,
joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you,
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished,
joyful and free.”**

Text: based on Matthew 19:13-15, Mark 10:13-16, Luke 18:15-17,

by Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.; Meter 8 4 8 4 8 8 8 4

Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace.

Step out in faith into God's waiting arms.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Jesus Loves Me!

*(as found in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's worship books,
This Far by Faith # 249 and Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 545)*

As long as everyone is masked, you may sing softly.

**Jesus loves me! this I know, for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.**

**Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.**

**Jesus loves me! he who died heaven's gates to open wide;
he will wash away my sin, let his little child come in.**

**Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.**

**Jesus loves me! he will stay close beside me all the way;
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.**

**Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.**

Text: based on Matthew 19:14, Mark 10:14, Luke 18:16, John 15:13,

by Anna B. Warner, 1820-1915, alt.; Meter 7 7 7 7 and refrain

Music: JESUS LOVES ME William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

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Performance by @CJ and Friends Dance-A-Long with Lyrics |@Listener Kids Music, 02/04/20

Hiphop remix by @Listener Kids and dance motions by @CJ and Friends!

Sing and dance along with lyrics, fun praise and worship for the whole family!

Download this video and support our mission!

as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xV7XH2OgOTk> [2:11]

Announcements

In case you have not heard, Pastor Bryan “Bud” Myers, former pastor at Salem, died, and his memorial service was held on Friday with Pastor Marjo presiding. The service can be watched on Tabor Lutheran Church’s Facebook page, or if you are not on Facebook, you can access it through their website at TaborChurch.net. Donations in memory of Bud may be made to Tabor Lutheran Church and mailed to 45 Tabor Drive, Branford, CT 06604. Condolences may be sent to his wife, Judy, at 45 Farm River Road, Branford, CT 06604. Please keep Pastor Myers’ family, friends, and the people of Tabor in your prayers.

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The next Sunday Night Alive event is tentatively scheduled for the last Sunday of October, the 31st, at 6:00 pm. Stay tuned for details!

The next Salem and Friends Breakfast & Faith Discussion, sponsored by the Salem Men but open to ALL, will be held Saturday **November 13th** at 8:00 am. Please join us...and invite a friend! Volunteers to help prepare breakfast welcome to come at 7:00 am. Thx!

The Connecticut Hospice in Branford is accepting applications for new volunteers! Their patients and families are in need of your care and support. If you have an interest in Reception or Patient Companionship, please call Joan Cullen, Director of Volunteers at 203-315-7510.

Let’s stay connected! Pastor Marjo and Salem’s Office Manager, Karl, work primarily from their homes but generally come in once a week to take care of tasks that cannot be accomplished remotely. If we can help in any way, please know that you can call Salem’s church office at 203-330-3300 and leave a message and your message will be picked up remotely and your call returned. **Please also do not hesitate to call or text Pastor Marjo at 203-982-3441. She would be MORE THAN HAPPY to hear from you!**

If you would like to call, or send a card or note to one of our shut-ins, please contact our Parish Nurse. Carol will let you know if the person would prefer a call or a note. If you have extra cards that you do not need, please let Carol know

UniteCT - Emergency Rental Assistance for Connecticut's Economy - The UniteCT Program is administered by the Department of Housing on behalf of the US Treasury. UniteCT provides up to \$15,000 rental and electricity payment assistance on behalf of Connecticut households financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. UniteCT is stabilizing CT's rental housing market by financially supporting those households up to 80% of HUD's Area Median Income (AMI) - Select [here](#) for an interactive AMI map. Tenants and landlords use the UniteCT Rent Relief software to submit their own sections of the application creating a unique case file for decision making evaluation. UniteCT will provide continued rental and electric utility assistance to eligible households until all funding has been committed. There is no current end date of the program.

For more info, go to: <https://portal.ct.gov/DOH/DOH/Programs/UniteCT>

You must first register to get an email invitation to start your application. Paper applications will not be accepted. Do you qualify for UniteCT funding? If you need to share your eligibility status with a new landlord or court, check your eligibility by taking this survey at <https://portal.ct.gov/DOH/DOH/Programs/UniteCT---Survey> and print the results for your records.

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

Massie L. Kennard, renewer of the church, died 1996

Sunday, October 10, 2021

A native of Chicago, Kennard was a major figure in supporting and working toward ethnic and racial inclusiveness in the former Lutheran Church in America.

Ordained in 1958, he served in positions including Director for Minority Concerns of the Division for Mission in North America.

Teresa of Avila, teacher, renewer of the church, died 1582

Friday, October 15, 2021

A mystical writer and reformer of the monastic order (Carmelites) to which she belonged, Teresa may also be commemorated with John of the Cross on December 14.

Latino Christians traditionally remember her on this date.